



Right: Rebecca Lotze and Alicia Zuniga grieve the tragic loss of life after Tuesday's terrorist attack.

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'This is too big to be real'

Campus responds with sadness, anger following national tragedy.

BY RYAN KNAGGS
Rip staff writer

Reactions on campus from the tragic terrorist attack Tuesday on the United States ranged from disbelief and sorrow to feelings of anger and retaliation. The tragedy felt close to home even though it happened across the country.

Ken Smith, a 24-year-old student majoring in computer science, has four family members who worked in the World Trade Center.

"I feel nothing but pain right now, along with utter disbelief. This is too big to be real," Smith said Tuesday. "Goddamn. I wish I could wake up. My emotions are beyond chaotic. No word has been given to me about the status of my family."

Smith said it may be several days before he hears anything about his relatives. While obviously upset, he does not want

an unilateral response from the United States.

"These people, if caught, they should be given due process and trial. Only then we should take action. We should not let this event rob us of our ideals," he said.

Judy Romanini, who works as a counseling technician at BC, has a daughter who was on vacation in New York.

"I was panicked. My first thought was, 'Oh, my God, are the kids OK?' I saw it on the news this morning, it was about 6:15. So I was able to get through to her then — and it was what, 9:30 their time, I guess — and she was OK. And then for several hours, and then of course that was after just the first plane, after that we couldn't get through for several hours, and she finally just called me about 10 minutes ago and said that they were fine," she said.

"She said they were 10 blocks from the tower, but they saw the second tower go down. She said it was an awful sight."

"People were in the streets just hysterical, people were crying. She said the worst part was when they actually saw the tower go down. She said people were jumping out of windows from the towers."

Students around campus reacted with disbelief.

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Right: Bakersfield College flags fly at half mast on Tuesday, the day America was attacked. Left: Mourners gather at the Liberty Bell for Tuesday's prayer vigil in response to the attack on the government buildings on the East Coast.



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City officials emphasize safety after attack

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Opinion Editor

The terrorist attack on New York City and Washington, D.C. may seem far removed from the campus of Bakersfield College, but teachers, administrators, classified staff and students are feeling its impact.

The attack on the two major U.S. cities was presumed to be the act of a terrorist group or groups and the thought of any attack on campus may seem far-fetched, but on Tuesday, an emergency plan was put into motion.

Throughout Tuesday, BC's top-level officials were in meetings to decide what security measures would be put in place. However, through all of this, a sense of shock, dismay and anger filled the campus.

"I was so angry coming to work today," said Dr. Charles Guerrero, interim dean of students. "I practically had tears while I was driving. So angry."

"I remember there's somewhat the same sense of shock and amazement when Kennedy got assassinated. I think it's very similar, but

different in that we're all affected by the realization that terrorism is alive and well in the United States."

Guerrero, as well as Dr. Ken Meier, vice president of instruction, both say that BC is far removed from the scene of terror on the East Coast. No matter what the potential threat on campus may be, BC's staff is preparing to keep things "status quo."

"BC is on a state of alert, in that we've had our emergency response procedures in place for a long time," Meier said. "Those procedures have been activated. All the managers and staff on campus are being (made aware) of the situation and don't anticipate (any situations at BC)."

Meier said that everyone is versed in what to do and that the meetings gave officials the ability to evaluate what everyone needs to do to maintain calm.

"We realize it's going to be difficult to conduct business as usual," Meier said. "But at the same time we feel we have a responsibility to try and maintain current operations. Unless it is demonstrated that there is any potential threat to student safety,

we see our first role as maintaining a clean, healthy and safe environment," he said. "That's our most important transactional responsibility to our students."

Guerrero said that for now, security on campus is mainly to provide a sense of emotional stability, so that people feel that they are safe.

"Right now we've discussed with our security that we need to have increased presence and visibility," Guerrero said. "There's a heightened sense of awareness, of sensitivity to what's going on essentially with our United States brothers and sisters and we're all concerned."

The college has a disaster plan, he explained.

"As of right now we are prepared with a disaster plan. We have a command center in the president's office," Guerrero said. "Each administrator has a disaster-preparedness kit."

"I think this is as much an emotional and mental approach to security as it is actual physical (security). We have no reason to believe that there's a threat to anybody on our campus anymore than usual," he said.

The main message from all administrators seems to be that they are putting safety first, no matter what may or may not happen. Administrators sent out bulletins Tuesday alerting campus employees of the cancellation of College Night at the Bakersfield Convention Center as well as a women's volleyball game scheduled for Tuesday evening.

"There are evacuations going on in California in some places," Meier said. "But in Bakersfield, for the time being, we are just trying to maintain a state of calm alertness."

Counseling is available to any student or faculty member. Guerrero insists that students need time to cope with the tragedy.

"It's difficult to go about the daily work of teaching and learning when such occurrences happen," he said. "I have supreme confidence in the students that attend Bakersfield College in terms of their retaining focus. I absolutely don't look for any student attempting to replicate this insane action."

"Coping is going to be more difficult for some individuals, whether faculty or students. And that's why we want to make our counseling staff available," he said.

BC Reactions

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"We're a microcosm and in this situation we rally together. We provide the support that is needed, we were all affected."

— Dr. Sandra Serrano
BC president

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"It certainly is a tragedy. However, I think, terrorism is maybe the curse of the 21st century. Certainly, it is going to be incumbent upon President Bush to have a response to this, unfortunate as it may be. It will be and would have to be a retaliatory response."

— Dr. David Rosales
History professor

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"This is a major tragedy. I used to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the bomb squad and this is typical of mass destruction. Because it was so typical, it was very successful. It will take several months to resolve."

— Charlie Fivecoat
Political science professor

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"I have mixed feelings. It is not right to involve innocent people in terrorism. But then, our country does this too. We constantly stick our noses in others' business. I am worried about our government being indignant and hurting people. I don't see any good coming out of this."

— Jason Loggins
BC student

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"I thought it was horrifying to hear. Once the towers fell, I was like 'Oh, my God'."

— Kevin Calvin
ASBC Chief Justice

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"When I heard the news I was just blown out of the water. It was like a bad dream."

— Adam Bruce
BC student

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"I'm stunned. It shows you the power of hate people have, and that's something we don't need."

— Nancy Guidry
BC librarian

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"I hope that all the people responsible will be killed, flat out. And I also hope that all the people of the country responsible, the ones who are happy about the bombing, will also be killed."

— Jerry Strange
BC student

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"This is a wake-up call, not only for the federal government but also society. It's beyond belief."

— Katie Swank
BC student

Officials deem city safe, secure

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Opinion Editor

Mayor Harvey Hall and city officials want to assure that they are ready for any violent attacks against the Southern San Joaquin Valley.

Hall, with Chief of Police Eric Matlock and Fire Chief Ron Frazier, met with City Manager Alan Tandy shortly after the initial attack on the World Trade Center in New York.

At a Tuesday press conference, on the steps of the City Council Chambers, Hall said that the city and county emergency officials had prepared the Emergency Operation Center. All three emphasized that the center was ready but not enabled.

Meanwhile, Matlock said that he had been in communication with federal and state law enforcement agencies and had kept his eye on intelligence matters within the city.

Both Matlock and Hall said separately that there had been no influx of 9-1-1 calls or emergency needs and that all service calls were normal Tuesday morning.

Frazier commented that no prank calls or false alarms were called in to the departments.

"The Fire Department has alerted its personnel to the possibility of assisting other cities under the state's 'Master Mutual Aid Plan,' should the need arise," Hall added.

The mayor said that city officials are adamant about helping agencies in New York and Washington, D.C. Hall announced that three officials from the Fire Department would travel to New York to assist in recovery efforts and investigation endeavors.

"This tragedy will stretch across America when you consider ... the people that have been injured in New York and Washington, D.C. along with those persons that perished in the four airplane crashes. Those will have reaching effects to our city, perhaps, and certainly to other parts of the United States," Hall said.

For now security at city and county offices is heightened. Hall said the chief administrative officer was increasing security in buildings like the county courts building.

Meadows Field, the county's

main airport, was shut down by the Federal Aviation Administrator along with the nearly 1,500 other international and regional airports.

Ray Bishop, Kern County Director of Airports, said that the closing was in response to uncertainties about safety in the air.

"The air above the airport is closed and it's not only Meadows Field, it's all the airports," said Bishop. "I am responsible for all the airports in our county and all county airports are closed."

Bishop wasn't sure about how long the airports would be closed. On Wednesday, FAA officials were evaluating re-opening the nation's air transport system.

Most public places around the city remained open Tuesday. Some exceptions included California State University, Bakersfield, which closed offices at 1:00 to employees; East Hills Mall; and Valley Plaza owned by General Growth Properties in Chicago, closed the mall "out of respect," said Marcella Anthony, Marketing Director for Valley Plaza. BC made the decision to stay open, but President Sandra Serrano distributed an employee memorandum about the events of the day saying in part that "as an education institution, BC has a responsibility to help students learn from such events."

The memo continued asking all employees to "be sensitive to the individual needs" of the students.

The next day, Serrano said that the events of Tuesday were hard on her and the whole campus. "It wasn't business as usual," she said. "We were all affected. I went home drained."

With all the happenings of the day, many people in city and county administration have a hard time believing this type of catastrophe could happen on U.S. soil.

"This makes me mad because I'd like to know who did this and why," Bishop said. "But the problem with terrorist attacks is that they are intermingled with good people ... it makes it hard (to point them out)." Chief Matlock was just as upset. "It tugs at my heart for the careless disregard for human life."

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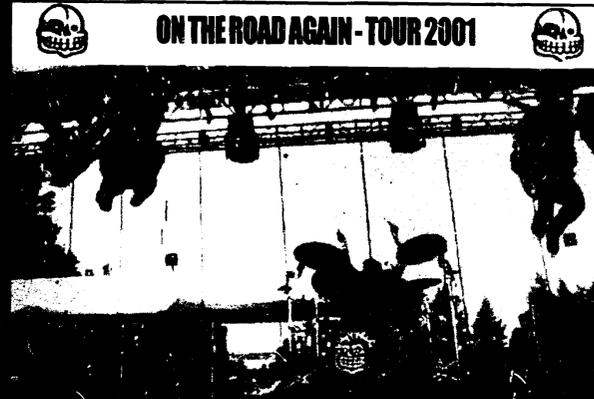


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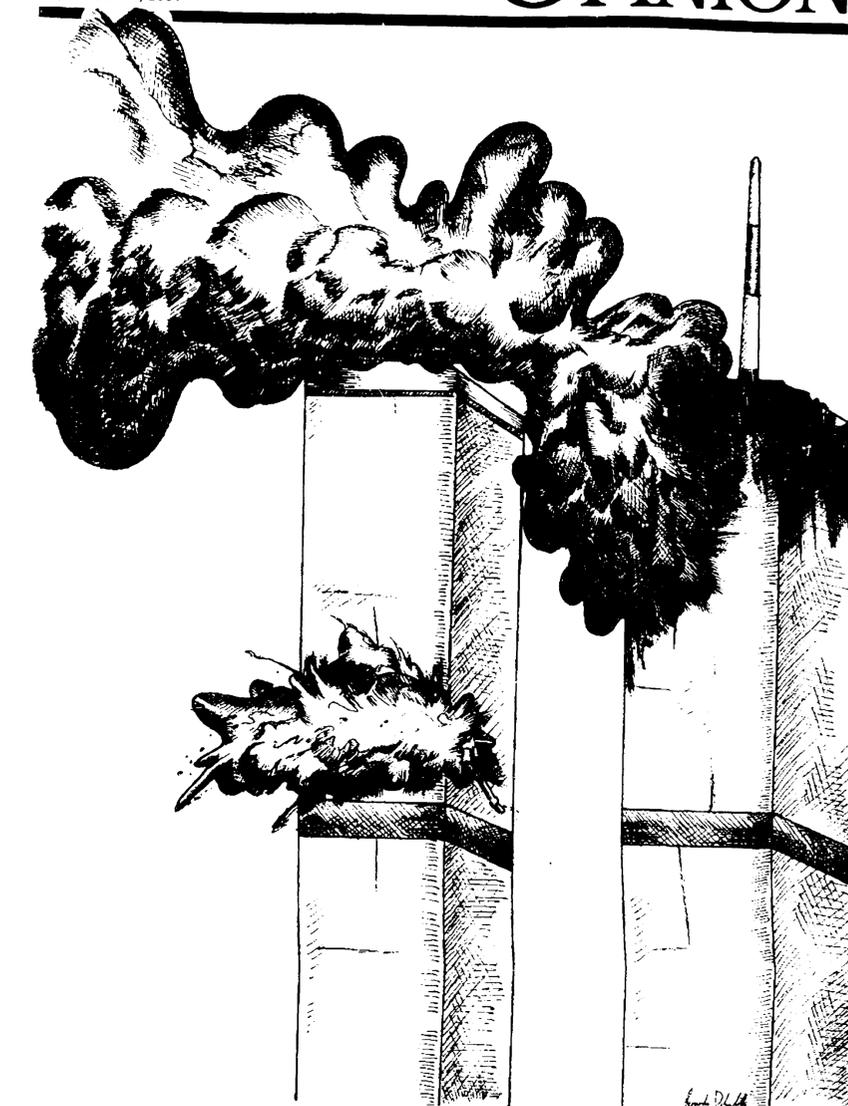
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Government needs to deliver swift justice

An immediate response should be taken against those who brutally attacked our country.

BY TY HARDIN
Rip staff writer

From a bathroom on Flight 77, Barbara Olson calls her husband on her cell phone while terrorists are flying the hijacked jet toward the Pentagon. According to CNN, she gives her husband a plethora of information about the hijacking before her plane crashes into the Pentagon, killing everybody on board. She took a late flight, Flight 77, to have breakfast with her husband.

This is one of many sad stories coming from the plane terrorist attacks. There is another of a man who worked in the former World Trade Center. He was evacuating when a voice came over the loud speaker telling him to go back to work. His wife, who worked on the floor they were told to evacuate to, waved good-bye just as the second jet hit. The floor collapsed and he barely escaped the building.

When he spoke with Fox News Channel, he still had not heard from his wife. The second building collapsed shortly afterward. America needs to take action against this horrific practice. Terrorists are fearless because they have nothing to be scared about. They march into crowded malls in the midst with bombs strapped to their torsos and set them off. America needs to inflict the same fear into their blackened hearts as

they did to us. "This is an act of war and America should retaliate," former Secretary of State Sandy Berger told Fox News Channel. Millions of Americans share his feelings and believe the war should be brought to the terrorists. We cannot have this bloodshed in our cities. This is America, and we have not had a war on this soil in almost 150 years, and we are not about to have one now.

American intelligence had known of a threat made by Osama Bin Laden over three weeks ago. He told an Arab newspaper that there would be a major attack on a US city soon. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., called this "another Pearl Harbor."

The involvement of the Palestinians in this attack is not clear at this point, but their celebration at

our tragedy is a rather large clue. America is known as "The Great Satan" to Palestinians and they are promised paradise in the afterlife if they launch an attack against us. Although Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat sent his condolences and claimed no re-responsibility, one only needs to turn on the news and see the streets of Israel filled with cheering citizens, all flying the Palestinian flag, to draw a connection to our tragedy.

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Americans should not rush to judgment

BY TY HARDIN
Rip staff writer

What most people do not think about is the backlash from our own citizens, against our fellow Americans. "Why do they even let those ragheads in our country?" "You know they're all in on it." "They should all be rounded up so we know where they are."

These are the sentiments I have heard around Bakersfield from all types of people. Americans are angry and they will lash out against anybody who appears, even superficially, like our perceived enemies. While in a convenience store, I overheard clerks discussing how they were going to "beat the crap" out of the "raghead" who owns the shop down the street. Although the tragedy of the multiple attacks on the United States and its citizens escalates with every news report, there is no reason to direct our anger at those who have nothing to do with terrorist activity.

There is a great racism against Arab-Americans and those who practice Islam in response to the terrorist activity believed to be from the Middle East. Americans see pictures of Osama bin Laden on the news and begin to form stereotypes. They see the turban, the beard and the color of his skin and remember other people who share his features and they jump to conclusions. They strike out against any

people roughly matching bin Laden's description; meanwhile they wear their anger like a blindfold over their eyes and a badge on their chests.

German immigrants during World War I felt the blunt edge of racist anger in the form of lynch mobs, hangings, and public torture. Americans blamed German immigrants for a war they had nothing to do with, and several dagger-reports exist of these immigrants hanging from ropes while grown men and small children alike cheer with a sense of accomplishment. During World War II, Americans were appalled when Pearl Harbor was attacked. They were angry that a country as strong as America could be ambushed with such a

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Muslims saddened, fearful of backlash by public

These horrendous actions contradict the beliefs of the Islamic religion. The Muslim Student Association of Bakersfield College deeply regrets the terrorist and extremist acts against Americans by alleged Muslim or Islamic terrorist/extremists. It saddens us greatly that innocent lives were lost.

But we, American Muslims don't support these terrorists or these extreme actions. We pray for the victims and their families. We hope the American population doesn't blame us or associate us with these people, no matter what they call themselves. Our Emam of the M.S.A., Khalif Ishan Abdullah from King Fahad Mosque, says Allah, never will support Muslim killing of innocent people for what ever reasons. Maybe they are trying to use misinterpretations of certain verses in the Holy Qur'an to justify their actions.

We pray for the victims and their families. We hope the American population doesn't blame us or associate us with these people, no matter what they call themselves. We comprise approximately seven million people of the United States population. I repeat this catastrophic crime doesn't follow or have sanction from the teachings of Al Islam in the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah (i.e. legal actions, teachings and consent of the Prophet of Islam, Mohammed Ibn Abdullah).

Prayers and peace upon him. Nevertheless, in the teachings of the religion of Islam, there is no justification for extremism and terrorism of any form or fashion. I regret to report that a couple of immigrant Muslim sisters were verbally attacked on Tuesday evening, as if they had something to do with this evil event. I ask the general student body of BC to not stereotype immigrant Muslims with the alleged foreign image of possible extremists and terrorists nor any other Muslim for that matter. We American Muslims are just as hurt and upset as all other Americans, and the worldwide sane, and right-minded people. Walaa A. Rasheed President, Muslim Student Association of Bakersfield College

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Public prayer vigil at Liberty Bell draws crowd downtown

Many gather together to mourn for the dead and offer hope for the victims of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

BY AMBER GARCIA
Campus Editor

Alicia Zunigacould not talk about it. The Bakersfield College student wept during a Tuesday prayer vigil as she discussed the terrorist attacks on the United States.

"If we're going to do this, we need to take it seriously," she said about the prayer vigil held downtown in front of the Liberty Bell.

"We need to join together more often. If we're gonna have unity, we need to begin to deal with our own prejudices in our own lives and deal with the barriers that we create in our own lives."

Merely hours after the news became public, a number of residents gathered to listen to local pastors and pray. For the community, it was a chance to unite and mourn together.

Among the speakers was Mayor Harvey Hall, who said the number of people who came was an indication of "the caring and giving attitude" of Bakersfield.

"It is a very sad day for America today," he said. "It's a very sad day across our land."

Hall urged the crowd to mourn for the victims' family and to give more of themselves in spirit and in caring to cope with the nation's loss.

"This tragedy has never occurred in the free world," he said. "Today, we must give to each other, and give to others, and constantly remind ourselves that as these tragedies are very unfortunate, we all will learn from it. We all hopefully will learn to care and love for

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one another, for all of America, and for all of our people."

Senior Pastor Mike Popovich of Olive Drive Church said while this is a tragedy, it is not a time for people to turn on one another. In a prayer for the community, he said we would not "lose heart."

"It is in our understanding that life is very fragile," Popovich said. "That we are mortal. That the immortality that God gives us can be the strength that we need. Even today I would suggest that within our city we don't look for scapegoats. Do not do this. The acts of some should not be paid for by others."

The vigil was a chance for BC students to unite with others in spirituality and put things in perspective.

"I feel America has been pretty spoiled, and there needs to be a change," said BC student Rebecca Lotze. "America hasn't done that many great things in my generation that I have seen that I have respected our country for, and this is the one time I feel proud of our country."

Lotze said it's sad that it takes a tragedy to bring people together. "It's shocking that it takes something like



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A Bakersfield man expresses his feelings after the terrorist attacks on the United States at the Liberty Bell prayer vigil.

this to bring us together," she said. "It's a lesson for me, and I think it's a lesson for a lot of people too. We need to be together and compassionate for our country every day, and the world, not just our country. There's a lot going on out there that we just don't think about, especially in America. There's so much more out there, more than we can see."

Houchin Blood Bank puts out urgent call

BY RACHEL CRIBBS
Editor in Chief

A line of concerned Bakersfield residents were ready to roll up their sleeves at the Houchin Blood Bank on Truxtun for those injured in the Tuesday terrorist blast.

"Ever since we opened at nine, we've been busy," said Linda Kyle, director of nurses for the Houchin Blood Bank. "I would guess that we've already done close to a 100 (donations)."

The waiting room was close to overflowing with people lining up to offer blood relief to the victims in New York and Washington, D.C.

"I'm going to donate blood today because the first thing I saw today when I woke up was the news," said BC student Kelsey Smith. "They were running around in the streets (in New York) asking if people are healthy and asking them to donate blood."

The outpouring of concern from the citizens of Bakersfield has the bank swamped, but Kyle is pleased with the turnout because it will help Kern County's storage of blood.

"This will help Kern County as well (as New York)," she said. "We won't be able to help New York until

Kyle agrees that this is something that needs to be done. "We are far away and we can't really do anything else to help the situation back there so this is one thing that almost everyone can do. This is an effect all over the country. We all have to pull together."



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Bakersfield residents line up to donate blood.

we can take care of Kern County first and then have extra. We don't want to shortchange our own area of responsibility. It's one thing (donating) that almost everyone is good health can do to help."

Donna Fish, a regular donor agrees.

"I want to help people who need it," she said. "If it were me I'd want someone to help me. America has got to get tough, you're either with us or against us. We need to encourage people to do this."

Fish brought with her Clyde Cummings, a Bakersfield resident who has never donated blood because he "is afraid of needles," he said. But he believes donating is his civic duty as an American.

"I'm an American. It's my duty," Cummings said. "It's very tragic and it happened right in our backyard. There's only so much you can do, and what you can do go ahead and show them."

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Classified workers fear job loss

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While classified staffers are worried about their job futures, earlier this summer the district approved two raises for teachers and a 15 percent raise in salary for administrators over two years. Packard said this helps the 50 percent law because now every hired person in the KCCD is paid "competitively," he said.

"Every teacher received two checks for about three and a half percent of our regular salary over the summer," said Steve Eso, faculty union president. "They were last minute checks from the district to bring us up to the 50 percent law."

According to Packard, teachers, administrators and classified staff received raises this summer, beginning with the teachers.

"Administrators are supposed to be setting the example for the district," Brockman said. "I don't see how ethically plausible a 15 percent raise for the administration is right now."

Eso explained that raises for administrators can work against the 50 percent law.

"We are trying to lower the cost of classified and administrators, so we're trying to get them to leave with the package," he said.

But, according to Buchak, if classified staffers did not take the incentive package, they might get laid off and leave with nothing.

"We don't have all the information and how can they expect us to make a decision this fast? All the classified are really afraid they're going to get fired."

However, Packard remains confident the district will not have to resort to layoffs because of the incentive package.

"I understand why the classified feels that way, but as chancellor, I need to get us in compliance with the law," he said.

"We are going to see if the incentivizing plan will work. I want

Employees take incentive package offered by district

The Board of Trustees of the Kern Community College District approved the resignations and early retirements of 27 Bakersfield College employees out of a total 43 employees districtwide, effective Sept. 24.

Resignations include: Coleine Baker, advancement assistant; Julie Cooper, educational trainer; Denise Piz, human resources assistant; Tracey Fodak, media; Leslie Geissel, department assistant III; Mary Ellen Jacobs, receptionist; Kara Lynn McGuire, child day care center assistant; Judy McHugh, receptionist; Jenny Palmer, laboratory technician; Phillip Price, lead printer; Stephen Reyes, food service assistant II; Vanessa Royce, financial aid assistant; Brent Rush, public information assistant; and Andra Sherman, teaching assistant.

Those taking retirements include: Michael ... graphic designer (26.75 years); Merry Kay ... department assistant (24 years); Merry Kay ... supervisor (35 years); Antonia Guerrero ... assistant II (34 years); Pamela Hall, communications coordinator (32 years); Brent Hicks, teaching assistant (25 years); Patricia Kirby, teaching assistant (14 years); Luke McClellan, food service assistant II (20 years); ... director of custodial/grounds operations (15 years); ... D. Rodriguez, food service assistant II; ... Doris Williams, food service manager; ... Carmen Torres, child day care center assistant; ... Florence Ziemann, tutorial coordinator (15 ...)

them to make this a voluntary decision."

Del Allen, classified union president said positions must be negotiated.

"Some might have to apply for forced retirement. We're going to have to negotiate our retirements. We are not going to be as cooperative and friendly. Mistakes were made by the district and classified should not have to pay for them."

The problems at the district are making the classified staff more wary of the future.

"We are not really part of the family at BC," Allen said. "If we don't see a major change we are not going to be in better shape."

"It will take years to get the feelings back. We are always the victims, it seems like we're always waiting for the shoe to drop. This is very frustrating because it isn't our fault," he said.

REACTIONS: Attack called 'wake-up call' for nation

Continued from Page 1 English Professor David Bess wasn't focusing on teaching Tuesday, but on the victims and families of the attack.

"I just let class out early because the mood just wasn't right to teach," he said.

Denise Pandol, a political science teacher who studied international relations said, "I think we need not be fearful. We need to wake up. There's tremendous support of groups against the

The total collapse of the World Trade Center seemed surreal to Sarah Espinoza.

"It was horrible," she said. "It's scary to imagine something like that happening. It's something you would see in the movies."

The idea of a possible war was on the minds of many students.

Tyrone Pickens, 19, said, "I feel nervous that a state on the West Coast could be hit next. I just hope we don't have to go to war."

Joseph McDonald, 18, said, "Man, that scares the hell out of me. I don't want to fight."

On the other hand, Victor Martinez, 19, said, "I'll be ready if I have to be called."

Faculty and staff also voiced opinion on Tuesday's tragedy.

Dr. David Rosales, history professor, discussed how the U.S. may react.

"It certainly is a tragedy," he said. "However, I think, quite frankly, terrorism is maybe the curse of the 21st century. Certainly, it is going to be incumbent upon President Bush to have a response to this, unfortunate as it may be. It will be and would have to be a retaliatory response."

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BC quarterback Chad Hitchcock breaks away from the Reedley College line with the help of John Dorrell's block during the Aug. 30 scrimmage at Memorial Stadium. BC's first home game is Saturday against West Hills College.

'Gades pumped to win after tough opening loss

BY LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

Despite the tragedy this week, the Bakersfield College Renegades will take on the West Hills College Falcons Saturday at 7 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

The Commission on Athletics, which oversees community college athletics in California, announced Wednesday all conference games will be played this weekend as scheduled.

The home opener is filled expectations of maintaining their pre-season mission: to be one of the top four teams in the state that is eligible to play for the state championship in December.

It looked as though BC could easily accomplish this feat on Aug. 30 when it scrimmaged a strong Reedley College team.

The 'Gades played a sharp offensive and defensive game. But after a self-destructive 21-19 loss to Cerritos College on Sept. 8, strategic measures such as executing plays and cleaning up the team's act as far as penalty yards will be essential, said head coach Dallas Grider.

Since mistakes are costly and the upcoming schedule looks challenging, Grider said, execution in every game will be critical for the 'Gades to compete for a championship.

"We have to execute, cut down on mental errors, penalties and not lay the ball on the ground," said Grider.

"The West Hills game will be a tough game for us," Grider said. "They're a very talented football team, with a great running game. They knocked off a highly regarded Butte team 41-34."

Going into the season opener, Grider would

have preferred to play a different team other than the 12th-ranked Falcons of Cerritos — especially on the road.

"Cerritos is a highly regarded football team," he said. "They only lost three times last season by a total of 10 points and that was in the Mission Conference."

Saturday's game will be especially tough after the falcons beat the 'Gades at their own game, using great defense, and a tough running game mixed with air strikes for touchdowns to rack up 21 points.

It looked as though BC was going to be true to form and blow the home team out of the water in the first quarter as quarterback Kevin Bryan tossed a perfectly timed slant pass to receiver Sammy Moore, who dashed 55 yards to give the 'Gades a 7-0 lead.

Defensive plays seem to be all the team had, the rest of the first half was non-productive and sloppy for the 'Gades.

"The defense kept us in the game," Grider said. "We were lucky we didn't get blown out with as many mistakes as we made."

But it was a much different story for the home team as Falcon quarterback Mike Harrison threw two touchdown passes to give Cerritos a 12-7 lead, ending the first half.

In the second half, Cerritos scored again when Harrison darted into the end zone on a 9-yard touchdown run giving the Falcons a 18-7 lead.

Even though much of the third quarter was a defensive battle, BC's offense did manage to get on track.

Robert Thomas, who sat out last season, teamed with Bryan and Moore to move the ball



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Quarterback Kevin Bryan is tackled during the Reedley scrimmage.

down the field and get into scoring position. After a 16-yard pass to Moore from Bryan, Thomas ran into the end zone, closing the gap to 18-13.

The 'Gade defense, anchored by Darrin Carr and James McGill, paved the way for the next score. With some hard hitting by Carr and the defense, Harrison fumbled. McGill, with a heads-up play, scooped up the ball and ran into the end zone for the score.

But BC was denied the win when Cerritos kicker Adam Sonntag kicked a 36-yard field goal to seal the victory for the Falcons.

Women's soccer team sets goals for new season

BY JESSICA C. MILLMAN
Features Editor

The Bakersfield College soccer program is starting its new season with four returning players and a new focus as a team.

"We're able to be more as a team (compared to last year)," said returning forward Jenna Villacana. "The team is not cliquy."

Villacana joins midfielder Keri Bess, who earned all-conference honors last year, captains Jennifer Rooney, center midfielder, and defender Erica Rine, as the only returning players.

"They have physically more speed, but more inexperience, because there are so many new players, learning roles, positions and new stuff," said coach Scott Dameron, who returns for a second year as head coach.

His goals for this year include rebuilding the program and carrying on the traditions of the team, as well as making their own. Prior to BC, Dameron was head soccer coach at Vanguard University for seven years. He said this year's team works hard.

"They are a good group, working hard. They have a good attitude and a willingness to make themselves better," Dameron said. "That's all you can ask as a coach."

The teams split two games at its first tournament, Sept. 1 and 2 at Oxnard. BC's head-to-head match saw the Renegades handily defeat Victor Valley 2-0. Rooney and Bess both scored goals in the game.

In its first home game today at the soccer field north of Gerry Collis Field, the team takes on Ventura, which beat BC last year to end the Renegades' 10-game winning streak.

"It will give us a chance to show how we play as team," said Rooney, who was first team all-conference last year. "We want to do good here."

College of the Canyons won the Southern division of the Western State Conference last year. BC finished seventh in the same division.

"I try not to pay too much attention to (last year)," Dameron said. "This is a totally different year. The people make-up of the team is different. People are getting a better understanding of their job with the team."

Dameron said all the teams in the division have stepped up and that this year will not yield any easy wins.

"Ventura is the first home game, and will be one of the toughest games of the year," he said. "The L.A. Pierce is a new program, and they should be strong too."

"It is just a matter of putting it together," Rooney said. "We have a fun team and a lot of new players."

Dameron said that his captains are ready for the season.

"The girls are still getting used to how I do things as a program," he said. "This year's team has a lot to set their sights toward."



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Captain Erica Rine, who was injured at the Oxnard tournament, sprints for the goal.



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'Gades' new quarterback, Kevin Bryan, makes the most of his talent to add to team's game plan.

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BC continues to increase in enrollment

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Opinion Editor

The parking lots, lunch lines and the classrooms are more packed than ever. Bakersfield College faculty and students are used to having crowded conditions in their classes and the bookstore during the first few weeks. This year, they can see the enrollment increases everywhere.

According to the Admissions and Records Office, through Aug. 30 the number of students enrolled at BC and its extensions was 14,635. That's 1,646 more or 12.67 percent more than this same time last year.

Sue Vaughn, director of the Admissions and Records office, said that the number is up now but as the last day to drop without a grade and the last day to receive a withdraw approaches, the number of students

enrolled will decrease.

"Our lines have been much busier," she said. "I knew that the academic people were adding more sections wherever they could, because we expected growth."

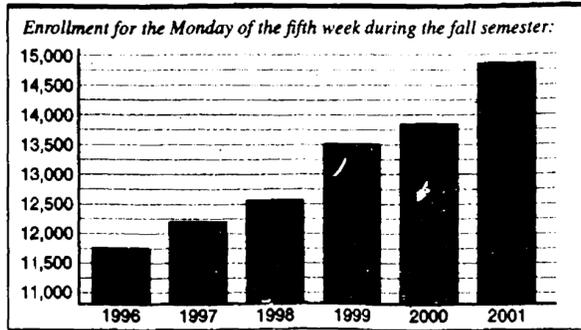
Vaughn said that teachers as well as other staff on campus have made adjustments to allow a large number of students to add classes, enroll late and make changes to their schedules.

"I've been a little bit surprised that it's stayed this high because we only have 'x' number of seats," she said. "You can't go beyond that. I think that faculty is being pretty generous about (enrollment)."

Students on campus have mixed emotions about the packed conditions.

"It seems more crowded than it was last year," Lewis Conger, 19, said. "A lot of people came to add

Close to 15,000 students taking classes



SOURCE: BC Admissions and Records Office

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but hardly any of my instructors let anyone add. It's a good thing for a lot of people to go but they need to plan out things better."

Conger said that parking is a huge problem, just adding to the stress.

"Parking sucks," he said. "It's worse than last year. I used to be able

to get here at 7:30 in the morning for an 8 o'clock class, park right up in front and I'd be fine. Now I get here and park way in the back."

First-timers and transfers are awestruck not by the number of people so much as the crowded conditions.

"It's ridiculous," said Megan Carroll, 20, who transferred from Fresno State University. "In my econ class, there's 109 people and it's a small room."

Carroll said that parking is also a big problem but the school should focus on adding more teachers.

At Fresno State, while there are more students, she says there are more classes and professors, something that BC should try to improve upon.

"It wasn't as crowded as it is here," Carroll said. "If they had more

classes and professors it would be a lot easier."

Faculty also noticed the change; counselors and advisers in the counseling and career center have kept a watchful eye on the surge.

"One of the things that we have is certainly the increase in students," said Mike Gutierrez, chair of the Counseling Department. "We've tried to keep track of (increases) in the last four or five years."

People having a tough time adding classes or just finding them among the droves of students often turn to the counseling center.

"Students are waiting in the center during peak times," he said. "We've also run our (video) tapes of how to build their schedule, how to enroll. We try to educate our students so that way they have that

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United we Stand

Above: Charity concert at Stramler Park Sunday reaches out to aid the victims of the terrorist action in New York. Below: Kevin Briley expresses his national pride by performing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes at the Community Service at Centennial Garden on Sunday.

Campus joins community to mourn those lost in the terrorist attack on the East Coast.

BY RACHEL CRIBBS
Editor in Chief

Fighting tears as she looked out over a group of college students, Bakersfield College President Dr. Sandra Serrano said that America will "not be defeated by acts of terrorism."

On Sept. 14, a day declared by President George Bush as a national day of remembrance, at 9 a.m. the Associated Student Body of Bakersfield College held a prayer vigil for the victims and survivors of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Serrano was among the speakers who addressed the sensitive issue.

"It has been a difficult week for all of us," she said. "I feel the same way many of you feel. I ask you to join me and those in the community to show unity and compassion."

Sumeet Bath, ASBC president, said that she needed to provide students "with a service to mourn," which is why she called the last-minute service.

"I hope these events will unite us as Americans," Bath said. "I thank BC for being so supportive."

Since the attack, BC students have expressed a great deal of emotion. But Bath said that she has heard of students who have felt discrimination.

"Remember we are all Americans here," she said.

At the service Serrano asked the campus to be "sensitive to the needs of others."

She said that she hopes that everyone will feel safe.

"I am confident that we will recover," she said. "We are a nation of strong people."

After the comments of Serrano and Bath, BC student Jenny Schnipp sang the national anthem to the crowd of teary-eyed students. Her song brought the group together as people held hands and hummed along with her acapella performance.

BC professor Dr. Mark Staller was the main speaker at the vigil. He commented on the needs of the victims.



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Linda Quinones-Vaughan, left, and Omid Sharbati participate in BC's Prayer Vigil.

"I so desperately want to be there (in New York)," he said. "I want to help improve the situation. Our work today is to come together to mourn and to pray. Our job is to come together as a nation."

Staller issued a call for us to "stand not just as a nation, but as a world."

"We join together as a nation to pray," he said.

Serrano said the service was held "to bring together the college community. It was a sign of unity and solidarity to show respect for lives that have been lost. It was support for the great nation we stand for," she said.

The BC vigil was one of several held this weekend in Bakersfield. The largest was the Community Memorial Service for the Victims of Sept. 11 at Centennial Garden on Sunday. Among those who spoke to the 5,000 participants was Mayor Harvey Hall, who said that most of the world is "rallying today."

He reminded the community not to "lash out at people

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Local concert ends in violence

BY MICAYLA ELLIOTT
Rip staff writer

A free rock concert, organized to raise money for the victims of the recent terrorist attacks on the United States, ended in the violent beating of a 32-year-old Bakersfield man at Stramler Park on Sunday evening.

No arrests were made, according to Detective Mary DeGare, spokeswoman for the Bakersfield Police Department.

Witnesses say Frank Olds was moshing in front of the stage when he bumped into a small child. When Olds was hit in the face by a man in the crowd, he grabbed the man's flag and ripped it.

The crowd then rushed Olds and beat him unconscious.

A 911 call was made by a BC student named Josh Sullivan, while a member of the local band, Anaidrol, treated the man until Hall Ambulance arrived on the scene.

Olds was taken to Mercy Hospital where he was treated and released, according to Joanne Handlin, nursing supervisor at Mercy Hospital.

"Only a couple of people, mainly band members, came to the man's aid, while the majority of the crowd proceeded to beat him up," Sullivan said. "He was surrounded by so many people, the security guards couldn't get through to help him." The incident happened at the end of the seven-hour concert. Donations at the event were optional.

Scott Staver, a local base player for the band, Temperd, organized the free concert featuring nine local bands including RCA Project, Jane Friday, Dekkline, Fluid, County, Lango, Anaidrol, Temperd and Spike 1000.

All donations are to be given to the American Red Cross.

"I thought of the idea on Wednesday, made a few phone calls, and it's been crazy ever since," Staver, 31, said. "I got a lot of support right away, from all the bands and even the security are here for free." Red, white, blue ribbons were given at the door and the event

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— Josh Sullivan
BC student

began with the national anthem.

The crowd roared as one of the members of the band Fluid, yelled out, "Get your hands together for America and all the people who've died for our great nation!"

Many BC students attended the event and expressed their support in the crowd.

"I think it's a really good cause and it's a way to get all these people together," said Jen Bell, 20, a child development major.

RB, a member of the band, Anaidrol, which is scheduled to play at Bullpen on Oct. 4, expressed his reaction to the terrorism in America as his band was setting up to play.

"I think we (Americans) got caught with our pants down; we got caught sleeping," he said. "I think this event is great for everyone to pool together, to show its support when something happens."

"This isn't just a town, city, or country pulling together," RB said. "This is a small part of what the whole world is actually doing right now as we speak."

"Everybody is here for the same reason, and that is just to support life and humanity and do what we have to do to make sure that we as a human race are protected from individuals like this who think we can do what ever they want, whenever they want," he said.



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Spike 1000 lead singer, Shannon Harris, reaches out to fans during Sunday's benefit concert.



NEIL KITCHEN / THE RIP

BC parking creates problems for students

BY DEMETHRASIS BLACKMON Sports Editor

Students at Bakersfield College are confronted with a sometimes-frustrating predicament before they even set foot on the campus.

The parking situation, on and off the school grounds, has left some students literally driving around in circles.

The start of the fall semester, with the addition of even more students this year, keeps most of the parking lots full, especially during the morning hours. Students arriving early have the best chance at finding prime parking spots. But sometimes a little patience can go a long way to avoiding unnecessary circling.

"I like to get here around 7 a.m. That way I can avoid the rush," said Joanne Porter, a second year B.C. student who is majoring in psychology and liberal arts.

The main student parking lots that require parking permits at Bakersfield College are located on the northeast, southeast and southwest corners of the campus. These permits can be purchased at

the business office, with permits picked up in student activities in campus center.

Students who purchase permits don't have to worry about finding a place to park, but the locations in the parking lot can vary.

"We have ample parking here at Bakersfield College," said Sgt. Jess Soto. "But sometimes students don't like to walk."

Some students choose to drive up and down the parking lot aisles, with the hope that someone may be leaving a parking spot at just the right moment.

Harpring Singh tried using this technique.

"I just can't find parking," said Singh. "I've been driving around for 30 minutes."

Students who choose to park without parking permits risk receiving parking tickets, Soto said. Fines for these tickets start at \$25.

"After 30 days the \$25 dollar amount, because of the penalty, goes to \$35," Soto said. "After 45 days to 60 days, it goes to \$50."

If the amount is still not paid, the citation then goes to the Department

of Motor Vehicles, which will delay the registration of vehicles and renewal of licenses until the fines are paid, he said.

Temporary parking passes, which are valid for one day, also can be purchased, Soto said. They are located in the yellow vending machines, which are in the main student parking areas. These parking passes only cost \$1.

Students parking in staff permitted parking areas also are a problem, especially during the first few weeks of school, Soto said. Sometimes this is out of confusion, but the violators will still be ticketed.

He said that officers are more lenient toward students who illegally park in student areas, but only during the first two to three weeks of school.

"After that, we will go at full force," he said.

Students who prefer to park off campus have a few options as well. The parking area along Panorama Drive on the north side of the campus is popular.

Students who are lucky enough to get one of the spots have easy access to the Grace Van Dyke Byrd Library,



ALYSSA D. STUMBO / THE RIP

Enrollment increases have left some students in a pinch to park on campus.

the humanities wing, the business wing, and the Student Services Building.

The campus park area, which is across from the northeast parking lot parking lot, along Mount Vernon Avenue, also is a favorite location for off campus parking. Students

also can park along the island between Mt. Vernon Avenue and Church Street, across from Kern Schools Federal Credit Union.

For students who don't mind walking a little bit, the parking area along Haley Street on the west side of the campus is another option. This

area does not require parking passes. However, students need to be aware of the time limited parking areas as well.

Even with the increased enrollment, campus police are handling the parking situation like they would any other year, Soto said.

ENROLLMENT: Numbers continue to grow

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information." Gutierrez said that the centers have made adjustments to try and help out more people as well.

"Because of our increase in enrollment over the years and not being able to increase our (number of) counselors, we actually have gone more to a drop-in."

He explained that this is a mixed bag because some students need to make appointments and can't just wait around for an hour.

"That benefited the students who kind of wait until the last minute to do things. But we took away from our students who plan ahead."

The influx of people may confound and annoy students, but Vaughn said that that year's increase was not much of a surprise.

"I think that the population is growing," Vaughn said. "With the economy tighter, more people that may have thought they'd go to a four-year (university) would rather save the money and come and get a very good experience here."

She also said that there's been an increase in the number of returning students who are older, probably a result of the weakening economy.

"People (are) looking to upgrade their job skills because they see the writing on the wall," she said. Students notice the difference as well.

"I've seen quite a few older students," Conger said. "Like parents, people coming back to school after being in the workforce."

Vaughn said she expects the next year is 11,100.

"Used to be that the spring dropped off, but that hasn't been happening," she said. "One year the spring was actually higher than the fall."

The important number for state funding is the full-time equivalent (FTE), a measure used by the state to determine college budgets. State officials take the total units by all students and divide by a set number determined by the state to be a full-time load. So far, that percentage is at 15.85, a larger increase over the past fall semesters.

"When a student pays \$11 per unit, that's 10 percent of the cost (for the class)," Vaughn said. "The rest of the money comes from the state. Our actual FTE was about 10,500. It's going up. Our target for next year is 11,100."

MEMORIAL: Multiple services held to pray for survivors and remember who was lost

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who look of Middle East origin," he said. "Don't confuse Muslim and Sikh friends with an imagined enemy."

The service, attended by many different religious leaders, included music performed by the choir of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church and the choir from Olive Knolls Nazarene.

Hall said that Americans can "fight hate and racism by closely embracing each other." He said that only through education can citizens finally feel free to love one another.

The Rev. Sara Haldeman-Scott of the Church of the Brethren agreed. "I was scared and I wanted to protect my children," she said.

"Don't assume your children will be protected because the TV is off. Children will find out. Be honest with them. The children who have experienced this are the parents of tomorrow."

Hall announced that Bakersfield firefighters are counted among those helping in New York. Two rows of firefighters at the service were met with resounding applause and a standing ovation.

Another standing ovation occurred when Hall urged friendship and support to those Americans of Middle East descent.

The Rev. Ted Wang of the First United Methodist Church said that the attack is not God's will, as some have assumed.

"We have reached out to each other," he said. "Some say this is God's will, it is not. His will is life. In the midst of the rubble and the fear and anger, God calls. God is our refuge and strength."

His comments were echoed by other religious leaders, including Nazar Kooner of the Sikh community. Kooner said that all citizens are Americans, no matter ethnic origin.

Many community leaders spoke besides Hall, such as state Assemblyman Dean Florez, D-Shafter.

"(It makes you) remember just how fragile life is," he said. "What is it these terrorists hoped we'd learn from these murderous acts?"



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*The celebration to honor BC offensive line football coach Duane Damron has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. prior to BC's game against East L.A. Call the BC Athletics Department at (661) 395-4266 for more information.

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Campus Pep Band will energize home games

BY AMBER GARCIA
Features Editor

For five years, Bakersfield College had no band of its own at home football games, but now the Pep Band is back. "Both community and students, people, and the BC community has demonstrated a lot of positive feedback about it," said Robert Martinez, director of instrumental music. "They're all happy about it, including myself."

For most members, it's about time. "I've been threatening I was going to bring my base drum down there and start getting some action out there," Richard Orosco said. "I mean 'cause it just seems like a bunch of old folks just sitting there."

If the Pep Band has its way, the appearance of a retirement home at the games will soon cease to exist, by hopefully sparking new interest from the audience.

"I think it will be good for the overall entertainment value as a spectator sport," Martinez said. "It will add to the school spirit. We're hopeful that this will also inspire more students to come because traditionally in the past there have been perhaps more community-oriented people than students. We want to see our student body come and participate. I think it will give a certain energy to the team, you know, to know that that's there backing them up."

Bands add to the football games, he said. "It's always a morale booster," Martinez said. "It's always a great thing to hear your fight song played by your own school."

Besides serving as a source of inspiration for the football team, the band also is intended to get students involved. "We want people to come out and see what's happening at BC," Martinez said.

"We want to make sure that the students are aware that the games are not for the newspapers on Sunday morning, but they're for their entertainment and student morale and spirit on Saturday night, and it is a way to be actively involved and to be part of that because at colleges, when they leave here, they need to take that spirit with them when they go to a four-year institute," he said.

With approximately 30-35 members, the Pep Band will perform in the stands at each home game during the pre-game show, and at half-time offering combined routines with the cheerleaders.

"The importance of cheerleaders is ranked very high," Martinez said. "They are there to inspire a vocal chant, and chanting is a group effort. When you chant, you're going to make excitement, and you're telling the team as a whole that the audience is supportive and backing you up."

"Band is supposed to support that, and they will support that," Martinez said the music selection will range from the Beach

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—Jason Anderson
Drummer



Paul Deltoro, an assistant in the Pep Band class, focuses on reading his music and leading the trombone section during a Saturday morning rehearsal. The band has been revived this semester to play at home games.

Boys, to Jimi Hendrix, to swing, with old-style heavy metal, British rock, reggae, and at least one Sousa march. "It is a fun group," Martinez said. "This band is gonna be a fun band."

"We're looking forward to the awesome experience of getting back out there and doing

some playing." For band members like Orosco, the shows mean a chance to flaunt their playing skills. "I love music," Orosco said. "Music has been my only expression all my life. Music's the only way to express. It breaks down all barriers."

Other members interviewed said they are

proud to be a part of the group. "I'm very proud," snare drummer Jason Anderson said. "I spent three months of my summer doing this. I love band. I'm a band nerd, OK?" And being a band nerd means dedication. "It takes a special kind of person to be a band nerd," said trombone player Paul Deltoro.

ALYSSA D. STUMBO / THE RIP

Bath outlines ASBC goals

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Opinion Editor

The new Associated Students of Bakersfield College President, Sumeet Bath, wants every student to know that her door "is always open" and that if a student has something to say, she wants to hear it.

She spoke during a press conference in *The Rip* office recently to reporters about the need to improve the "cohesive" relationship of students and the campus itself.

She outlined several ideas that the Student Senate is looking at for students to enjoy themselves, the campus and the college experience. Bath and several executive board and senators from ASBC saw the need to bring the student body together and give first-time students an easier time of adjusting to new surroundings.

"A couple of things that we recognized was that the campus is not that cohesive," she said. "There's a lot of departments and things going on that no one might be aware of."

One thing that she's and the ASBC is trying is a "Meet Your Professor Day," Tuesday, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Fireside Room in Campus Center.

"I'm a social science major," said Bath. "And I don't know all the professors in my actual department."

"I think this is a chance for like me, a student, and other students to meet their professors."

She also says that this meet-and-greet will be a way for professors to get to know their students beyond roll call.

Bath also spoke about ASBC stickers and the services provided when students purchase it. Since losing the college bookstore, the student body's only revenue is through the purchase of the sticker.

"You get discounts on various food services," she said. "You get the

two free football tickets to each (home) game. "There are some really good discounts," she said. "I was really impressed."

The student body provides a free booklet of the services offered with the sticker and Bath says this year, with the advent of a free booklet describing the services offered, there are more students signing up.

"People come in asking for the booklet," she said. "Being in college is not cheap."

She hopes that in the future the ASBC sticker's success will include more businesses and better services for students. Bath says she sees this as a win-win for both the students and the businesses.

"(Businesses) want students to come," she said. "I personally like using my discount, I think students would, too."

Bath also addressed the vacancies in the Student Senate. She said that there have been 15 applications filed for the 17 empty positions and that in the coming weeks a screening committee will interview the candidates more thoroughly and make recommendations to the executive board.

"Hopefully in a couple of weeks we'll have some new senators," Bath said.

Other endeavors include a computer commons and lounge for students adjacent to the cafeteria and working with the bookstore to bring an online book list for students to purchase their books online at lower prices than the bookstore.

Bath hopes that the ASBC will give students more opportunities to help them on the road to their degrees.

Her plan is, over time, to bring the students together and try to help anyone who needs assistance. Her door is always open and she says that she is the student's "voice."



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Hitting the books...

Stephanie Tingley, a Bakersfield College freshman, enjoys the solitude and beauty of a sunny morning while studying near the Math-Science Building recently.

'Jay and Silent Bob' mixes profanity, pot heads

BY MICAYLA ELLIOTT
Rip staff writer



Longtime fans of the so-called "New Jersey Chronicles," which includes "Clerks," "Mallrats," "Chasing Amy," and "Dogma," have finally got a full dose of the loud mouthed pot-head Jay (Jason Mewes), and his mute side-kick in a trench coat Bob (Kevin Smith). The finale of this series is called, "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back."

If you have not seen the first four movies, you will be clueless about many of the jokes in "Jay and Silent Bob." It would also help to be fairly familiar with the storylines of several

other films and TV shows like, "American Pie," "Scream," "Dawson's Creek," "Star Wars," and of course, one of the all-time favorite cartoons, "Scooby Dooby Doo."

The movie is about a couple of stoners who spend most of their time in front of a New Jersey convenience store talking about nothing and trying to sell pot. Their pal, Bunky Edwards (Jason Lee) has sold the movie rights to his comic book

series, "Bluntman & Chronic," which are two characters based on Jay and Bob, played by James Van DerBeek and Jason Biggs, respectively. Miramax Productions plans to make a movie about it, and at first the two want a piece of the earnings, but then their attention gets turned to the negative comments being made about them in an Internet chat room. They immediately embark on a journey to Hollywood to stop the making of the film, encountering adventures along the way.

On a positive note, viewers do get to see many of their favorite stars in short scenes throughout the 99 minutes of chaos, as well as a few cheap laughs. All in all, you can expect your IQ to drop at least 10 points by the end of the film.

Adema combines angst with raw, 'real' sound

BY MARIA EUTSLER
Rip staff writer

CD REVIEW

With their self-titled debut album, "Adema," the local boys join the ranks of Korn and Orgy for getting the Bakersfield music scene out to mainstream audiences.

In a post-grunge music genre filled with manufactured boy bands and pubescent pop divas, this new generation of alternative music is a mixture of angst-ridden lyrics, fueled by pounding drums, thrashing guitars and a frontman with a voice that is both whining and raw.

One of the 12 tracks, Adema's "Speculum" has much more heart and feeling than other songs on the CD.

"...I was so much an outcast, no one ever liked me 'cause I wasn't wanted, I was so different from the rest of them, all messed up on drugs,

from the speed and I never got to sleep."

"Speculum" is a heartfelt song about remorse and loss:

"...Half the world wouldn't know what it's like to lose a seed, maybe you can understand how it feels, I can't reach that soul, you're probably watching over us, know that I think about you, it's killing me..."

Those are lyrics from "Pain Inside," another song about rage and alienation. Adema's somber and industrial sound has no doubt found a following, not just with their local fans, but with their first single,

and others will most likely be around to rebel against it.

"...I'm on the outside, take apart of my life, why would I let them make up my mind and be misled? I have had enough of who they want, leave me alone, there's pain inside..."

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pessimism:

"...Life has always been a problem, can't you see I don't fit in, people have said they have said that I'm not okay, I lost my mind numb me till I won't feel pain again, it's like a needle in my spine, it stings inside, poisons me with time..."

Some say that the rock music of today has lost its edge.

Although most rock acts today may not have the staying power of veteran rockers like Eric Clapton or Aerosmith, the newcomers like Adema are getting music out to a young audience, which suggests that they will be around for some time.

The alternative music scene is filled with these types of bands, all rage-filled young men with much aggression and pain in their sound. Bands like Adema use music to get their point across. Adema's music is loud, abrasive and above all, real.

Do you know someone on campus who would make a good feature story?

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President's stem cell decision gives patients hope

President Bush attacked a very controversial topic this summer, whether or not to continue federal funding for stem cell research.

It is one thing to watch a documentary or flip through a magazine about scientific progress, but it is quite another to be alive as a result of it.

I am a cancer survivor, and I can't help but approach this topic from a personal viewpoint.

As a cancer survivor, and a pro-life Republican, I am cautiously optimistic about his decision.

I recall the seven months that I spent in chemotherapy, the days when I couldn't even walk to the mailbox and missing out on my senior year of high school. Thinking of all that I went through and the



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embryos after a completed infertility treatment.

This treatment is called in vitro fertilization, and it can produce many excess eggs. After the woman has some of the embryos implanted, the excess embryos are stored frozen for years or simply discarded.

The donation of these embryos by consenting couples, combined with new federal funding, will give

scientists the opportunity to move forward in the field of embryonic stem cell research. Obviously, it would be wrong to waste something that could potentially save the lives of people.

Life is a precious thing, and I stand

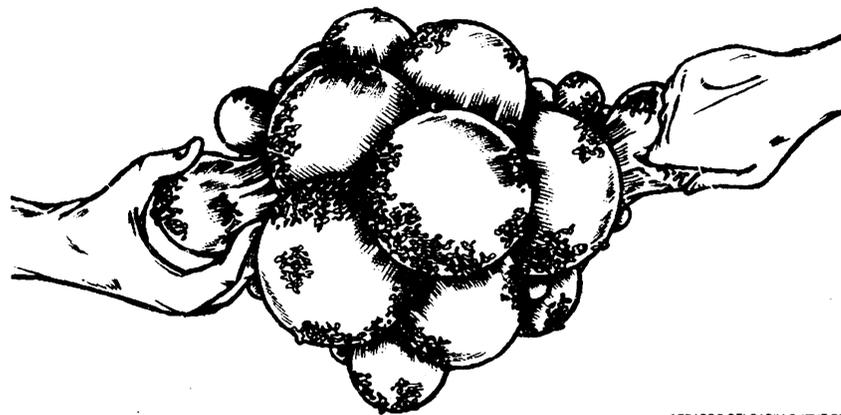
behind my religious beliefs and political values when I consider this topic. The fact that President Bush has chosen to take a step in the direction of research instills hope that someday people won't have to suffer the way that I did.

This is not about research, money or even ethics. For me, this is a personal matter of life and death.

I was blessed enough to beat my disease, but it is a fear that still plagues me today. I know that I am not alone in this fight.

Every American family probably knows someone who has lost the battle with cancer. However, stem cell research offers hope for people in pain, a hope for a cure. Thanks to President Bush's decision, ethical stem cell research can now be funded and explored.

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GERARDO DELGADILLO / THE RIP

Bush leaves both sides empty-handed

President George Bush ran headlong into stem cell research and came up with a decision that rides both sides of the issue, leaving opponents and proponents with a compromised feeling inside.

Bush's decision dashed hopes on both sides of the stem cell fence while dangling the potential to sway either way over their heads. This political move not only makes

politicians look more like the stereotype they are perceived to be, but prevents either side from claiming a victory.

Researchers are unhappy that their research has been limited to existing stem cell lines without the possibility of creating any more under the umbrella of federal funding. This creates a void in stem cell

research where there might have been some progress. The limitations set forth by the president have, in effect, shrunk the availability of stem cells for research and narrowed the scope of the research.

Stem cell opponents feel that the president's decision undermines basic human principles and turns life into a commodity. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called his decision "morally

unacceptable" as quoted in Time Magazine. Pro-lifers are angry that Bush, who campaigned pro-life, has gone against his word to not allow federal funding for any research that calls for the destruction of human embryos.

Bush's fence riding undermines his position as the leader of the United States because it removes his. Our president does not need to be one who makes decisions to gather voters.

Our president needs to be someone who makes tough decisions because they need to be made. Deciding to run with both sides of an issue so serious as stem cell research makes Bush look like a flake, pushes researchers to work with very limited resources and leaves stem cell opponents with a betrayed feeling inside.

Money bag supporters such as Christopher Reeves, Michael J. Fox, and Mary Tyler Moore, can provide funding for programs that do not fall under the current guidelines of stem cell research.

While federal funding is restricted by Bush's guidelines, it does not close doors to private funding.

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Staff Writer

Students can express views, see more news on Rip Web site

BY JARROD M. GRAHAM
Online Editor

The Renegade Rip has finally entered the 21st century.

With the publication of last week's edition, The Rip also launched its online edition at www.therip.com.

The World Wide Web opens up a whole new world of possibilities, and the mission of our online edition is to provide a voice and tone that is different from that of our print edition. We don't want our Web site to simply be cyberspace

knock-off of our print edition with nothing but all the same stories and photos. We want it to be a place where the living, breathing community of Bakersfield College students, staff and faculty interact with each other.

Features such as message boards and live chat sessions will encourage an open forum where students can discuss and rant about issues important to them. Frustrated by all the

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ASBC gears up for 'Meet Your Professor Day'

The Associated Students of Bakersfield College are kicking off the new fall semester with a friendly welcome. We will be having a weekly "brown bag lunch" in the Executive Board Room and we'd like to extend an invitation to all students, professors and staff to come and join us in an informal setting for networking at lunch time. This is your opportunity to meet new people.

The times and dates will be posted around campus soon. For the new year, the ASBC student government positions are being held by the following people: Sumeet Bath, president; Terrie Bracamonte, vice president of communication; Paul Bench, vice president activities; Kevin Calvin, trustee liaison; Brian Feaster, vice president of legislation; Omid Sharbati, vice president of finance; and Christopher Smith, chief justice.

The ASBC congratulates and welcomes our new senators and associate justices. Our new senators include: Valerie Harvey, environmental; Christine Stronach, staff relations; Chelsea Stewart,

ASBC calendar

SEPTEMBER	
25	'Meet Your Professor Day,' Fireside Room, noon-3 p.m.
OCTOBER	
1	Aged Health Division, Vocational Nursing Program's "Open House," 2:30-4:30 p.m.
3-28	Shakespeare Festival, Outdoor Theater, Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.

In the first week of September we had "club week" for the students who want to get involved in the various organizations on campus. We have more than 17 active clubs on campus this year. If you missed the opportunity to gather information on the various clubs, stop by the Student Activities office for information to join. ASBC is excited to announce a new event called "Meet Your Professor Day." It's open to all students, professors and staff. It will be held on Tuesday, from noon to 3 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We believe this will be a fabulous opportunity to put names and faces together, to encourage positive interaction in an informal setting and to enable students to talk with many of the professors on campus.

ASBC stickers are on sale for \$15 in the Business Office. FYI, with your sticker, you can now pick up all 10 of your public utility, Melissa Bell, student center; Joshua Andrews, athletics; and Jill Humphrey, activities. Our new associate justices are Melissa Errecalde and Kathy Aleman.

There are still some senator positions and one associate justice position open until Friday, Sept. 28. Applications are available in the Student Activities Office.

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What is your greatest fear? Why?

Clyton Parker, Computer/Information Systems: "My biggest fear is that we are going to go to war, because of what happened last Tuesday."

Dwight Johnson, Real Estate/Business Administration: "My biggest fear is not being prepared when God comes."

Julie Bensusen, Business: "My biggest fear is the terrorism that's going on from a different country to ours and just trying to keep us safe."

Frankie Rincon, Computer Science: "War ... I feel it's coming, the third world war because I feel it's close to home."

Nick Lidgett, Liberal Studies: "My biggest fear would be flying ... I remember flying through a thunderstorm and a bolt of lightning hit the plane."

'GADE NEWSLINE

BC offers short-term computer classes

It's easy to upgrade computer skills by enrolling in short-term computer classes during the fall semester at Bakersfield College, according to a college press release.

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Short-term classes run from three to six weeks and begin the weeks of Oct. 1 and Nov. 12.

Students can enroll over the phone by calling 325-0225 or over the Internet at www.bakersfieldcollege.org.

For more information about computer courses at Bakersfield College, call the computer studies department at 395-4470.

Reception to honor exiting staffers

Bakersfield College is holding a reception to recognize the classified staffers that are leaving as a part of the 50 percent law incentive. It is scheduled for Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Fireside Room in Campus Center. The event is open to all students, staff and faculty.

Event lets students, faculty interact

The Associated Students of Bakersfield College wants you to meet your professors.

ASBC has scheduled "Meet Your Professor Day" from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday. All students are welcome to attend the event to learn more about their teachers.

For more information, contact ASBC President Sumeet Bath at 395-4030 or Vice President of Communications Terrie Bracamonte at 395-4567.

— Compiled by Sueraine Valderrama
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CLUB CORNER: INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



ALYSSA D. STUMBO / THE RIP
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship member Marcos Castro prays at a club meeting.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at Bakersfield College is one of the largest clubs on campus.

About 100 students belong to the club, which is advised by faculty members Patrick and Janet Fulks.

The president of the club is Jacob Turner and the campus staff workers are Joseph Litto and Kendra Green.

The club holds meetings on Wednesdays in the Fireside Room from noon to 1 p.m.

"I joined last year, I was new on campus and I didn't know anybody. I heard of the club and I wanted to get involved so I did and I met a lot of people," said Rose Spicer, a club student leader.

Activities include Bible studies, fellowship and campus prayer. On Wednesdays, the club sets up an information table in the Campus Center foyer. Free lemonade is often served.

"Our goal is that every student on the BC campus would have the opportunity to decide to be for or against Jesus Christ," said Litto.

"Everyone is accepted." At the weekly Bible studies, students who come in and don't have Bibles are provided a copy of the passages that are being studied.

"I think it's a great club, and everyone is accepted," said member James Curtis. "I've been in the club for a couple of years, and I consider the other members to be more than my friends. I consider them to be family."

The club will attend an Oct. 26-28 conference called "Racial Reconciliation" on Catalina Island. Spaces are available for students wishing to attend. The cost is \$85 and includes boat charges, food and activities at Catalina.

— By Estella Aguilar
Rip staff writer



MOVIE MINUTE

Keanu Reeves, co-star of the classic film "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," stars as a coach of a rag-tag baseball team from the Chicago projects in "Hardball."

Conor O'Neill (Reeves) finds himself in a "pickle" when his addition to betting on basketball games catches up with him and he owes a local thug \$6,000.

Unable to pay his debt, O'Neill begs a wealthy friend to lend him the money.

Instead of just giving O'Neill the money, he asks him to coach a junior baseball team and he will be given \$500 a week to do so.

O'Neill reluctantly accepts the offer and, of course, goes to love the team.

This movie reminds me of a movie that starred cinematic giant Emilio Estevez, oh yeah, "The Mighty Ducks."

What once was a really crappy baseball team (in a really crappy movie), turns into a successful

team of young champions.

Too bad the movie never turned into anything successful.

Along with every other movie about junior sports, "Hardball" is a predictable movie littered with

incredibly un-funny attempts at humor. "Hardball" tries to be sad and touching in some parts, but since it is so predictable, it really has no effect.

This movie is as predictable as a Pauly Shore movie going straight

to video, but it does offer a few laughs, and that was due to the movie's soundtrack.

DMX, Notorious B.I.G. and Lil' Bow Wow — could the soundtrack suck any harder? The answer is no.

If you want to spend \$7.50 on a movie, go see something else. "Hardball" is going to have a "hard" time turning a profit at the box office.

— By Ryan Knaggs
Rip staff writer

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CORRECTION

In the Sept. 14 edition of The Rip, Kevin Calvin was incorrectly identified as the chief justice on the front page in a quote section. He is the trustee liaison. Christopher Smith is the chief justice. The Renegade Rip staff apologizes for the error.

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Small town, big dreams

Freshman quarterback's approach to offense a valuable 'option' for team.

BY LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College Renegades are running a new style of offense this season, but for Kevin Bryan, 19, the "option offense" is nothing new.

The 6'0", 190-pound sophomore who prepped at Burroughs High in Ridgecrest said this is an opportunity to show the skills that he acquired while playing the option for the Burros in high school. Bryan executed the offense well at Burroughs High as he passed for 1,301 yards for 10 touchdowns and rushed for 1,067 yards and scored 15 touchdowns.

Bryan has earned the starting position at BC this season after seeing limited action as a freshman. Bryan said that coaching is one of the reasons he chose BC.

"The coaching is great here," he said. "If you need help in any way, the coaches will help you in the best way they can."

Dallas Grider, head coach, said Bryan played well against a good Cerritos College team.

"Considering the size that he was up against, Bryan played well," Grider said. "He made some good adjustments and made some things happen for us."

Against Cerritos, Bryan combined some strong passing with some determined running to pick up crucial first downs when the 'Gades needed them the most. He also threw a timely 55-yard touchdown strike to Sammy Moore that gave BC the lead early

in the game. Despite his efforts, the 'Gades lost.

"It was a tough loss," Bryan said. "I wish we could have capitalized on plays in certain situations and won the game. I just wish we hadn't turned over the ball on key drives."

Bryan credited the speed of BC receiver Sammy Moore for some of his passing success.

"It's great to have a receiver like Sammy, I can just throw the ball and he will go get it. We just need to all play together as a team," he said.

Kyle Rivers, sophomore offensive lineman for the 'Gades, is Bryan's roommate. Rivers, who also prepped at Burroughs High as an offensive lineman, has great confidence in Bryan's ability to lead the team.

"He's exciting to watch," Rivers said. "He has the ability to lead the offense and make things happen. We just need to get our plays down as a unit and we will become more effective."

The defense also appreciates Bryan's capability as a leader.

"He's pretty good," said defensive back James McGill. "As the season goes along, he'll get even better. We will all get better as a team."

When Bryan, isn't on the football field, he enjoys playing video games with his friends or drawing, sketching cartoon characters and pictures. He maintains a 2.7 GPA in academics, but is undecided as far as his major.

"It's a tremendous opportunity to play for BC," Bryan said. "It feels great to come from a small school like Burroughs and start for a program for BC. I would like to go to a Division I school in California, but I will go where I can play and get my education."



NEIL KITCHEN / THE RIP

Kevin Bryan hones his skills during practice Tuesday for Saturday's game at Moorpark. Kickoff is scheduled at 7 p.m.

'Gades volleyball back in action for the 2001 season

A new coach combined with a diverse team with club experience work hard to defeat the competition.

BY TODD E. SWENSON
Rip staff photographer

With the new season just around the corner, the Renegade volleyball team is working hard.

New head coach Julie Ryan said she has high hopes for the coming season.

"They are really coming together well," Ryan said. "Their hard work will pay off."

Bakersfield has many opportunities for players to harness their talents and improve with the various club teams and good high school coaching.

The players for this year's team have come from many different high schools all over the county and into Southern California.

Many of the players come from club teams that have had great success in state wide competition.

Sophomore Kim Harper won two valley championships at Garces High School and was starting outside hitter for Dominican University, Cal Pac conference champions.

"She has the kind of experience that brings leadership to the team," Ryan said.

Freshman setter Heather Tape turned down a soccer scholarship from California State University, Bakersfield, to play volleyball at BC.

Tape was the No. 1 setter for Stockdale High School and the Kern River Volleyball Club.

Her club team took seventh at nationals. Tape, three-time Southwest Yosemite League champion, has a lot to bring to the team.

Freshman Lindsay Westendorff, who red-shirted for CSUB last year, transferred to BC this fall.

Freshman Stacey Segeberg, of Phelan, Calif, is hearing impaired.

The team has adapted to the communication barrier well, Ryan said. Segeberg is a talented player, she said.

Along with the new players, the team's new coach has experienced her own success in the sport.

Ryan played professional

"They are really coming together well. Their hard work will pay off."

—Julie Ryan
Women's head volleyball coach

volleyball in a San Diego United States Professional Volleyball league in 1996 and 1997.

During the past four years Ryan has coached both at the club and collegiate levels.

"She works us hard in practice, especially during conditioning," said freshman outside hitter, Cora Crisler.

While Ryan is new to the league, she has heard many things about the top teams.

She anticipates College of the Canyons to be the Gades' toughest match.

"These are tough girls," Ryan said. "They are not afraid of competition."

Ryan works the women hard at practice to get them ready for the tough matches that they will play this season.

Conditioning is used to build strength and endurance in the players so that they may compete at a higher level. She said she is looking forward to the season and has high hopes for the players development.

"I want the girls to take something good away, whatever it is," she said.



TODD E. SWENSON / THE RIP
Shanda Grant bumps the ball during practice while Deanna Castillo prepares for the next play.

American sports community will recover

Sept. 11, 2001 will be a day that we remember for the rest of our lives. On this day, Osama bin Laden and his terrorist scum hammered not only New York and Washington, D.C., but the heart of America. The tragic image of destruction affected us all.

When the World Trade Center came tumbling down, so did an essence of American tradition and pride: sports. Not only did officials shut down sports at the professional level, but at the college and high school levels as well.

Somewhat it doesn't seem right that this idiot and his followers can attack our way of life to the extent that we cancel America's favorite pastimes.

As I flipped through the TV



ON THE FIELD

Leanne Cave
Staff Writer

channels a few days after the tragedy, I felt a strange feeling in the pit of my stomach when the screen flashed empty stadiums across the country on a national network.

What sends a more patriotic and powerful message to the world than a jam-packed stadium of united Americans wearing our colors,

saluting our flag and every single fan in the stands singing the national anthem? Doesn't it proclaim that we as a nation will not be broken? What better way to conquer the enemy? Our stadiums need to be full of cheering fans watching and enjoying what we love.

At times I feel like I want to echo the sentiments of Emmitt Smith, running back of the Dallas Cowboys, who stated, "My initial thought was taken from the logical standpoint of listening to what the president said about how we need to pick up and move forward. But as you look at the tragic stories in depth, it just seems like a good time to spend a weekend with our family."

Yes, we need a time of mourning.

Yes, we need a time to remember, and yes, we need a time to pray. There are more important things in life than sports. But there is nothing more important than standing up for what is right. We don't want to let the terrorists think that they have won.

America, play ball and don't look back. Stand united and stand proud when you attend a sports event.

I, for one, am glad that sports across America will continue to resume this weekend. This will be a chance for Americans to show the world our pride and spirit. We cannot let hateful terrorists acts keep us from exercising our right to freedom. When we do, then we will be defeated as a nation.

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Left: Pam Soler portrays Paulina in "A Winter's Tale" as she tries to convince the king that the queen's baby is not a bastard.

Center: Megan Johnson (Mamilius) tells Candace Zent (Hermione) and Guinevere Park-Hall (Hesperia) a story.

Below: Zent, Park-Hall and MandyLi May attempt to convince the king that Hermione is not committing adultery.

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Twice the Play

Annual Shakespeare festival opens Oct. 3 and features romance and comedy for all ages.

BY AMBER GARCIA
Rip staff writer

A flourish of uncomfortable dresses, ruffled shirts and a rushed but content look on the actors faces. This was the scene at a 17th Annual Kern Shakespeare Festival rehearsal.

And they haven't even gone on stage yet.

For four weeks now, the actors, directors and "techies" have been rehearsing the two plays "The Winter's Tale" and "As You Like It." While the crew will tell you it's twice the hard work, they also will admit to being pretty excited.

"Well, hopefully we'll get an excellent outcome and have a large audience," said 17-year-old BC student Jarrod Ackerley, who's playing a lord and a shepherd in "The Winter's Tale" and the male lead, Orlando, in "As You Like It." "I think both of the casts are extremely strong and people are out there willing to play their parts and

everyone is doing what they have to do to get their stuff done and make sure their part is solid. I think everything will come together in the end and the outcome will be the same as it has been for the Shakespeare Festival in past years. I think people will definitely enjoy it."

Like Ackerley, many of the actors are appearing in both productions, which means twice the amount of costume changes and stress backstage.

"It'll probably be crazy because we have to go from so many different costumes," said 23-year-old BC and CSUB student Cory Rickard, playing Mopsa in "The Winter's Tale" and the female lead Rosalind in "As You Like It."

"I have to go from a chick to a guy in a matter of seconds and then go back to a chick in a matter of less seconds, so it'll probably be pretty crazy."

Although, Rickard said, it's worth it. "It's really fun," she said. "It's a lot

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Mailroom move prompts concern

BY HENRY FRANCO
Rip staff writer

After more than 30 years in the same location, the Bakersfield College faculty mailroom is making a change. The mailroom is being merged with shipping and receiving, bringing its new home to the BC bookstore.

Philosophy professor Dr. Jack Hernandez said the campus community will be affected by the move, which is expected to happen in late October.

"As the college has spread out and grown, there are fewer opportunities for faculty to run into one another, and the mailroom provided one of those opportunities," he said. "It was also a place where people could post various things, little notices posted from different organizations as well as personal notices and that were important, too."

Hernandez has been a professor at BC since 1961 and is nostalgic about the mailroom move.

"The mailroom was originally (in) the administration building right where the reception desk is. And faculty not only ran into faculty but you also ran into administrators," he said. "Because they were there and you just had a chance to informally talk to them. So I think it's unfortunate that the move of the mailroom will remove that particular opportunity for us."

Robert Day, BC bookstore director, said that the mailroom move will prove to be a more efficient way of distributing mail on campus.

"The idea is that if we have a single drop point (for mail) on campus we're not going to lose any packages, we can assure prompt delivery and all the positive things that go with that," he said.

Safety on campus also was a factor in the decision to move the mailroom, Day said.

"It will curtail a lot of cross traffic on campus. There are big trucks,

semis currently going across. The thought was just safety for students."

The bookstore will serve as the single destination for all mail arriving on the BC campus after the current renovations are complete.

The mail will then be distributed out to the various departments on campus and will be sorted out by that department's secretary.

Day said faculty shouldn't worry receiving their mail later under the new system.

"One of the things we're going to do is we will be calling (the faculty) and give them the option of coming to get it. Most people if they need it really bad will come get it immediately."

The mailroom move also will provide some much-needed job training, according to Day.

"When shipping and receiving and everybody gets in here we'll do cross-training. Because right now, if somebody in the mailroom gets sick, the mailroom literally shuts down," he said. "It doesn't make sense for the whole place to shut down. So with the Shipping and Receiving people here it will go on. So the cross-training will handle those problems."

Speech instructor Dr. Mark Staller is concerned about the many new people who will handle the mail.

"I think it's going to give more responsibility to the department secretaries," he said. "They have to sort out the mail but what if you have a secretary that doesn't want to. Before someone was just stuffing the mail in the boxes. I'm not sure how it's going to be more efficient but we'll have to wait and see."

English Department secretary Angela Thompson will be handling the mail for the English faculty once the change is made.

"It will be different, but there should be a little more notification to everyone. Because we should be more prepared. I'd like more detailed information about what we need to do," she said.



ARON VIETT / THE RIP

Nathan Ante delivers packages from the United Postal Service in the BC mailroom.

Transfer Day attendance affected by national crisis

BY ESTELLA AGUILAR
Rip staff writer

Attendance at Transfer Day at Bakersfield College was significantly lower than expected due to the national crisis. Many students who would normally attend the event were unable to do so because of the terrorist attacks on September 11. The college administration is working to provide support for these students and is planning to offer alternative ways to complete their coursework.

Muslim student drops BC after harassment

BY ESTELLA AGUILAR
Rip staff writer

She was minding her own business eating breakfast on Sept. 11 in the campus cafeteria when it happened.

The 20-year-old biology major, who was dressed in a skirt, blouse and a hijab, a traditional scarf, was surprised when two white male students approached her.

"(Expletive) you. Go back to your country. Go back, you terrorist Arab," one of the young men told her, mispronouncing the word "Arab."

The student, who asked to remain anonymous for this story, heard similar words from his friend.

She ignored them and they left. She went on to class. It was Sept. 11, the day of the terrorist attack. The Muslim student dropped out of BC

"We can't allow terrorists to take our freedom, and those students need support more now than ever."

— Shohreh Rahman

ESL/International student counselor

the following week.

She and her family made a decision that it was not safe to be on the BC campus for this period of time.

Because of her fears, she has to put education on hold for one semester, which will set her graduation goal back further.

But she definitely plans on returning next semester.

"Not all Muslims are terrorists. We are very much against terrorism. Muslims are people. Islam is the religion of Muslims," she said.

need to be aware it happened, that it happened here, that it's part of the tragedy, and need to speak out in support. Not only in school, but also in their neighborhoods and family," he said.

"The fact that this nation is the one with the many freedoms draws foreign students here," said Shohreh Rahman, ESL/international student counselor. "We can't allow terrorists to take our freedom, and these students need support more now than ever," she said. According to Muslim Student Association President Wala Rasheed, "Four to five students are not coming to school who are in the nursing program."

"We are Americans, we are not going to stand by and be mistreated. This is all our crisis, we're all hurt, we're all sad. Don't judge us because Islam is our religion," she said.

Fire up the Grill

Students, alumni gather for day of barbecue, music to help school's athletics program.

BY SUERAINA VALDERRAMA
Rip staff writer

The Alumni Association of Bakersfield College held its 47th annual barbecue at Memorial Stadium last week, its main fundraiser of the year.

Friends and family were welcomed and for entertainment, the new and improved BC Renegade Pep Band performed.

The program also consisted of introducing the 2001-2002 football team, cheerleaders as well as the seasonal sports of this year.

"This was always our main event, something we look forward to every year," said Dallas Grider, the head football coach at BC, "and we certainly appreciate the effort of the Alumni Association."

Clarence Medders, and former city mayor said, "The alumni gathering is to support the football team."

But Sally Hill, a psychology professor and association secretary, explained that the association gives scholarships to academic students as well as athletic students.

Hill enjoyed the Pep Band, she said.

"They did a great job, considering they are all just volunteers from the community who just want to play their instruments," she said.

Sumet Bath, Associated Student Body president, also attended the event. She was unaware that the Pep Band was "not just students," she said.

"This was always our main event, something we look forward to every year, and we certainly appreciate the effort of the Alumni Association."

— Dallas Grider
Head Football Coach

Luke Peet, promotions assistant of KERN radio also enjoyed the music.

"The Pep Band is good. I think it is good to evoke this type of spirit (referring to the volunteers of the band) in the community because it seems like Bakersfield doesn't have the college culture community."

Robert Martinez, director of instrumental music who directed the band, was pleased with the performance.

"They excited the crowd and that was our job."

Some people picked up their meal and went home, which consisted of chicken or steak, salad, beans and bread.

"Some people buy tickets, they come and get their food and take it home with them," said Moriah Miller, who works in food service at BC.

"We even have some people buy tickets, and never even show up for the food. They just buy the tickets because the money goes to the college," she said.



TOOD E. SWENSON / THE RIP
Three-and-a-half-year-old Sean Jaramillo dances to the music at the annual barbecue.

SHAKESPEARE: 'As You Like It,' 'The Winter's Tale' take center stage at Indoor Theater

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Randy Messick, the director of "The Winter's Tale," said the festival allows people to see two of Shakespeare's plays that aren't as well known as "Hamlet" or "Romeo and Juliet."

"Oh, I think people are really gonna enjoy it," he said. "As You Like It" as you know is very funny, set in the '60s. It's very clever, lots of great tunes in it. And "The Winter's Tale" of course is a great show written at the end of

Shakespeare's career when he was really firing on all cylinders, and it's not done that often. So, I think that'll be fun and exciting for people to get to see a show that you don't get a chance to see very often."

This year's Shakespeare festival is slightly different from previous ones. Aside from taking on two plays at once, the show will be performed in the Indoor Theater, and includes a score of actors, said Bob Kempf, the director of "As You Like It."

"Well, this one has involvement from actors from the community and

guest actors from New York and Los Angeles," he said. "We're doing two plays at once, rather than just one, so there's a lot of people involved in doing twice the work at once. It's a major endeavor."

Kempf said he estimates 80 percent of the actors are students and 20 percent are professional and community actors.

Ackerly described it as the biggest local theater production this year.

"I would consider the Shakespeare festival to be the

biggest event of the year," Ackerly said. "The biggest local theater, acting event. 'Cause they put on ballets and what not at the Convention Center that are pretty big, but as far as acting goes in local community theater, I'd say that the Shakespeare festival is probably the biggest event."

Most people who don't act have a hard time imagining themselves on stage, but many of the actors said they try to make the roles their own.

"I try to make every role personal," Rickard said. "How I

would be if I was in that situation and then add some other character things to it that aren't as much me. But every role is personal. I hope to show a change."

"A dynamic from being one way, to change perspectives in my life and then hopefully a better person at the end," he said.

While the backstage may be chaotic and the rehearsals are stressing, Ackerly said it's all for the feeling the actors get on stage.

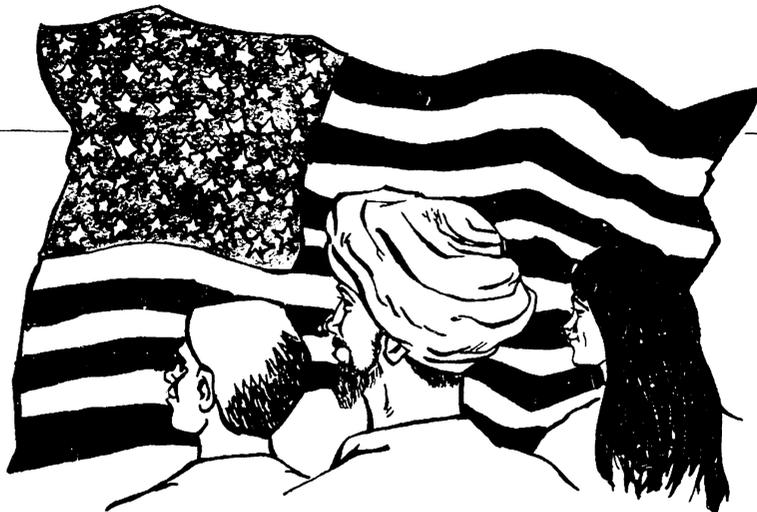
"I hate rehearsals," he said. "The shows are wonderful. When a show

goes up, there's nothing like being out there. Hearing when the audience claps, if you know that they think you've done a really good job."

Hamlet asked a good question in his famous soliloquy, but one that goes unanswered is the power of Shakespeare's mainstay in modern society.

"I think it's a number of things," Kempf said. "People always say tie thing about Shakespeare is the human experiences that we see in Shakespeare, happen to us today too," he said.

It's nice to stroll down the long halls of academia, but there's something to be said for completion.



TIFFANY KUEHL / THE RIP

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We will stand united

All faiths must join to fight 'terrorist reasoning'

Why Allah (God) allow killings, suicide and terror? I put this great question to Emam Khalif from King Fahad Mosque to give the great Islamic answer. Allah says in the Holy Quran (4:79): "All good comes from Allah, the bad comes from what your own hands do."

We only have finite understanding, to try and understand Allah's infinite will and absolute goodness. "Humanity is created to worship Allah," says the Quran. "This entire life is a test and a challenge to prove who is a true believer or truly do not believe in (God) Allah."

Allah is absolutely good before this existence, during and after. We must try to understand that this life will not make sense without the goal and justice of the future afterlife. The ultimate good or evil

is hinged on those who believe or don't believe there is divine reward and punishment for what we do in this life at the beginning of the next life.

There will be two parts to the next life existence, one for the good people and another for the bad. If a Muslim commits suicide and kills someone, we're not supposed to attend their funerals, even if we pray for them they still must pay for their actions.

Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) says the life of a non-Muslim is the same/sacred as a Muslim's life. If a Muslim takes a non-Muslim's life (unjustly) he

(Muslim) will be punished, it is believed, in the afterlife. The Holy Quran (2:62) said, "even if you are Jew, Christian or Muslim and believe in Allah and do right, you will get your reward from Allah."

Allah says we have the same values and beliefs, same Allah or God. Jews, Christians and Muslims same righteousness and will be in the same heaven or paradise.

Allah says we have the same values and beliefs, same Allah or God. Jews, Christians and Muslims have the same righteousness and will be in the same heaven or paradise.

On earth Allah says we can eat each other's food, goods and other good things we exchange and even marry each other. Allah and Prophet Mohammed do

not will or teach us to be enemies. Satan and his lies and his people do.

Muslims became alarmed when President Bush said "crusade." A thousand years ago Muslims and Christians were in a world war. Pope John Paul apologized for the Christians starting crusades and killing countless innocent Muslims.

We must work together, fighting the great religious lies and text perversions that produce fanatics, oppression, extremism and terrorists among any people or religions.

We pray these Islamic truths reveal the contradictions, illegitimate premises and misuse of Islam for any of their extremist and terrorist reasoning and actions.

Walaa Rasheed
President, Muslim Student Association of Bakersfield College

Out of the ashes comes caring

It was Tuesday morning and I was getting ready for school when I turned on the television to watch the news. I found myself confused, looking at a building with a plane through it. My confusion was finally resolved when a reporter spoke of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Building.

I was shocked about the attack and how they were using our planes against us. When I arrived at school all the students were talking about the awful tragedy that shook the entire nation.

As the day went on, I heard people talking about the second plane hijacking which ended as another suicide bomb attack on the World Trade Center.

The pain of the victims and their relatives, everybody felt as a whole nation. Some students and teachers had brothers, sisters, parents, or relatives that were victims of this terrible tragedy.

The question on everybody's mind was what or who can possibly drive the terrorists to do this terrible cowardly act by killing

hundreds and thousands of innocent people.

When the president addressed the nation he stated that before taking any action against the terrorists we must first help the victims of the attack.

He asked the nation to help in any way they could. Some of my friends and I donated food, clothing, blood and other necessities after school.

We were amazed by the number of people that were helping out and by doing that we're showing the terrorists that this is a strong nation and we are willing to help our fellow Americans.

Sept. 11, 2001 will always be remembered. This cowardly act will add an extra chapter to our children's history books. I will remember this day as the day when the nation stood together as one great free nation.

To all those that died may their souls rest in peace and may all of our prayers go out to them and their families.

Theo Garcia
BC Student

Don't build walls of hatred, bias

We the club of Intersvarsity Fellowship at Bakersfield College proclaim our views through this letter about the way American Muslims should be treated at our college and throughout America. Our club is against any act of hate toward anyone in our college, community, and country because of their ethnicity or religion.

What happened in our country on Tuesday, Sept. 11 was an act of violence carried out by a terrorist group with an evil intent. Although the evidence supports specific Arab Muslims took these actions, it does not mean that all Arab Muslims of America support the terrorist

activities. We should in no way connect our American Arab or Muslim friends with what has happened.

Our sorrow is shared, I am sure, with the majority of American Arabs and Muslims over the tragic events that have served to unite our nation. Let us not begin to build walls of prejudice and hate that will only serve to divide us.

It is important to place blame where it belongs. We are one nation united under God. To the Arab and/or Muslim students on campus: please let us know any specific concerns that we can either pray for or help address.

Jacob Turner
President, Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship

On-campus vendors are here to stay

BY RYAN KNAGGS
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College is about learning, reading, writing and oh yeah, money. BC generates money through many entities, such as the bookstore, food sales and soda machines. But why does BC allow vendors to set up shop within our hallways in order to make money for themselves?

We've all seen the guys selling incense by the Fireside Room or the people selling pictures in the quad area. How do these vendors get permission to sell on the BC campus?

"We pay a \$50 daily fee to Student Activities and they give us a one day parking permit," said Eric Stanley of Cingular Wireless, who had a stand set up on campus.

This sets up a great scenario for both the vendors and Bakersfield College. Having vendors at BC gives the vendors a place to advertise and it helps the school by receiving funds that can help the students.

But do vendors pose more of a distraction on a campus rather than a service?

A number of students asked about vendors at BC said they pose no problems. Sumet Bath, Associated Students of Bakersfield College president, supports the idea of vendors at BC because they make services easily available for students.

Vendors do not pose a threat as a distraction in any way. Unlike money-hungry solicitors who aggressively seek out easy prey on campus and who pressure people on a regular basis, vendors let the customer come to them. Furthermore, vendors let customers make decisions on their own terms without pressure tactics. These reasons alone prove that vendors cannot be labeled a distraction.

However, one student, Seth Winter, 20, said he found some sale merchandise offensive.

"I don't have a problem with the vendors at BC, but I do find it offensive for them to sell things endorsing illegal activities such as the picture of Bob Marley smoking reefer marijuana cigarettes," he said.

Winter's statement does carry some weight. When vendors display such pictures as illegal drug use, this material is open for all to see.

So what? Here is what's wrong with this. As any BC student can attest to, this campus is often subject to field trips by elementary school kids.

Kids tour the campus at ages as young as 6 years old. Do we want young children seeing this kind of balderdash? Do we want a bunch of kiddie bud smoking hippies running around BC?

Except for displaying offensive material in public, vendors serve a valid purpose and are a good addition to BC. They give us the convenience of services at school and they allow us to take our minds off of school work and focus on the not-so-stressful aspects of life.

How else can you buy a dozen sticks of incense, a framed picture and sign up for a cellular phone plan all within 100 feet? Vendors are part of campus life and won't be going away any time soon.



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What is the best way to stay awake in a boring class?

Mike Hooper, Culinary Arts: "Listen to the radio, headphones, Gameboy."

Anna Meltz, History: "Drink a lot of coffee before class."

Anthony Lewis, Undecided: "The best way to stay awake in a boring class... the thing I do is I start talking to people. Talk to the person next to me."

Anneliese Livesey, Undecided: "Stand up in the back."

Wesley Villalon, Philosophy: "The best way to stay awake is to take methamphetamines."

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John Liccardo, a Bakersfield College health and physical education teacher, chats with Alicia Aleman at Meet Your Professor Day.

'Meet your Prof'

Students greet their teachers at campus event

BY RYAN KNAGGS
Rip staff writer

The Associated Students of Bakersfield College sponsored "Meet Your Professor Day" in the Fireside Room on Tuesday. This event was organized to let teachers and students meet in an informal setting away from lectures, notes and tests.

From noon to 3 p.m., students were given the opportunity to talk with instructors one-on-one.

Sumet Bath, ASBC president explained why students chose to carry out such an event.

"One of the concerns that we saw was that not all students knew who their professors were," she said. "If we got to meet them, then they might want to take his or her class."

Another member of the ASBC, Terri Bracamonte, vice president of communications, played a key role in organizing "Meet Your Professor Day."

"I took an idea that Sumet had planned

"It's nice to come in and informally talk to students," — Bill Dempke
Chair of Business and Public Administration

last year. I took the ball and made it happen," said Bracamonte. "For our first 'Meet Your Professor Day,' it was great. The students that did come were fortunate to be able to ask some good questions about future professors and their teaching styles, and to get to know their personality."

Manuel Gonzalez, director of EOP&S, said the event would help students plan for future classes.

"It gives the students a chance to meet some of the teachers on campus, and maybe even decide on who they want to take for the next semester. I think it's a great idea," he said.

The Fireside Room also was host to faculty who serve as division chairs here. "It's nice to come in and informally talk to students," said Bill Dempke who serves as the chair of the Business and Public Administration Division.

Some professors and faculty said the event was beneficial.

"I've had three, ten minute conversations with different students. I think that's that whole point of it, to relax and actually get to know your instructors and the instructors to know the students," said speech professor Mark Staller. Student Zucchinni Hubbard-Blanche said students can gain a more personal view of teachers.

"They can meet their instructors on a more personal level," she said. "At Cal State, I've experienced you don't really get to meet the instructors."

At "Meet Your Professor Day" students and professors were treated to good conversation as well as tasty refreshments by the student body leaders.

Campus closes early Friday to save energy costs

BY HENRY FRANCO
Rip staff writer

A Friday noon closing on the Bakersfield College campus is the latest change resulting from California's rising energy costs. A college decision was made this summer so that BC can save money.

"The closure is expected to save up to \$32,000 in energy costs," said Brent Rush, public information specialist at BC.

"We have seen a lot of rate increases over the last year, so that number will do nothing but go higher," he said. "That's the bare minimum of savings over this next school year."

Economics were a major factor in the Friday noon closure decision, according to Rush.

"Bakersfield College is an industrial classification when it comes to power, so we get hit with the largest increases by PG&E, higher than residential or anything else, so the closure on Friday afternoons is just one way to recoup a little bit of that (loss)," he said.

Lack of campus activity was also a large factor that Friday was chosen, Rush said.

"Friday afternoons there is not a lot of activity, there is not a lot of classes. Students generally don't want to take classes on Friday afternoons or especially Friday

night," said Rush.

Among the campus services no longer being offered on Friday afternoon are Admissions and Records, the BC Bookstore, and the library, the cafeteria and Supportive Services.

The effects of the Friday noon closure are being felt throughout the campus.

English professor Marci Lingo has mixed feelings about the closure.

"I suppose that I feel that if there is significant savings that it's justified. I do feel that some accommodations need to be made, perhaps for things that really need to go on Friday afternoons. (For example) I now can't participate in

an English placement reading because it has to be on Friday morning and I teach Friday mornings," said Lingo.

Students also are feeling the change in Friday's new schedule, which began the second week of school.

BC student Alicia Cordova said she has had to make adjustments to her Friday afternoons.

"I used to go to the computer lab on Fridays after my last class," she said. "But, I guess I will have to find some time on the weekend to go, even though I work."

Rush said he has heard of no concerns about the new Friday hours.



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'GADE NEWSLINE

Faculty approves 16-week semester

Bakersfield College faculty members approved a proposed 16-week semester that is expected to take effect in the fall of 2002. In a campus-wide vote, 120 teachers voted in favor of adopting the 16-week semester, while 56 voted to keep the 18-week semester, according to Susan McQuerry, president of the Academic Senate.

Auditions for winter play announced

Open auditions for the Bakersfield College theater department's production of "Latinus Anonymous" will be held Monday, Oct. 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. in SAM 107. Actors will be asked to read from the script with no monologue required. The play will be performed in the BC Indoor Theater Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1, 6, 7 and 8. For more information, contact Kimberly Chin at 395-4388.

Shakespeare fest tickets go on sale

Tickets are now available for the Kern Shakespeare Festival. This year's presentations are "The Winter's Tale" and "As You Like It." Both shows will be presented in the BC Indoor Theater Wednesday through Saturday evenings Oct. 3 through 20. Employee tickets are \$5. Call 395-4326 for more details.

Open meeting planned for Oct. 8

BC President Dr. Sandra Serrano has scheduled a "president's open meeting" on Monday, Oct. 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the ASBC Executive Board Room. All students and employees are welcome to attend.

Forensics wins big in year's first event

The BC Forensics Team had a "fantastic beginning" at the Raisin Center Invitational, according to forensics adviser Helen Acosta. Team members earned top awards in events such as parliamentary debate, persuasion, poetry interpretation, dramatic interpretation, impromptu speaking and extemporaneous speaking. The team took second place overall in the community college division.

—Compiled by Jarrod M. Graham
Online Editor

MOVIE MINUTE

Based on the book written by Louis de Bienes, "Captain Corelli's Mandolin" is nothing more than your basic "chick flick," with its romantic plot and historical backdrop. Nicola Cage plays Italian army officer Antonio Corelli, a cheerful, singing mandolin player who was sent with soldiers to take over a small Greek island.

He meets a strong-willed woman named Pelagia (Penelope Cruz), who is the village doctor's daughter. Their relationship grows

as they have no choice but to share her father's home and help each other to survive the terrors of the German army in World War II.

To those who are into romantic war movies, then "Captain Corelli's Mandolin" would be perfect to watch. While an R-rated movie, it includes only brief episodes of violence and a scene where topless women horseplay with Italian soldiers. Besides that, this movie is nothing but a bore.

—By Sueraine Valderrama
Rip staff writer



Antonio Corelli (Nicolas Cage) has a jovial personality and a passion for the mandolin.

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Wall of Fame

BC Adaptive Physical Education class teaches students to reach for goals.

BY HENRY FRANCO
Rip staff writer

Adaptive Physical Education student Amanda Drath takes the slogan "Attitude is contagious" to heart. The slogan is posted on the wall of her classroom, a setting that she says is filled with friendship.

"We come here to commune with each other," she says. "It's more like a home with friends so it's been great."

Drath is one the many students enrolled in Adaptive Physical Education, a program that specializes in providing individualized exercise training to students with disabilities within a social gym setting. She has been an Adaptive Physical Education student for two and a half years and credits others in the program with helping her reach the goals she set for herself.

"Everybody has been very influential in helping me lose weight and keep my epilepsy under control and helping me with my physical disabilities," she said. "I have a muscle disability in my left arm and they're like my physical therapists. Everybody that I have met in this class I became friends with and I am still friends with. So, they've been very influential and now I'm more athletic than I ever was before."

Helping these students feel the benefit of exercise is the key to their success, according to instructor Kathy Moretti, who started the program in 1986.

"These students whose pictures are on the wall, my wall of fame, they're students from last semester who have achieved their fitness goals," she said. "I am very goal-oriented, and I try to encourage my students to be very goal-oriented and when they accomplish their goals they get their picture up. It's a tribute to people that fulfill their goals."

Moretti started the adaptive fitness program with only four students, and now has six classes with more than 200 students.

The overall program provides fundamentals



Shane White, left, is assisted by Cal Campbell in the adaptive physical ed class.

of exercise physiology, exercise training routines and instruction on proper nutrition.

Communication within the gym environment is important to Moretti, especially when it comes to the health of her students.

"I talk to every student personally about their background, about what medication they might be on," she said. "Because some of the medication will inhibit heart rate from going faster. We also take blood pressure and we do a pre-test of their heart rate at the beginning of the semester."

Helping Moretti provide her students with the proper exercise training are her two assistants, Cal Campbell and Steven Dulcich.

Campbell enjoys being a part of the adaptive fitness program, which includes helping students begin a personal training program.

"It gives you a sense of well-being just being able to help people," he said. "Some days, you may feel like the weight of the world is on your shoulders and then you have a student come in and they have more of a disadvantage than you and you see them with a great smile and a great disposition. If somebody comes in with a great attitude it makes you feel good."

According to Moretti, many students will benefit from being a part of adaptive fitness.

"This is a room where you get stronger so you can do activities in your life," she said. "It's like a catalyst to go out there in the world and do activities that you always wanted to do."

Home opener pits 'Gades vs. Ventura

BY LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The Ventura College Pirates will come to town on Saturday hoping to catch the Bakersfield College Renegades off guard in the home opener for BC at Memorial Stadium at 7 p.m.

Head coach Dallas Grider said that while the Pirates are a young football team, they should be as scrappy as always.

"This will be a good game," Grider said. "Ventura beat Santa Barbara and played tough against two good Mission Conference teams, but came up short. It goes to show that we (the Mountain Conference) aren't strong enough to beat the Mission Conference teams. We came the closest to beating a Mission team, Cerritos, but fell short."

Ventura coach Terry Morris is excited about the matchup against the Gades.

"(We) feel good about playing a national power like BC," he says. "They are a measuring stick to where we are. We have a real young team and we will do the best we can."

So far the 'Gades are 1-1 this season, while Ventura is 1-2.

After the 21-19 setback to Cerritos College and the cancellation of the expected home opener against West Hills, the 'Gades took matters into their own hands when they played Moorpark on Sept. 22 and totally dismantled the hometown Raiders, 49-3.

This was especially sweet for the 'Gades following the Cerritos loss because they beat up the highly touted Raiders on their home field. They stomped the home team in every phase of the game; offense, defense and special teams.

It looked as if it was going to be a repeat of the Cerritos game in the first quarter as Moorpark came out smokin' with a good passing attack and some tough running that led to a 30-yard field goal by Moorpark kicker Christian Thomsen. This gave the Pirates the lead 3-0 with 6:54 left in the first quarter.

But the second quarter was all BC as the offensive exploded for 35 points. The dynamic quarterback duo of Kevin Bryan and Dennis DuBois combined for 185 yards and three touchdowns to lead the way.

Robert Thomas, who gained 132 yards rushing for the day, dazzled the crowd with an elusive 62-yard touchdown run and the 'Gades never looked back. Receiver Sammy Moore caught a 41-yard aerial strike from DuBois and tight end Russell Handy grabbed three catches on the day, one a 10-yard touchdown pass from Bryan.

The offensive show was exciting.

"It feels good to execute the option like we did," Moore said. "Both quarterbacks have a different style, both have good arms, can run and can execute the option. Our offense is a more complete package."



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