M.E.Ch.A. plans Monday student walkout

BY TRACY HOSTMYER

Bakersfield College students who support the creation of a Chicano Studies Department are being asked by a campus club to walk out of their classes at 10:30 a.m. Monday.

The staged protest, which is being organized by M.E. Ch. A. (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán), will be the group's strongest attempt to draw the attention to the need for more Chicano studies classes.

The group held a press conference Sept. 4 and addressed the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees the following day.

The Monday walkout, which will be one of a number of activities during the week, will be held to emphasize that students need more than three Chicano Studies classes, said Leon Arellano, a BC graduate. The college needs a Chicano Studies Department, he maintains. "Department. That says it all. That's the bottom line. They've been dancing around the issue, and I think it's time to go one. One word. Department. That's it," he said.

And Arellano said that the club will be staging the protest even though administrators are concerned about getting negative press before the Kern Community College District's $110 million bond issue goes to the voters on Nov. 5.

"We've been told, 'Look, this band isn't coming up in November. Don't bring this to BC. We need you to come to visit with them with a clean conscience.'

"What I've got to say is that BC already is having bad press, because of the construction funds that have been approved for the pool. I think there was one problem with that, however, $500,000 of that is going to be spent on the pool. .. The fact that the administration has been unstable. I think that the entire three years I've been here, there was someone this, someone that.""

Ken Mino, vice president of student learning, could not be reached for comment Wednesday about Arellano's comments regarding the administration. He added that he is in an interview Thursday his concerns about BC creating a Chicano Studies Department.

"We've got hundreds and hundreds of students who need to go into math, English, social science, history classes. I think the money would have allowed us to put 30 or 40 more sections of core courses, and I have to do this for the sake of the community, you know. To say right now I have to choose between supporting importing an entire department, or supporting another 20 to 30 sections of math and English, that would be difficult, but I have to say what is going to benefit the most Hispanic students in the long run?""

Mino said that faculty members are responsible for creating new curriculum, not the administration. Even if a new department is created, it would still need more approval, he said. Any new classes would have to be transferable.

"It really is to be able to guarantee our students will be able to transfer, or what's the point of creating a Chicano Studies Department at all? I think we're being quite frankly, I don't think people who demand curriculum at the college necessarily understand those articulation needs.""

M.E.Ch.A. leaders say they've been trying to get a Chicano Studies Department created for the past three years.

Mino said he had shared his August memo with M.E.Ch.A. that would establish a Chicano studies program. A department proposal would have to be approved by the Academic Senate and faculty before the process could start more than two years, according to the memo.

REMEMBERING SEPT. 11

Marketplace event brings residents throughout the city together

BY AMER GARCIA

Rip staff writer

American flags draped in the bands of small, laughing children. Costumes people sitting in lawn chairs wearing shirts that say "United we stand" or "LOVE NOT HATE." The feeling of patriotism and unity with flags of all the countries were just one American flag being used as a backdrop.

The 2002 Bakersfield Unites For the Stars and Stripes, held at the Marketplace Saturday from 2 to 9 p.m., was a chance for the community to come together and support the cause.

And according to Dr. Marit, the event's organizer, it worked. "Everyone seemed a little more relaxed," Marit said. "If you can create pride of that one out a year, that's the goal." Marit also organized last year's event, which was attended by approximately 25,000 people and raised $75,000 for the Red Cross, and says he hopes this becomes an annual event. The event was also sponsored by KERO Channel 23 News.

"We are asking you that continue this beautiful tradition of bringing our community together in the spirit of patriotism, unity and celebrating that you (collectively) may never rear our buildings, but you can destroy our spirits," said newspaper Jack Parks.

Mayor Harvey Hall also spoke of the community before introducing a panel-speaking "Bakersfield Pride".

Shauna Bargar holds Hanah, 1, while enjoying the Marketplace event Sunday, and moving to traditional maracas music in honor of the "salsa" who had died in last year's terrorism attacks. Various local musicians performed, from Fat Daddy Blues Band to El Ministro Bros. There was also a music tribute to "Attacking Groove" on the stage, and a photo montage of various American symbols, from the Statue of Liberty to the bald eagle, shown as "America the Beautiful.

The grand finale could have been seen a streetlight from a movie, a skating display of fireworks cascading down in vivid reds, greens and blues. For most of the kids, it was probably the best reason for sticking around until 9 p.m. and for the adults, perhaps a sealing of their patriotism. Before the night's fireworks, Kern County Sheriff Carl Sparks spoke of the country's stand against terrorism and how proud he would be to be a part of Bakersfield.

"Bakersfield is my home," he said. "When I leave, Bakersfield will continue to be my home. There's no place like Bakersfield."
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OPINION

A Time for Reflection

Memory of Sept. 11 reminds Americans to be more tolerant of differences

BY LILIANA FABEL
Special to The Rip

On Monday, Sept. 11, 2001, America was forever changed. This was the day that the world stopped, and America was forever changed at the World Trade Center. The terrorists chose to strike in the heart of America, and in doing so, they struck at the very essence of what it means to be an American.

We can black-hat writers who we see black-hat writers as our enemies in the same way that we are black-hat writers in the United States. This is a dangerous position to take, and one that we should avoid at all costs.

Memory of Sept. 11 reminds Americans to be more tolerant of differences.

M.E.C.h.A. leader announces plan for student walkout

BY LEONARD SALAZAR
Special to The Rip

The M.E.C.h.A. leader, Los Angeles, has announced a plan for a student walkout on Monday, Sept. 23, 2002. This plan was announced during a meeting with the students and faculty of the school.

The plan involves a series of protests, including a march and a rally, to call attention to the issues that are important to the students.

Letters to the Editor

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Features

BC opens new child care center

BY ANGELO CACERES

New facility offers improvements, more space for kids.

Protesters attempt to force religious views on others

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Students walk out in protest

By ANISSA CANDELARIA

"Students walk out in protest," the Coloradoan's headline reads, with a brief mention of the protest's cause: "Students walk out in support of the idea that the administration is not treating students fairly." The article goes on to describe the protest's events, including a march and a rally featuring speakers and music. The article highlights the students' demand for fair treatment and their commitment to fighting for their rights.

A grand fiesta

The Coloradoan's article also covers a cultural event, the "An illuminating stage presence," featuring a "Mariachi" performance. The article describes the event as a "grand fiesta" and notes that the Mariachi group performed "to celebrate the rich cultural traditions of Mexico." The article highlights the importance of such events in promoting cultural understanding and appreciation.

Budget Backlash

Another article in the Coloradoan discusses the "Budget Backlash" and the impact it has on students. The article mentions that students are "out of town that week, so it's done," and that the budget cuts have resulted in a "more stressful environment." The article highlights the students' struggle to maintain their academic performance and personal well-being in the face of financial difficulties.

A Good Tom Green Movie?

The Coloradoan's final article examines the "A Good Tom Green Movie?" and its reception among students. The article notes that the film "has been well-received by students," with many calling it "a good movie." The article highlights the film's success and its impact on the college community.

Worker gets probation for vandalism

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An illuminating stage presence

Mariachi music is a beautiful and rich tradition in Mexico. The Coloradoan's article on the "An illuminating stage presence" highlights the beauty and importance of this tradition. The article notes that the Mariachi group performed "to celebrate the rich cultural traditions of Mexico," and that the performance was "an illuminating stage presence." The article highlights the importance of such events in promoting cultural understanding and appreciation.

Transfer Day teaches students about options after BC

The Coloradoan's article on Transfer Day teaches students about options after BC highlights the importance of exploring different educational opportunities. The article notes that the "Transfer Day" event was designed to "teach students about options after BC," and that the event was "a great way to learn about different programs and institutions." The article highlights the importance of making informed decisions about one's education.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There is a letter to the editor that discusses the Marine Corps' integrity and the situation with the assistant coach. The letter raises questions about the perception of the Marine Corps and the impact of the scandal on public trust.

Editor's Note: In light of the recent events, the Marine Corps has launched an investigation. The impact of this scandal on the program and the Marine Corps' reputation continues to be a topic of discussion.

Ethnic courses fail in unifying families

The article discusses the challenges faced by ethnic families in trying to unify their cultures. It highlights the need for greater understanding and support to help these families succeed.

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Good Ol' Boys

For time for the Masters tournament to include women golfers

By Jennifer Russell

The Augusta National Golf Club was like a band of boys who had built a fort with a sign in the hall saying 'No Girls Allowed.' It's time to bring girls into the Masters, says Jennifer Russell. The Augusta National Golf Club was in the middle of a musical change. The club, which allows women to play golf on its courses, has been considered controversial by many. The club's policy of only allowing male members, however, has been challenged in recent years. The change in policy has been widely discussed, with some arguing that it is a step in the right direction. Others have criticized the decision, saying it is not inclusive enough. The change has led to debates about gender equality and inclusivity in sports. The Masters tournament has long been a male-dominated event, but this year, the club announced that women would be allowed to compete in the tournament. While some have celebrated this move, others have expressed concerns about the impact it may have on the tradition and culture of the event.

Budget cuts limit classes, hurt students

It's been tumbling and the money is the cost of all. But the cuts to student services and the elimination of some programs has resulted in a reduction of classes and resources for students. The cuts have affected the college in a number of ways, including reduced course offerings, limited access to resources, and decreased opportunities for academic engagement. The cuts have been especially hard on students who rely on these services to succeed academically and personally. The cuts have also had a significant impact on the college's ability to provide a high-quality education to its students. The cuts have led to a reduction in the number of full-time faculty members, which has resulted in larger class sizes and less individual attention for students. The cuts have also led to a reduction in the number of support staff, which has resulted in longer wait times for students to receive assistance and guidance. The cuts have been controversial and have raised questions about the college's ability to provide a quality education to its students.

God's Place

Local cafe serves slice of religion along with entertainment

The Rev. Ron Travis imagined a place where Christians could come together to worship and be inspired. It's a place where faith and community are celebrated. Travis opened the Rev. Ron Travis Cafe in February. It's a place where people can come together to share in a common faith and to be inspired by the word of God. The cafe has become a popular destination for people of all faiths. People come to the cafe to enjoy a slice of religion along with their coffee and food. The cafe offers a variety of uplifting and inspirational programs, including Bible study, prayer services, and religious lectures. The cafe has become a beacon of hope and inspiration for people in the community. The cafe's success has led to an increase in the number of people attending religious services in the area. The cafe has become a hub of activity for people of all faiths, bringing people together to share in a common faith and to be inspired by the word of God.
'Gade Newsline

Women golfers place second in meet
The 20th annual State Conference was held this week at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. The program featured a golf tournament, an awards banquet and a meeting of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCA). The two day event provided a great opportunity for female golfers to compete against each other and showcase their skills.

Ken Shakespeare Festival begins in October
The Ken Shakespeare Festival begins Oct. 7 with "Hamlet." The festival will run through Oct. 30. Ken Shakespeare was an influential actor and director who was known for his ability to bring Shakespeare's plays to life on stage. His festival is a testament to his legacy and continues to be a popular event for theater enthusiasts.

Wrestlers open with style
The Bakersfield College wrestling team opened its season with a victory against San Jacinto College. The first match was against San Jacinto's 120-pound wrestler, who was defeated by Bakersfield's 120-pound wrestler. The team went on to win all three meets and finish the day with a 3-0 record. This was a strong start to the season for the 'Gades, who are looking to build on their success from last year.

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Team readies for conference play

BY DEMETHRAS
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Sports Editor

With the heat of the summer sun falling in full, the Bakersfield College soccer team's schedule is beginning to heat up.

The team will finish off in non-conference schedule with game Saturday at Ventura and Tuesday against Cuesta at BC.

Against Allan Hancock on Tuesday, the 'Gades played to a 1-1 draw in the first half as being called for a foul in the box midway through the second half. Allan Hancock was able to score on the penalty kick and hold off the 'Gades 1-0, even though BC outshot Hancock 23-5.

"Scorer is just that way sometimes," said BC head coach Scott Dameron after the match.

Dameron had his team ready to play early in the season. The first games were during the first week of the school year.

On Aug. 27 the team started the season against Antelope Valley. Stephanie Cesar, Those Arres found the back of the net in the second half and also had two assists. Mary Ellen Arress and Janelle Arress tied the 'Gades 4-0.

The 'Gades followed two losses by putting back-to-back shutouts against Ventura Valley on Sept. 4 and L.A. Mission on Sept. 6. Janelle Elliott began the scoring against Ventura Valley with a corner kick in the first half. Arress added a goal in each half and the final score was 5-0.

"From the first week until now, we are playing much better soccer," Dameron said.

The team will start in league season Sept. 27 at L.A. Pierce before playing at home Oct. 1 against L.A. Valley. These games are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

"That's all we're trying to do right now is just get ready for the conference," Dameron said.

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Packing heat in dangerous skies

Campus reacts to issue of arming pilots with guns amid terror-stirring times

BY JARROD M. GRAHAM
Editor in Chief

Bakersfield College political science professor Steve Wills has no objections to airline pilots being armed to guard themselves and their passengers against hijackers, but he’s uncertain about the best way to do it.

“I would have a problem with pilots having any ability to take out passengers that want to damage the flight,” he said. “Whether or not a gun is the appropriate mechanism, I’m not positive.”

That is one view offered in a debate that is making the rounds through the nation’s capital.

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West Sky employee Jason McCleary chats passengers’ carry-on luggage at Meadows Field.

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Student criticizes editing of her essay

BY JENNIFER HUBBELL

As an English student, I was disappointed with the editing of my essay. I found several grammar errors and inaccuracies in the final version. I believe that if editors would take more care in their work, it would result in a higher quality product. Ending with that statement, I urge authors to review their work before submitting it.
Season Tickets

Sgt. Chris Counts of Bunkerfield College security gives a student's vehicle a parking ticket for not having a permit Wednesday afternoon in the southwest lot. Students who park without a permit and are caught by campus security will have to pay a $25 fine.

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