BC staff objects to faculty raises amid cuts

■ Classified employees worry about the impact that an increase in teachers' salaries will have on their jobs.

By JEFF EAGAN
Staff writer
Teachers will receive a raise this summer, which is causing concern among classified staff whose jobs are on the line.
"I don't see the logic of giving anybody a raise when you're getting rid of their salary or getting laid off," said Mike Nolan, labor relations represen-
tative for the classified staff union.
Dr. Sandra Serrano, Bakersfield College's provost, was expected to make her recommendation on proposed cuts in the classified staff at the Thursday board of Trustees meeting.
Nolan said the classified employees are being treated differently than faculty and administrators in respect to cuts. Classified em-
ployees include custodial, maintenance and secretarial staff, among many others, who make up the infrastructure of the institution.
"Laying off classified employees with 30-day notice makes them feel much more expendable. The process is less difficult than others," Nolan said. "It is in fact more cruel. People are going to be cutting out par-
ticular areas of the budget. I would want to make sure that those cuts are done equitably in proportion to that particular area's share of the budget."

The faculty raise is expected to cost $4.3 million in July, according to Nolan. He doesn't see the reasons for raises since they financially touched times.
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Amaree Rodriguez, also attending community college as an administrata-
tion of justice major, and the increased registration fees will affect his pockets.
"I pay my own books, I pay my own tuition," said "He didn't take into consideration how much it was going to cost me. I feel he did not care about what we had to say."

"I don't know how I can pay my own tuition," she said.

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OPINION

Who needs a chancellor? Not us

The Board of Trustees is seeking to name an interim chancellor for CSUB. While the search for a chancellor is important, it must be done in a timely and efficient manner. The search process should be transparent and fair, with input from all stakeholders, including students, faculty, and staff. The Board of Trustees should ensure that the search process is inclusive and that the selected candidate has the experience and qualifications necessary to lead the university.

The selection of a chancellor is a critical decision that will impact the future of the university. It is important that the Board of Trustees take their time to find the right person for the job. However, it is also important that the search process is completed in a timely manner to ensure that the university can move forward.

The search for a chancellor should be conducted in a way that is respectful of the community's time and resources. It is important that the Board of Trustees communicate with the community throughout the search process and that the community is given the opportunity to provide input.

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GADIE NEWSLINE

Student campus center can compete

The Student Campus Center (SCC) is a popular gathering place on campus, where students can study, socialize, and enjoy a variety of amenities. However, the SCC is facing competition from other spaces on campus, such as the Library and the Union. As a result, the SCC is in need of an improvement plan that will help it stay competitive.

The improvement plan should focus on enhancing the SCC's offerings and increasing its visibility. The SCC should consider adding new features, such as study rooms and meeting spaces, to attract more students. Additionally, the SCC should promote its offerings through social media and other marketing channels.

The improvement plan should also include a review of the SCC's budget and financial resources. The SCC should consider exploring ways to increase its funding, such as by seeking grants or partnerships with local businesses.

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CRIME BUST

Student reports convertible theft

A student reported the theft of a convertible from the campus parking lot. The convertible was a 2010 Audi TTS, which was valued at approximately $60,000. The student discovered the theft while returning to their vehicle after a workout at the fitness center.

The convertible was last seen parked in a stall near the gym. The student was able to retrieve it with the help of campus security.

While the police are investigating the theft, the student is urged to be vigilant and take necessary precautions to prevent similar incidents in the future.

CSUB's spring break is over

Spring break is over for most students, but the fun continues for those who are still on campus. The weather is warm and sunny, making it the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors.

Many students are taking advantage of the break to study, work, or travel. Some are attending classes or participating in extracurricular activities. Others are spending time with friends or family.

The break is also a great opportunity to recharge and prepare for the second half of the semester. CSUB's spring break is expected to last until March 15th. Enjoy the last days of the break and have fun!
Ashley was a student in the BC, this year's free workshop for media careers will be open to high school students interested in pursuing careers in the field. The workshop will be held on April 23, and will offer students the opportunity to learn about various aspects of the media industry, including writing, photojournalism, and video production. The workshop will be led by professional journalists and media professionals, and will provide students with hands-on experience in the field. Students who attend the workshop will have the opportunity to submit their work for publication or presentation, and will receive feedback from industry experts. The workshop is open to all high school students, and is free of charge. To register for the workshop, students should visit the website www.therip.com and complete the registration form. For more information, contact Ashley Owens at 395-4344.
Teachers from Hell

Students and teachers describe characteristics of bad college professors.

BY VICTOR GARCIA
Sports Editor

They’re disorganized. They may not be prepared. Or worse yet, they really don’t connect with students.

These are just a few of the qualities of bad teachers, according to a number of Balboa College students interviewed.

“A bad teacher doesn’t know how to interact with the students,” said Al Davis, a BC student.

He recalled his own true “Teacher Hell.”

“He just goes on everybody’s nerves because he doesn’t know how to act around other people. He doesn’t really teach, he takes over,” said Davis, describing his instructor as one bad at BC.

Mark Aguilar said he had a similar experience with a campus instructor who solved problems without explaining them.

“He would just state a problem and at the end of solving the problem, he’d just ask, ‘everybody understood this? Does anybody have any questions?’ It’s like, ‘he’s not explaining this,’ said Aguilar.

A lack of explanation coupled with a lack of passion is a deadly combination in the classroom, according to Jason Medlock, who wants to become a teacher.

“If you’re not passionate about what you do, you shouldn’t be doing it,” he said.

Medlock said while he hasn’t had a bad experience with a teacher at BC, he has had them elsewhere.

“I have come across teachers, they just give you assignments, they don’t explain it, they don’t care what their students think,” said Jason Medlock, a BC student.

Of course, bla bla bla and any idiot knows I’m so great, bla bla...
Anonymou e-mail blasts teachers' salaries

BY VICTOR GARCIA Sports Editor

Norn Hoffman is a lone and well in cyberspace. That is what faculty and staff at the Kern Community College District office, Bakersfield College and Cerro Coso College learned when an e-mail was sent to them by a person using the name of Norm Hoffman, Bakersfield College health teacher's name.

The e-mail also sent to BC, but was blocked because BC e-mail is moderated. The anonymous message requested the writer's disapproval of faculty getting raises while a number of classified staff are expected to be laid off. The message was sent from the e-mail address..

"My father was a man of honesty and integrity. He'd stand full heartedly behind the words he spoke, the actions he displayed, whether he is professional or casual. He wouldn't have appreciated an anonymous e-mail."

- Grant Hoffman, Norm Hoffman's son

NormHoffman@comcast.net

The e-mail was sent to BC e-mail classified staff because I did not want anyone to think that the classified (employers) would support something like that.

Along with the message, the writer hid his or her identity.

BY DOMINIC TRICER Rip staff writer

Bakersfield High School's campus newspaper, The Warrior, was named first place in its division as a national high school journalism conference in Portland, Ore. But The Warrior's victory is bittersweet.

Alex Robb, the teacher who advised the newspaper staff for 11 years, is refocusing his career to another field. He expects to be laid off because of budget cuts, according to some students, that will affect the entire district.

"Mr. Robb is the journalism program at THS. When they move him away, they do in the program," said Ian Hamilton, The Warrior's managing editor. Other students echoed Hamilton's feeling.

"I don't think it could go on without him. He is a really good job," said Pameter Editor Nandy Meyer. "Budget cuts have hit Bakersfield hard, said Jennifer Hoffman, interim superintendent of the Bakersfield Unified School District. The district will lay off 55 teachers after this school year; hard cuts are not being made from a revised budget.

Robb is expected to be reassigned as a guidance counselor. One of the cuts to the district is because he lacks the correct degree, Paul said, according to Hoffman, who alerted him to the mandatory through the Regional Occupational Program just as valid as other credentials.

Another factor is low enrollment and funding for Robb's former classes.

Robb said when he found out in late February that he was losing his job.

"I'm an 11-year teacher and they're keeping an art teacher with one year of experience," he said. Preparation also occurred from The Principal Mark McCulloch's system for elections, which he said, "has no name anywhere.

Robb said his classes are going to be replaced with a restaurant management class.

McCulloch gave dates to an April 1 meeting of Save Our Students' group formed to protest the "Baked in Bakersfield" cafeteria plan of the district.

"We were at the meeting and one of my students said he was going to do something," said Hoffman. "He got on his cell phone and called all of the Bakersfield news outlets."

McCulloch did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Supporters have written letters on behalf of Robb, but apparently have no consolation trusts, despite the newspaper's boon.

The latest award is the most prestigious The Warrior has ever won. The award was the only one, eight-page category at the Spring Regional Journalism Convention, sponsored by the National Student Press Foundation, the National Education Association and Kansas State University.

Top high school paper loses adviser

BY JARROD M. GRAHAM Editor in Chief

Movement and Associate Chico de Aquino will kick off its spring 2003 statewide conference 6 p.m. today at Bakersfield College.

Chico de Aquino, who is to attend the conference, which is free to conference-goers for $11 class.

The event organized by the Central California Region of M.E.C.A.,

is expected to exceed attendees workshops on issues such as threads and sharing up copies.

This is a carefully conducted "Ask an Artist."

"One purpose of the conference is to educate ourselves," said De Aquino. "We don't usually have access to workshops like the ones we're going to have statewide."

In addition, conference attendees will get a chance to see performances by musicians and a play, "The Meaning of M.E.C.A.," during Saturday night's "Nacht Culture," or "Night of Culture."

Keynote speaker Dr. Jess Noto, a former BC instructor and advocate for the Latino community, will make a presentation and participate in a panel discussion at 6:30 a.m. Saturday.

Also, conference-goers will participate in a march through downtown Bakersfield to promote state budgets can affect a rally 5 p.m.

Saturday at BC's Well Hall, 11th St. K.S.

Looman said members of the public are invited to attend the conference, but they must register in advance.

Registration fees are $6 from noon 11 to 3:30 p.m. today and 7:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

Statewide M.E.C.A. conference starts today

BY JARROD M. GRAHAM Editor in Chief

M.E.C.A. will be different campus for a brief time as the sound of local band Mono Run flowed along Campus Center. The sound was light as clubs set up booths and music to get students to have a little fun before break.

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"It's beautiful, it was wonderfully beautiful... it was better than expected," she said.

The work before the break, nothing seemed to go as planned, said Whitney Ram, ASBC vice president.

"A bunch of our activities were kind of late, so the work went as planned, said Whitney Ram, ASBC vice president of activities.

"I've never been to the event, of Spring Swing brought a strangely different energy. One BC student wrote from the Phi Theta Kappa email that completely covered in dancing corn. Like a normal version of the M.E.C.A. dance "Aquino, he repeatedly said, "Hugs, not drugs," as he held his own party through campus and frightened a few visiting schoolchildren. But during Spring Swing, his behavior didn't seem out of place.

The push-and-pull between M.E.C.A. and the Engineers' Club drew a crowd of students and support for M.E.C.A.'s unterstützt victory. President Club's president and strong main competitor, earned by the Engineers' Club, got students to act as the pulls. Most of the time, though, the participants were only club members.

The Phi Theta Kappa band featured both mall and dancing corns.

"Their main job is making music," said students. "But they're also making music.

Dancing corns is drawing attention through the efforts of Lopez and Loos, the premier moments, however, came from the Phi Theta Kappa Vice President Russell wants to psychology major, who committed to attract only men. He took two women, Lemma and Lisa Salcido, and pushed both.

Down by their opener, there was no show of praise.

"Russell walked like a Greek god," the exchange.

BY BRIAN DIGGS Staff writer

Stunts lift Spirits

Spring Swing events draw clubs into lighthearted activities on campus

BY DANIELLA WILLIAMS Staff writer

Western spring break has come and gone, and with it went Spring Swing week.

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**Opinion**

**Concerned e-mail impostor debases Hoffman's memory**

By Susan Walls

Opinion Editor

When a "concerned" e-mail writer complained about a recent film through an anonymous e-mail address, the administrator found that the e-mail was in reality a complaint about the deteriorating condition of the Hoffman Student Center.

The Hoffman is a human firewall, supposedly responsible for protecting the school from embarrassment. The e-mail writers are not sure what they want to see, but they do want something to do with Hoffman.

The author of the e-mail brings forth an issue of ethics, arguing that the money issues that the Kern Community College District should be using Norm Hoffman's name is so despicable and unethical that the e-mail becomes hypocritical.

The Kern Community College District is an administration that the writers are afraid to bring into the spotlight.

**Bad teachers beware: Students can file complaints**

By Jennifer Walls

Opinion Editor

For students, out they can rate their teachers in a recent survey at Bakersfield College. We all know what our teachers are like, so we have to rate them for ourselves. What do students know, however, is how to rate their teachers?

According to the KCCD, the student handbook, "Students complaints are taken seriously. However, the complaint must be filed by a complaining student.

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**Gade Newsletter**

International Students host dinner Thursday

The International Student Services hosted a dinner on Thursday in the Student Center. The dinner was attended by around 50 students from various countries, and it was a great opportunity for students to meet and socialize.

The dinner was sponsored by the International Student Services, and it was a great way for students to practice their English skills.

**Campus**

**Phone Booth rings true with edgy drama**

By Roy Lee Maxwell

The student newspaper, The Renegade Rip, is now offering a phone booth that is perfect for any student who wants to make a phone call. The phone booth is located in the Student Center and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The phone booth is perfect for students who need to make a quick phone call, whether it's to catch up with friends or family or to make an important business call.

The Renegade Rip is also offering a special deal for students who use the phone booth. For the first month, students can use the phone booth for free! After that, the cost is $0.10 per minute.
Giving his all for basketball

By LEAHN CAVY

Classmen in the Bakersfield College basketball program say the student assistant for the program, Nathan Gutierrez, has always been a source of inspiration for them. Gutierrez, a sophomore majoring in business administration, has been a student assistant for the program for the last two years. Gutierrez has been an inspiration to his teammates and others in the program. He is a hard worker and always looks to help others.

Student Nathan Gutierrez says he hopes to one day become a professional basketball coach.

Rip Clark, played by Colin Hanks, is a basketball player for the Bakersfield College men's basketball team. He is a senior majoring in business administration. Clark has been a student assistant for the team for the last two years. Gutierrez says Clark has always been a source of inspiration for him.

By LEAHN CAVY

There were many exciting moments during the 2003 Basketball College season. The addition of Coach Schilling to the coaching staff and the return of BC's star players, Nathan Gutierrez and Rip Clark, to the team was a source of inspiration for the players. Gutierrez and Clark have always been sources of inspiration for the team, and their return to the team was a source of excitement for the players.

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Fool Fighters fuel fan fervor

By JEFF EAGAN

The Rockstar Energy Drink sponsored Foo Fighters concert was attended by nearly 1,000 fans at the BC Coliseum in Bakersfield, California. The band, led by singer and guitarist, was an inspiration to the fans. The fans were enthusiastic and happy to be there.

Feature: A Bevy of Birds

The Hooper, played by Amy Adams, is the lead character in the movie. She is a woman who is passionate about birds. She is seen in many scenes with various birds. She is also seen with a bird that is injured. She takes care of the birds and helps them recover.

The movie also features scenes of birds in their natural habitats. The movie is set in a natural environment, and the scenes are shot in real time. The movie is a love letter to birds and their beauty. The movie is a tribute to the Hooper and her love for birds.
April Lopez and Mark Paddock enjoy a shaving cream wrestling match during Spring Fling.

**Slipping into Spring**

*Spring Fling gives the students a chance to act like no college student should*

Right: BC students Amos Carver and Katie Ball dance to the sounds of local band Mento Buru at BC's Spring Fling held the week before spring break. It was a time to get away from it all, class, stress and to have a little fun.

The activities, which included pie throws, a strong-man competition and shaving cream wrestling, were presented by BC clubs.

Paul Carvings of Mento Buru plays his fiddle for the crowd.

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Students hold mock funeral for education

BY VICTOR GARCIA
Sports Editor

Tombstones sit on the campus, marking the remains of knowledge. The Funeral for Education, a proposed state budget cut, was held on Wednesday in the President's Park at Bakersfield College.

On each tombstone was the name of a program or course that would be affected by reductions. There were tributes for EOP/S, growing economy, child care assistance, hope and prosperity, students, and professors.

The organizer of the event, Karla Smith, associate professor of communication, said "I think we need to focus on the reason for the politician's actions before it reaches their constituents." The organiser has asked the state to keep the educational promise that was promised to the students.

"We can't allow our students to suffer from the same fate," said Johnson. "It is a result of the state cuts and the bureaucratic changes that have been made." Johnson also said that the students are being asked to pay for the mistakes of the previous administration.

"We need to make sure that this doesn't happen again," said Johnson. "The students have a right to education and we need to protect that right." Johnson also said that the students need to come together and fight for their rights.

"I know how my school feels," said Johnson. "I am sure you do too. Let's stand together and fight for our rights.

War, budget force choir to cancel trip

BY COUMBA TAMBOURA
Campus Editor

Berlin and Prague would have been the next destinations for the Bakersfield College Chorale and Chamber Singers if safety and financial issues were not standing in their way.

This is the first instance that war has interfered with the choir's travel plans. In 1991, during the Gulf War, the European Community District canceled a choir tour in Russia because of the omission of the war situation. The scenario repeated itself this year because of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We were faced with the dilemma of choosing between the choir's trip and the safety of our students," said Johnson. "We had to make a tough decision and decided that it was the best interest to cancel the tour, a decision welcomed by not only students, but also the faculty and the administration." Johnson also added that the tour was also proposed state budget cuts and this year's proposed state budget cuts to the students' futures.

"This is not be- en the first time that the proposed state budget cuts have affected the students," said Johnson. "The proposed state budget cuts are putting the future of our college in danger."

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Gade Feedback
Complied by Julian Jaquez / The Rip
What do you collect? Why?

Hector Tavarez, History: "Hair, and me.
I just went to the Barbershop to get it cut in style.

Tracy Peterson, Meteorology: "I like to collect different things that are fun, like fossil plants and all of the girls like it.

Carson Graham, Environmental Science: "I collect them since I was a kid.

 Coronado Cemetery, San Bernardino: "The new students, states, and persons, because they're cool and all of us.

Patricia Lambert, Nursing: "Old records, albums, books, and magazines.

I've collected them since I was a kid.

National Student Nurses Day is Thursday
Today, March 12, is National Student Nurses Day. R.N. students around the state celebrated the day with various festivities, including the annual Step Out for Nurses' Night. The event was held at the College of the Desert with a variety of events, including a ceremony honoring nurses, a blood drive, and a Zombie Run.

The event was attended by over 200 nurses and students, as well as faculty and staff from the College of the Desert. The ceremony included a reading of the National Student Nurses' Day Pledge, as well as recognition of nurses for their hard work and dedication.

The event also included a blood drive, where nurses and students were able to donate blood and receive a complimentary T-shirt. The Zombie Run was a fun and Spooky event, with participants dressed as zombies and running through the college's haunted house.

The event was a great success, and everyone who attended had a great time. The nurses and students were all very proud of their accomplishments, and they were able to celebrate their hard work and dedication with their families and friends.
Forensics team wins nationals

Bakerfield College won the National Forensics Tournament of Champions held last month in Detroit, Michigan. This marks the third consecutive year that Bakerfield has won the title.

The tournament, which is one of the largest in the country, attracts teams from across the nation. Bakerfield's team, coached by Kenneth Leach, won the Speech and Debate competition.

Leach said he was proud of his team's performance.

"This was a great tournament for us," he said. "We worked hard all year and it paid off in Detroit."
Bakersfield residents come together to support American troops in Iraq

Left: Maximilien de la Haye of Germany enjoys the Beauty of Old Glory during the third annual "Bakersfield Unites for the Stars and Stripes" held at the Marketplace Sunday.

Far left: Bo-Bo the Millennium Clown kept spirits high with his balloon antics much to the delight of young Luke Hefferna.

Above: Two-year-old Michael Alcock watches the Spazmantics during the event.

Left: Vietnam veteran Manuel Galagarza shows his support for our troops.

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Brains

Compiled by Julian Jaquez / The Rip

Editor's note: BC Brains is a feature that asks students a question to test their knowledge of all things BC.

The legal blood alcohol concentration for a 21-year-old driver is 0.08. What is the legal limit for an 18-year-old driver?

Juan Fuentz: "It's the same thing, isn't it?"

Jessica Lee Masters: "There isn't a legal thing."

Chris Burch: "It's 0.01 or something. I don't know. I don't get my drink on any way."

Elizabeth Pavlov: "There isn't one. It's 0.03 if there was one."

Michael Hamilton: "0.04?"

Joseph Tabbb: "Isn't it legal?"

Nathan Moore: "Doesn't make sense."

Elizabeth Favila: "There isn't one, but it's 0.05 if there was one."

Joseph Tabbb: "Isn't it legal?"

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There was a messy mix. Transplants' latest album produces a musical maelstrom.

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Scarred-heart BC kittens' numbers continue to grow in Campus Center area.

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Bring It Up Are you aging and saggy? Well, this is the uplifting product for you.

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**Cinco de Mayo**

Dancers celebrate cultural heritage during festivities in Campus Center.

By VICTOR GARCIA

Sports Editor

Students came to Campus Center to hear the sounds of the Mariachi San Marcos and view the colorful folkloric dances in a celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Kids from the daycare center could be seen in thePeace Studio area giving their best shot at being a hit as a farm, yellow, cardboard plate. Bakersfield College students also had their chance to hit a plate after the children finished.

According to Ray Simpson, food-service manager for the culinary arts program, there was cake and ice cream, refried beans and Spanish rice served as part of the event. "The dancers from Cul de Sac Bakersfield were excellent, always add a live atmosphere to the campus," said Mauricio Gonzalez of BDPA, who was in attendance at the event. "It gives other students a chance to see the Mexican culture. That's what we're all about on campus, learning about other cultures, other people."

Cinco de Mayo celebrations include the Mexican Army's defeat of the French Army at Puebla, Mexico on May 5, 1862.

Student volunteers played a major role in putting on Cinco de Mayo at the campus. "A lot of it is getting student volunteers to help run," said Carmen Arrieta, event organizer. According to Arrieta, more BC students participated in this event this year. "I thought it was a great event that the M.E.O.S.A. students and the Chicano Cultural Center put together with the intramural funds that they have," said Gonzalez.

Eric Heath, a 19-year-old history major, enjoyed the event. "It was awesome," he said.

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**'I chose to do the right thing'**

By LORENZO MIRANDA

Special to The Rip

Bill Rush felt he needed to step forward, even if it was at his own risk to do so. "I had a decision. I could either shut up and go or speak up and get killed," said Rush, Bakersfield College's facilities and construction manager.

And now Rush will soon leave BC following a settlement with the district. It all began when he decided to go see the Kern County grand jury.

In April 2002, Rush filed a complaint with the grand jury regarding BC's handling of construction irregularities. In late 2003, Rush was asked to resign from his position.

"I asked two years ago for a chance to do this," Rush said. "I shared the information with him and gave him the whistleblower name and he didn't say anything to me about it.

In November, the Kern Community College District was cleared of any illegal wrongdoing in construction issues but the panel did recommend improvements in construction procedures, which were implemented by the district. See RIDGE, Page 3

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**Annual dinner helps build cultural bridges**

By EDITH CRAB

Staff Writer

Imagine walking into a room for dinner with a long buffet line serving dishes from 27 different countries.

Bakersfield College's international students held such a dinner in the BC cafeteria May 5.

This was the International Studies Association's first-annual event called "Building Bridges Among Nations.

"As we work to increase student retention and make the world a better place to live in, let us not forget that race, status and peace between people and nations are built on understanding and communication," said international student, counselor and club president.

From such to chicken adobo, hundreds of dishes were seen as fit to taste of a dinner. There were 27 stations served to 72 students.

"The food was good,王爷, God forgive my doubts," said Ivan Romero, a Bakersfield resident. "The food was very delicious. The best for the show was Nade Moji-Yushit, from Iran, and

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**Woman's World magazine publishes work of BC student — twice**

By DOMINIC TROFFER

Staff Writer

Dana Martin has nowhere emerged as a beginning career as a freelance writer and an aspiring romance novelist while juggling the schedules of her 9,11, and 13-year-old children.

The 23-year-old Bakersfield College student had her first article published in the March 17 issue of Woman's World.

She has followed that up with another article, sold this week to the popular magazine.

Although she is proud of the romantic short story that earned her $1,000 in March, she admires Woman's World's focus for her fiction, most inspiring work.

"You have to make it as easy as possible," she said, explaining that editors want simple plots that are easy to follow and they don't want the stories nearly as long as romance novels.

Martin had submitted several stories to the magazine before a helpful editor explained to her that her stories were too complicated.

The March story that hit the magazine's formula was titled "The Boyfriend," the story of two strangers who meet by coincidence and end up working together at a high school.

She should know about romance novels. She has been making them since she was a freshman in high school.

"I can remember the first romance novel I ever read," she said. "It was a freshman high school. I was about 16. In my mother's drawer and I was just too embarrassed by it."

She did not put the book down until she finished the next day.

Martin enjoys romance novels so much she began her writing own.

Recently, she took up a challenge put to her by a creative writing teacher and wrote a 50,000-word novel in a month, which averages out to 1,800 words a day.

With such a busy schedule, she couldn't write 1,800 words every day. Sometimes she would have to play catch-up. "One weekend I wrote 14,000 words," said Martin.

She added that her 17th century historical romance novel, "Wind of Change," is currently entered in a contest that could give her a shot at having her work read by one of the top publishing houses.

Although the enjoy writing romance novels, she also has written articles as an assistant.

She has several top stories in the university magazines. In 2000, her essay, "The Elephant," placed first in the national competition.

She credits some of her success in writing stories about BC and her work as a writer as a work in progress.

"Every story is a writer's written experience," she said. Whether or not Martin realizes her dreams of becoming a published novelist, she always has a draft for books that made Fabio famous.

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Abortion advocates debate Catch-22

Abortion advocates debate Catch-22, a product which tapes and spaces time feel. It's a product that is designed to help women feel more comfortable and secure during the aging process.

Editor bids fond farewell

As we look forward to the new year, it's time to say goodbye to our editor, John Johnson. He has been a valuable member of our team for many years and has brought a unique perspective to our news coverage.

FIRST PERSON

Amber Garcia

Becoming an abortion advocate is a decision that is not taken lightly. It takes courage and conviction to stand up for what you believe in, especially when it comes to a topic as sensitive as abortion.

Student disagrees with criticism of teacher cartoon

I'm writing in response to the letter that critiqued the teacher cartoon in this week's issue. As a student, I believe that the cartoon was an appropriate representation of the issue at hand and provided a useful perspective.

Letter to the Editor

I'm writing to express my concern about the recent changes to the abortion policy at our university. I believe that these changes are not in the best interest of our students and the wider community.

The Renegade Rip

Compiled by Shawn Holloway / The Rip

What are you doing for Mother's Day?

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Campus

BC student wins $100 in Rip contest

During a recent survey, BC student Sarah Johnson won $100 in our Rip contest. She entered by completing a survey on campus and was randomly selected as the winner.

RUSH: District may settle

From Page 1

Rush is in the process of discussing a settlement with the SEC. The company is facing allegations that it engaged in fraudulent activities.

DINNER: Building bridges

From Page 1

A dinner was held to build bridges between members of the community and our university. The event was well-attended and provided an opportunity for meaningful dialogue.

A Jazzy Swing

Director Jim Scally conducts the BC Jazz Ensemble during a recent performance at the auditorium.
Track team finishes season with high marks

By LEANNE CAVI

Bakersfield College will
be represented at the West Coast
Regional meet on May 11 and
May 12 at the University of
Los Angeles at Los Angeles.

While the weather conditions
may not be the best, the
athletes are ready to give it
their all. The team has
practiced long hours and
weeks of training to achieve
their goals.

“We’re excited to represent
Bakersfield College at the
regional meet,” said Pete
Gardes, the head coach of
the track team. “The
athletes have been working
hard and we’re confident in
our abilities.”

Gardes said that the
athletes have been
preparing for this meet by
practicing in the gym and
on the track. They have
been working on their
strength and speed to
achieve their goals.

The meet will feature a
variety of events, including
long jump, shot put,
hammers throw, and
high jump. Gardes said
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techniques and
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“Both the girls and boys
have been working hard
and we’re confident in our
ability to perform well.”

The athletes have been
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For more information
about the track team, visit
www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/track/.
A wild bird cries as I prowl through the jungle. Crocodile hunting is for sissies: I'm in search of bigger game. Steve Erwin, eat your heart out.

A bush rustles, but, alas, is not my prey. The locals tell me that the inhabitant a strange land called Campus Center, but so far, the cats have proved elusive. The BC cat may be a wily species, but I'm hot on its trail.

The cats of Bakersfield College are a mystery. No one seems to know when they first appeared, or why they chose Bakersfield College to stake their claim. From unknown origins, the cats of BC have evolved into their own unique legend, passed on through BC students. I know, as I write, that they're a little older sister told the tale.

The most noticeable cats inhabit both Campus Center and Veterans Memorial Plaza, which has been referred to as the "cat city limit" by some, though there are other colonies around both the administration and science buildings. On a trip, I am told that there are those who know the cats well. To aid in my search, I met a BC custo­ming Supervising Edwina, of Business Services, who has been seeing the cats for around four years. Although the war is on good terms with the felines, Edwina doesn't encourage stu­dents to try to get close to them. "I never try to pet them, they are wild animals," she cautioned.

A feral cat is a wild cat, untamed to human contact. Aside from sticking up the place at times, the BC cats are gener­ally harmless, if kept out of the food preparation areas, said Matt Constable, said Matt Constable, Animal Control Manager Matt Constable. "The only real health hazard is the potential for rabies exposure," he said.

Security Technician Carol Pascu­lone confesses that the cats are not notorious. She recently trap­ped a pair of cats about a year ago, but also trips for felines. "I don't bait, I don't snares and releases those cats," she counters. "I try to help decrease population growth. A pair of cats can produce two or three times per year. According to www.feralcat.org, two cats can potentially produce 420,000 cats in a year period.

"I realize that their popu­lation needs to be controlled, but it won't be a problem," the, responded. Sometimes the wild-eyed felines lock if they can take down a small ante­lope, the workers say. At a lack of food left on the meadows, or the source of attraction, so some begin feeding the cats in the Veterans Memorial Plaza area.

"Some people have told me we didn't feed them, but cats are healthy cats," Pasculone said.

Anatomy classes use kitty cadavers as learning tools

BY DOMINIC TROFFER

Staff writer

Although cats could be considered Bakersfield's "official" state animals, some students disagree. A recent survey, conducted by biology professor Dr. John Ackland, showed that 86% of students support the idea of keeping campus felines for every man, woman and child in the United States. Making cats an abundant resource for dissections. Each cat corpse costs $150 apiece. With 24 pairs of stu­dents dissecting cat this semester, it cost the school $3,600.

Basic human anatomy is a required course for many students at BC. The class takes students on a journey through the human body. Along the way, they black every part of the human body. Some would say the most feared part of anatomy is the nervous cat dissec­tions.

Ackland has been teaching at BC for 23 years, and remembers the one depth look at the inside of his cat's body. Every year, as the first day of class begins, he told his students to expect some revolution or fear of dissection is al­ways gone after the first day.

"At first they're a little squeamish, but once they do it, they boost up," he said. According to Ackland, if only sus­pect the muscled are when students find internal lesions, such as tumors or par­asites.

Most students agreed that the worst part of the dissection was the first day. Many said it was because the first day they realized the animals, leaving for the on only the head and paws and cut­ting off the tail. Others said it was only a matter of rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty.

"It's kind of dirty at first but once you cut it open and get inside, it's kind of cool," said Jonathan Coston, a sopho­more psychology major.

One thing that is noticeable when enter­ring Ackland's classrooms and the students have left the cats out of their bags due to the smell. Students had a lot of discon­tents about the smell, some said it was the internal fluids or the partially di­gested stomach contents like cat food and chicken, which sent the cat carcass in a little pile. Still others said the smell comes from an inanimate source.

"Death, it smells like death," said Casey Puppies, a nursing major.

Students' instincts also are spurred from dealing with blood spilling out of the cat every time they make an incision with their razors. The preservation pro­cess suspends the cat's blood as a stable real liquid.

Biology professor John Ackland, left, guides Albert Araiza, Deanna Moran and Crystal Mendoza through the dissection of a cat.

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