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Fans cheer on Wall and Diane Ochoa as they run with the Torch earlier in January. The Winter Games began today in Salt Lake City.

Wall said the ability to carry the torch is another example of the importance of kindness. "This is really neat experience. I am nervous, I have given speeches all over the world, I've been on TV, so I wasn't nervous, I would say there is something really wrong with me before the run. Wall and all other runners were chatted to their respective locations on the route.

"It was so inspiring to see the other people," he said.

The Olympic torch traditionally has been lit in Olympia, Greece, and transported by runners several days to the world in the Olympics. It will arrive in Salt Lake City, Utah today. The torch tradition began in 1936 as a copy of the ancient torch used in Greece's Olympic Games.

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American Taliban fighter should not be tried in federal court, but with his comrades.

BY JESSICA C. MULHAN

John Walker Lindh entered his last day of hearings without ever speaking in his own defense. He seemed resigned to his fate, and many wondered why he should be on trial at all.

On one side, Lindh is an American Taliban fighter who was convicted of terrorism in 2002. On the other, he is a man who took up arms against the U.S. military and who is now being tried in a U.S. court.

Lindh has been in prison since 2002, after being captured in Afghanistan. He is one of the few American Taliban fighters who were captured and brought to the U.S. for trial.

Government attorneys argue that Lindh should be tried in a federal court because he was a member of a federal crime, the Taliban.

Lindh's lawyers argue that he is a member of the Taliban, but that he was simply a soldier who was fighting in a foreign war.

The case has raised questions about the rights of American prisoners of war. Some have argued that Lindh should be tried in a court in Afghanistan, where he was captured. Others have argued that he should be tried in a U.S. court because he was captured on American soil.

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Lindh is currently serving a 20-year sentence for his role in the Taliban.

Denying same-sex marriage only prevents equality

BY AMBER GARCIA

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Playoff hopes ride on final games

BY LEANNE CAVE
Staff writer

Four games left.

For the Bakersfield College men’s basketball team, the season is winding down and the results are crucial for the Roadrunners if they hope to drive a wedge in the playoffs. This is especially true since the ‘Gades played the second half of the regular season home game against Santa Monica and will finish up with the last four games on the road.

BC is in third place in the Western State Conference Southern Division behind Santa Monica and first place Los Angeles Valley.

Coach Jeff Hughes said that the positive factor for BC is that the remaining road games are against teams the ‘Gades could beat.

"We will be playing on the road against teams with losing records and we are playing well at this point of the season," he said.

The ‘Gades improved their overall record to 14-12 (5-2 inWSC)on Feb. 2, when they traveled to Cebus and knocked off West Los Angeles 53-47, to earn their first road victory of the season.

Consistent outside shooting played a major role in the game as Garrett Brown nailed five 3-point shots to lead the ‘Gades in a key conference win.

On Jan. 30, the ‘Gades put together a solid second half team performance as they beat Glendale College 68-49.

The victory was especially sweet for BC since the ‘Gades were without Joe Pulitizer and Quincy Williams, who were suspended for the game due to an altercation in the Citrus game the previous Saturday.

Johnny Miller, who scored six points for BC said, "It was an important game for us, to win.

BC took control of the game in the second half when Bryson Goldstein stepped up with some key baskets.

The ‘Gades take their show on the road beginning Feb. 3 at College of the Canyons. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Spring sports gear up as winter winds down

BY DEMETRISIS BLACKMAN
Sports Editor

The crack of the bat, the snap over hurdles and the electric excitement are all signs that the second half of the spring season has begun at Bakersfield College.

BC has eight teams that compete in the Western State Conference during the second half of the school year, with men and women’s basketball returning from the fall calendar.

The women’s basketball team gets off to a slow start, but head coach Panic Dougall was all smiles during the Jan. 30 win against Glendale.

The team reached the 100-point mark for the first time in two years.

"We were running the floor really well. We were playing with a lot of confidence," Dougall said after the game.

A cold snap in the weather department at the end of January has not cooled the spirits of the BC baseball and softball teams. BC opened its season by beating the Elusa corporation tournament Feb. 1st at Gery Collins Field. The Roadrunners finished the tournament strong by beating Tall.

The ‘Gades came out swinging pitchers from last year’s squad, which finished the season 20-23, as well as the team’s Most Valuable Player, outfielder Sean Alexander.

Sophomore Sean Source, an honorable mention all division selection from last season, and Ryan Mark are two of the most experienced pitchers on the team, which consists of 11 freshmen.

The ‘Gades host the BC Light Brigade tournament at Gery Collins Field Feb. 22 to 24 before beginning their league season against Glendale on Feb. 25 at Glendale. The two teams will play again on March 2 at Gery Collins Field.

The BC women’s softball team brings solid coaching and talent into the 2002 season after finishing last year 24-17-1 (18-7 WSC)."
BC hopes growth will pay off soon

BY RACHEL CROSBY
Editor-in-Chief

Bakersfield College enrollment increased 8 percent during the fall semester, according to vice president of enrollment management, and the college will have to work out many more details. The reason, according to finds, is because growth in Bakersfield College enrollment shows the trend of BC having more money and more money, which will be used for more student aid. The college has been growing and has purchased more student aid awards.

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Free tutoring helps students pass classes

BY READDAYS
Life staff writer

Most people don't realize how much tutoring benefits students and instructors at Bakersfield College. Tutoring is a one-on-one connection and the classroom in different from the tutoring.

"It's individuals working with other individuals," said Kelly Noyes, a professor who teaches science. The grants are not free, but some instructors can guide students with learning skills, according to finds. Those instructors, who have been working for a year.

The tutoring is available to all students at BC and is completely free. But not everyone uses the tutoring, she said. In the fall, the center treated 437 people, for a total of 1,200 hours of tutoring. On a given day that month, there were more than 60 appointments, and a single today, she said. That means that the tutoring is not free, but some instructors can guide students with learning skills, according to finds. Those instructors, who have been working for a year.

Tribal Traditions

Native Americans celebrate culture through dance.

BY RODDY LLAMAS
Life staff writer

Evelyn Ocasio danced in a diamond dress. The diamond on the bottom of her skirt was in the classroom of her grandmother, a former Bakersfield College instructor. She was one of several dancers who celebrated tribal traditions on Feb. 11 in the Free Speech area on campus.

Each tribe has its own symbols, and the Bakersfield College Indian tribe is no exception, said Rodney Rodriguez, a former Bakersfield College instructor. The event was part of the Native American Cultural American Club's efforts to promote Native American culture.

President John Rodriguez, 31, who is from the Yaqui tribe, said that the event was just a way to show students what the club is about. The club decided to come on campus to promote Native American culture, said Rodriguez.

The event featured many different Native American dance styles, including traditional and contemporary styles. The event also featured several speakers who shared their experiences with the audience.

"We can easily see the tribe and how they have influenced society in ways that continue to evolve and people get results.

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Higher unit courses require more work, hours for students in classes.

BY TARE OAKS
Life staff writer

Some students may wonder why some classes come in more units than others. But the higher the number of units in a class, the more work is required.

A 3-credit class at CSUB, for example, is taught by three teachers. A 4-credit class at CSUB is taught by four teachers.

Work experience is a program that gives one to eight units for working part time in a declared major. Students have to meet program qualifications to get the units.

Community college students decide the amount of units according to their needs. In the fall, students at CSUB are required to take at least two classes.

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Gold suddenly lost its value

With the Canadian figure skating duo awarded the gold to media firestorms, the Olympics could be changed for the worse.

By RACHEL CRATES

Olympic gold medals are for the best in the world in their respective sport. However, the awarding of medals doesn't mean that those who are scored as the best are the most popular, or even the most deserving.

The story of how this year's medals were awarded is one that will never be forgotten. When the Canadian figure skating duo was awarded the gold, there were protests and protests. The public was outraged, and the pressure was intense.

The result was the end of an era. The Olympics, for many, are no longer the same. The magic of competition has been lost, and the world will never be the same again.

Students need to be educated about plagiarism

By LORENZA MIRANDA

Students are faced with the reality of plagiarism every day in their academic lives. Many students are unaware of the consequences of plagiarism when they are first introduced to it. The consequences of plagiarism within the context of their fields of study can be dire. The students who were caught in the act of plagiarism were found guilty of plagiarizing everything from their coursework to their final exams. They were required to undergo plagiarism detection software, which helped them understand the severity of the situation.

The consequences of plagiarism are not limited to academic settings. Students who plagiarize in their personal lives can face serious consequences as well. For example, a student who plagiarizes a research paper could face disciplinary action at their institution. This could result in a loss of scholarships or financial aid, or even expulsion from the university.

In conclusion, students need to be educated about plagiarism. They need to understand the consequences of their actions, both in academic and personal settings. By taking the time to learn about plagiarism and its consequences, students can avoid making the same mistakes in the future.

‘Mothman’ lacks plot, story line

By DAVID T. HUNT and TODD S. EDMUNDSON

‘The Mothman Prophecies’ is a mediocre, unoriginal film about the Mothman. The film is a weak attempt to capture the mystery and intrigue of the Mothman. The acting is flat, and the dialogue is unconvincing. The film fails to capture the attention of the audience and leaves them wanting more.

The film is a poorly made attempt to recreate the phenomenon of the Mothman. The filmmakers have taken a real-life event and turned it into a made-for-television movie. The result is a lackluster film that fails to capture the imagination of the audience.

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Event provides a showcase for films

Several BC students compete in Kern Film Festival

By LORENZA MIRANDA

High school and undergraduate students from around the world are invited to participate in the Kern Film Festival. The festival provides a unique opportunity for students to showcase their work and gain valuable experience in the film industry.

The festival is open to all students, regardless of their background or experience. The festival accepts short films, documentaries, and music videos. The films are judged based on their content, creativity, and technical execution.

In conclusion, the Kern Film Festival is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their work and gain valuable experience in the film industry. It is a great way for students to explore their talents and creativity, and to connect with others who share their passion for film.

It’s nice to stroll down the long halls of academia, but there’s something to be said for completion.
TUTOR: Center assists students

Class pressure can be overwhelming; students do their best to keep up with their studies, but sometimes they can’t get help when they need it. The Counseling Center is there to assist students, but some students still find it hard to ask for help when it’s needed.

"It's not that we don't have a tutor or a study partner available, said Becca Hughes, a student in the Center.

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Basketball winds up final games

BY LEANNE CAVE
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bakerfield College men's basketball team was expected to wind up the regular season against conference foes Citrus Wednesday and Glendale on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Playoff chances? For the 'Gators to have any chance at a playoff berth, they will have to win both games which are on the road and hope for a "Wild Card" at large berth from the selection committee.

This is because the Los Angeles Valley Monarchs had knocked down a 3-point shot with three seconds showing on the clock at the Gil Robb Sports Center to beat BC 73-68, in the final home game of the season Feb. 16. The 'Gators record now stands at 16-15 overall and 7-5 in conference play.

The answer lying closer a game earlier when Santa Monica came to town and whipped the 'Gators convincingly, 90-41.

The dismantling took on the form of the 'Gators and all as they walked off the court after the game. Their chances of receiving a playoff berth had just been dealt a major blow.

Not only that, but they had just been embarrassed in every phase of the game by a strong Corsair team.

"We were outplayed, period!" said head coach Jeff Hughes. "They wanted that game and we were not. We were outmatched all around. This puts us in a tough position as far as the playoffs. We are now in third place behond Santa Monica."

The top two teams in each division normally secure playoff bids. The Corsairs coaches were delighted with the outcome.

"We played very well," said head coach John Shelton. "We showed some consistency in our play and were able to keep the game out of their reach."

The Corsairs, led by Richard Shuster and Thomas Lee, knocked down a 3-pointer from the perimeter, scoring 50 points between them. For BC, Cody Victor had 25 points to lead the 'Gators in scoring.

Track teams sweep meet

Results please coaches, who say there's room for improvement.

BY DEMETRIUS BLACKDORF
Assistant Sports Editor

The BC men and women's track and field teams took center stage at Memorial Stadium on both teams hosted their first Western State Conference meet of the season.

Women's head coach Pam Kelly and men's head coach Bob Convey were pleased with the overall results, but hinted that there are still some improvements that need to be made.

"We got off to a real slow start. We basically have a freshmen team. We have four sophomores of which only one was really an impact runner last year. Impact meaning qualifying for Southern Cal and state championships," Convey said. "Once we get started I think we had some good performances. I think we will be able to build on this."

That "impact" name Kelly speaks of is Marie Couto, who finished first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.5 seconds, second in the 200 at 27.4 and first in the long jump with a distance of 16.4.

However, she certainly was not the only impact athlete for the 'Gators, as a team won the overall competition, scoring a total of 80 points. Cuesta College finished second with 41, Santa Monica came in third with 36 and L.A. Valley finished fourth with 21 points.

The men's team ended the day with similar success: BC finished first scoring 79 points, Cuesta came in second with 48, L.A. Valley came in third with 34 and Santa Monica scored 33 to finish fourth.

"We have the makings I think of a pretty good team, but we have a lot of edges we go in to 80 up," Convey said. "All of our guys are training really right now."

Tony Woodard won the 200 meter for the men with a time of 22.3, while Calvyn Brooks finished fourth in 23.4.

In the 440 high hurdles, Misty Solomon recorded a time of 1:16.1, while Monica Lewis finished in 1:17.3 to take the top two spots.

The 400 high hurdles yielded similar results. Lewis and Tracy Long finished 1:2.2 with identical times of 1:16.2. Long also finished first in the 400 with a time of 1:03.3 and Amy Williams finished third in 1:13.3.

The men's team also won both high hurdles events. Jon Washington covered the 110 high hurdles distance in 13.9. The ladies had the smaller event, but the goal was to win the 4x200 relay. Cuesta's Parke took the win with a time of 1:49.6.

All results come from the meet held Feb. 11 at Citrus College. For a complete list of all the results from this meet and future events, please visit our Web site at www.bcr.cc.