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Police chief speaks to BC students

■ Bakersfield Police Chief William Rector talks about a variety of issues with history students.

By VICTOR GARCIA
Editor in Chief

Alleged racial profiling was just one of the many topics students presented to Bakersfield Police Chief William Rector when he spoke Wednesday at Bakersfield College.

Rector, 44, was invited by Professor Ishmael Kimbrough to speak to all of his history classes in the Forum East building. Rector was formerly the assistant chief of police and became police chief six months ago after Eric Matlock retired.

One student asked the question, "When your officers go in a black neighborhood it's deadly force, when they go in a white neighborhood, it's negotiation. Why is that?"

Rector said he could not answer that question because he was not familiar with the particular situation but did say during the course of his talk that if people have a

complaint about an issue with an officer, they should report it to the department immediately.

"Internal affairs (the part of the department that handles complaints against officers) answers directly to me," he said. He also said that internal affairs has an average of 65 complaints a year.

Rector said that internal affairs is made up of five officers.

Other students gave examples of how they believed they were stopped by a police officer because they felt the officer was racially profiling them.

He said that the department tries to reach out in the community through the Police Activities League, D.A.R.E. and neighborhood watch programs.

"I want to know what the community's wants and needs are from the police department," said Rector.

"Our sole mission boils down to protect and to serve," he said.

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— William Rector,
Bakersfield Police Chief



Tahlua Goosby poses a question to Bakersfield Police Chief William Rector.

One way Rector said the police department tried to get input from the community was giving students at Bessie Owens school on East California Avenue a survey about what they fear the most. Rather than gangs or drug use, he said most of the elementary students answer was "stray dogs," because of their height compared to that of the dogs.

Kimbrough said in an interview after the meeting that he hopes to invite other members of law enforcement to come and speak to the students of BC next semester.

"Our goal is to make it campus-wide," said Kimbrough. "Right now it's not set, but I do have some commitment from law enforcement officials."

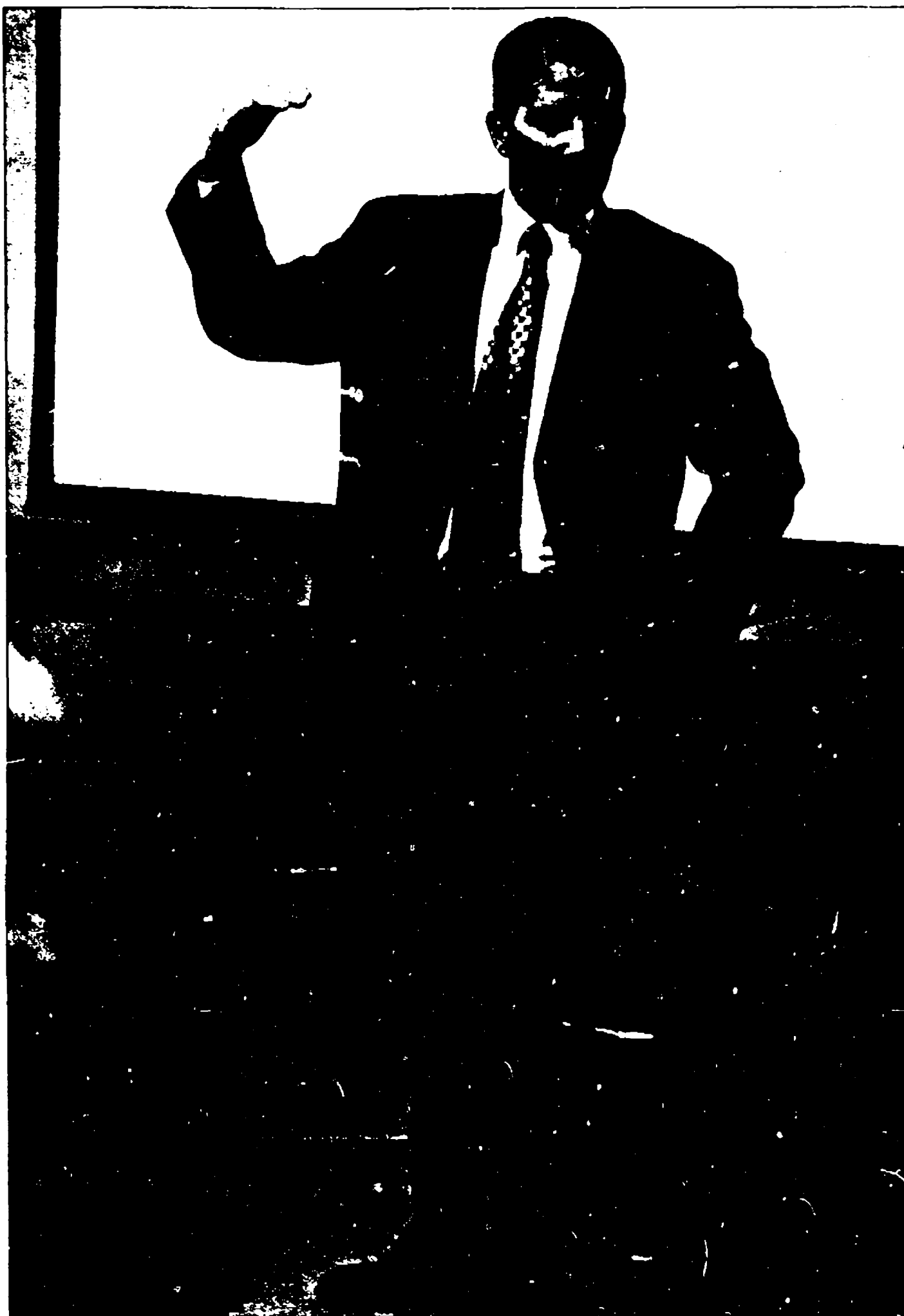
He said that he was not surprised by some of the questions that were brought up.

"I was surprised by the civility actually, given in my classes students were a lot more emotional, but then again we talked about things and we got a bit of education so I was happy that they were thinking a lot more," he said.

"It's good to know how somebody in the agency feels about racial profiling and what he thinks about it," said William McCulloch, 19, an arts/music major.

Scott Garcia, a 19-year old music major, said that he did not address the D.A.R.E. program situation enough.

"He didn't stay long enough on the subject of the D.A.R.E., cause obvi-



Bakersfield Police Chief William Rector spoke to Professor Ishmael Kimbrough's history classes Wednesday in the Forum East building at Bakersfield College. Rector discussed various issues ranging from the D.A.R.E. program to neighborhood watch.

ously the D.A.R.E. programs don't do anything cause there's a high percentage of people who graduate through the D.A.R.E. program and then turn to drugs," said Garcia.

Students were able to talk to Rector after the meeting.

Rector said in an interview that

the class had a mixture of people that resembled the makeup of Bakersfield.

"I think the class is a diverse class, a cross-section of Bakersfield residents," said Rector.

When asked if Rector thought there was a lot of racial tension in

Bakersfield regarding the police department, he said, "No, I don't. I think we've engaged in the community. We have more community involvement than we've ever had. There will be some questions regarding police practices and that's normal," he said.

College smoking policy weighed

■ BC will consider whether to create a smoke-free campus; forum will allow open debate on the issue.

By DANIELLA WILLIAMS
Opinion Editor

Plans for implementing a no smoking policy are in the beginning stages at Bakersfield College.

"We have both sides strongly against and for smoking. That's why we did not take a vote [immediately]," said Jason Ellertson, SGA president. "It's a delicate issue."

Students will be able to voice their concerns at an open forum being planned for the spring semester. Prayas Patel, vice president of the SGA, is in charge of setting up the forum. Secondhand smoke and individual rights will be discussed, as well as the issue of litter on campus.

Student reaction has been mixed. "I will be the first to admit that it is a nasty habit, but tobacco is not illegal," said Karie Slater, chemistry major. "If you're smoking outside you're not infringing on the rights of non-smokers because they have the right to walk away."

Nursing major Kristina Caudillo disagrees.

"Smoke floats all over the place. You can't walk around it," she said. These are my only set of lungs, and I don't fancy them being blackened by secondhand smoke."

The student government plans to visit Taft College, which adopted a smoke-free policy on Nov. 18, before making a decision. Taft College's policy will go into effect in January, and it may eventually adopt a total ban on smoking in 2006.

Although the method of approval is not set, the smoking policy is expected to need administrative and Student Government Association approval to be implemented. Student representatives expect controversy over the policy and plan to allow for designated smoking areas on campus if the policy were enacted.

"It would not be a smoke-free campus at this time," said Ellertson.

Similar policies have been adopted at other colleges, such as Ohlone College in Fremont in the Bay Area, and Lansing Community College in Michigan.

"It has been very well-received and

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Bad weather, pests cause tomato shortage

■ Nationwide shortage affects BC cafeteria; Food Services officials say tomatoes will be in full supply next semester.

By ELADIO BOBADILLA
Rip staff writer

The nationwide tomato shortage has hit Bakersfield College.

The campus cafeteria has put up a notice telling students that tomatoes are not available there at this time. For many students, this is not a problem; for others, only a minor nuisance.

"I eat in the cafeteria from time to time, but this is really not a big deal to me," said student Hawk Blumer, 18. "I don't even like tomatoes."

But for tomato lovers, this is bad news.

The shortage was created mainly by bad weather conditions. Hurricanes Charley and Frances in August and September forced produce farmers in Florida to replant tomatoes that were meant to be sold in November or December, according to a recent

Reuters report.

The report also said restaurants are seeing the consequences of the shortage.

Wendy's International Inc., for example, canceled a promotion for its Chicken Temptations sandwich, which was topped with a slice of tomato.

The company said this move would hurt its stockholders earning this quarter, though the report gave no estimate of how much it would be affected.

The shortage has hit Italian-themed restaurants particularly hard, because they use a large amount of tomatoes, the report added.

The price of tomatoes, as a result of the scarce quantity of quality tomatoes, has skyrocketed by 167%,

according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

A pest called the tomato psyllid, which affected parts of Mexico and California, also has contributed to the shortage, according to the California Tomato Commission.

Carmen Martinez, a grill cook in the BC cafeteria, said she expects tomatoes will be in full supply "when we come back next semester."

"All I know right now is that tomatoes are too expensive," she said. "The supermarket where I shop sells tomatoes for over \$1 each, and it would cost us

cost us (BC Food Services) \$100 a case."

Food Services Manager Alex Gomez put the price at around \$50 a case. "It's still pretty high," he said. "Because of the bad weather, the

price of tomatoes is really high and the quality is really poor.

"It's not cost effective, and I wouldn't want to serve a low-quality product. The flavor in the tomatoes that are available is just not there."

Most of BC's supply this time of year comes from Mexico, he said.

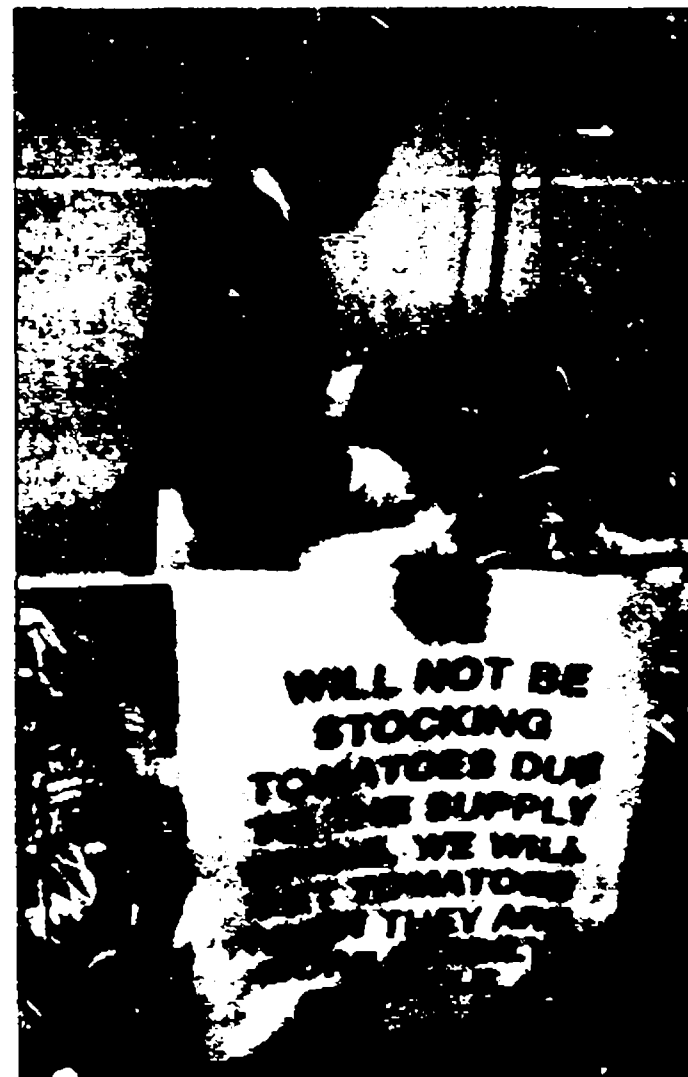
A statement on the California Tomato Commission's Web site downplayed the impact of the shortage and told consumers that supplies will only be tight for a few weeks.

The statement also said the impact on state growers should be minimal. Still, bad weather simultaneously hitting all major tomato-producing areas has left BC students with skinny burgers.

"I was disappointed to see the sign saying they had no tomatoes," said Janey Sosa, 38, a psychology student. But she was not surprised.

"I've seen the prices at supermarkets, and they are really high," Sosa said.

Managers at Bakersfield branches of The Olive Garden restaurant and Save Mart Supermarket refused to comment about the recent tomato shortage.



Deana Urias, a worker in the BC kitchen, puts together a sandwich minus tomatoes. For the past few weeks the cafeteria has not been offering tomatoes because of poor quality and an increased cost.

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CAMPUS

Unsigned sign-off

Editor's note: This is a wrapup article to the semester long series The Unsigned. It explains what the artists are doing now and their upcoming plans.

By PHILLIP G. KOPP
Rip staff writer



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Addiction Theory member Eric Carrillo holds a CD displaying his artwork.

Addiction Theory

Sweating it out in the studio hasn't slowed down the metal band, Addiction Theory. Bouncing back and forth between two studios, the band has been extremely busy working on its album, which should be finished late this month.

Meanwhile, the band has been starting up its own production company, Addictive Music Production (AMP). The members recently got together with other local metal bands to schedule a Toy for Tots concert at Vinny's Bar on Dec. 18. The show starts at 7 p.m., and if you bring in a toy valued at over \$5, you get in for free. The show is sponsored by KRAB radio.

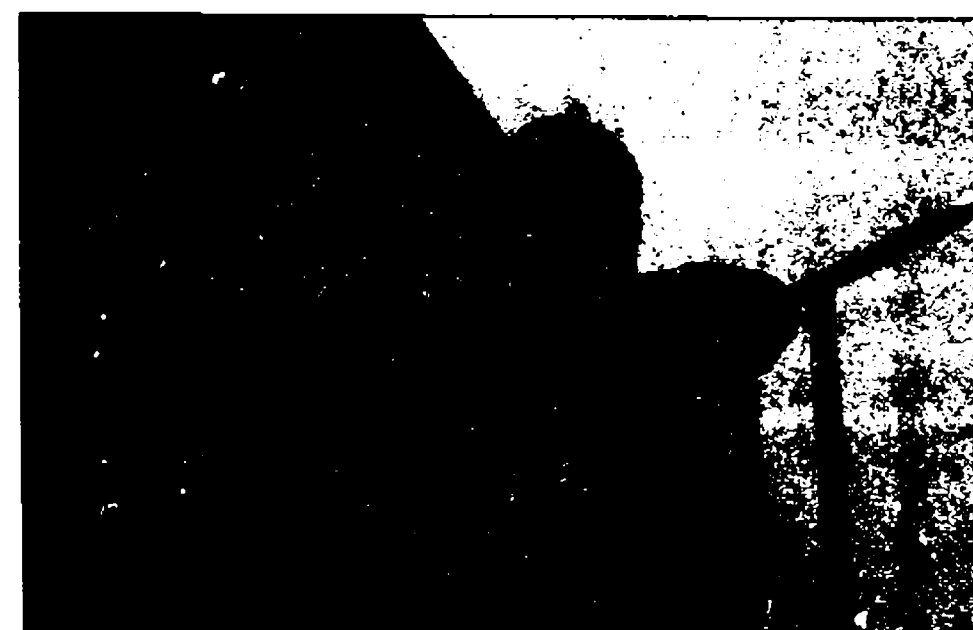


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Lauren Saldubehere helps her student, Haley Amarikwa.

Lauren Saldubehere

Still teaching and healing, Saldubehere works just as hard as she ever did with the power of ballet. Currently in rehearsal for this year's "Nutcracker," Saldubehere looks forward to playing The Sugar Plum Fairy in the performance. In between all of this, she prepares for an audition at UC Irvine in late January. The tryout process will involve a class of ballet and jazz ending with a collaborated dance number so the judges can determine their abilities.

Rehearsing and training has been the steady schedule for Saldubehere. The "Nutcracker" will be held at Bakersfield Convention Center on Dec. 11-12. Tickets are \$30 general admission and \$26 for students.



DENNIS MAHAN / THE RIP
John Wells works on his mural for the Bakersfield Rescue Mission.

John Wells

Wells' brush hasn't had time to dry in the past few months since we last spoke. Taking a break from the mural he has been painting at the Bakersfield Rescue Mission, Wells started a project -- making a set design -- for the Police Activities Board. The project hit a bump when the first set was stolen, in which Wells took a \$400 loss.

Wells has admitted to taking a break from acting as well as taking his girlfriend, Jenny Hatzman, to spend a week in New York. It was in the busy city of Manhattan where Wells proposed to Hatzman after a year of being together.

Enrique Acosta

Just finishing up a tour in Oregon, Acosta has arrived back in Bakersfield to plan his next chain of events. After the run of the musical adaptation of "Spider Baby," Acosta was in talks with many theaters in Los Angeles who were interested in the show. One such company, The Sacred Fools Theater Company, is still in talks with him about producing the play.

While planning upcoming issues for his online comic at actionfolksinger.com, Acosta has received the green light from The Empty Space on his new play, "True Tales," based on a series of interviews he wrote for The Blackboard. A casting date is being set for late January. Acosta is also prepping for a musical performance at The Empty Space with a full band, which will be performing at 10 p.m. Dec. 11 and 18.

Roger Mathey

Mathey's life has been thrown to an extreme after he was almost killed. While driving home one night, Mathey was cut off and run off the road by an angry motorist. His car headed straight into a pole, demolishing the engine.

"I remember thinking, 'Finally,'" said Mathey, a director. "I thought it was all over and nobody was going to get hurt but me. A good way to go."

Mathey, after being dazed, survived the accident. Mathey is now looking for a new stage managing position in Los Angeles while staying with friends.

DENNIS MAHAN / THE RIP
Actress Rebecca Lotze, who is also a Bakersfield College student, poses on the BC outdoor theater stage.

Rebecca Lotze

The events haven't stopped for the actress who sought a career in Hollywood but would also like to do work behind the camera.

Lotze has been busy with school, strongly working on her AA degree in a variety of subjects but leaning more toward theater. As she decides on which university to attend, she has acted in commercials in Bakersfield and was recently contacted to work in an independent film.

After the casting director saw the article written in The Rip a few months back, he immediately got in touch with Lotze. He had a specific part in mind for her to play and scheduling was still being decided.

OPINION

A student's rage against the soda machine

By BARRY LIPSON
Rip staff writer

Have your parents mortgaged their homes in order to recoup your losses at the one-armed bandits, also known as soda machines? Have you ever had the feeling that the Coca-Cola Company

is trying to turn Bakersfield College into a mini Las Vegas? Well, you're not alone.

The other day I went to bet the house on one of these machines. On this particular day, the machine would not accept dollar bills, only change would fill its cast-iron stomach.

I rummaged up \$1.35 in coins, and as luck would have it, or not have it if you will, the soda got stuck in its mechanical esophagus.

Having skinny arms, I normally am able to reach up and grab it. Not this time, however. Being a poor loser, I kicked the hell out of this machine only to end up with a sore foot and a

bruised ego.

The following day as I passed the Caesar's Palace reject, it began taunting me. It would say things like, "Yo, loser. Still thirsty?" Of course, my blood began boiling. So, I rummaged up another \$1.35 in change and began pouring it into the machine, which it quickly regurgitated.

Turns out this day it would only accept dollar bills. So, I stuffed it full of Washingtons, then I spit on my hands, rubbed them together, said a silent prayer and pushed my selection button.

Boo-yaa! Not only did I receive that day's selection but also the one I lost the previous day.

As you can see, sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. It's all a roll of the dice.

So, the next time you're wandering around campus and you see someone kicking the hell out of a soda machine, remember, "What happens in Bakersfield College, stays in Bakersfield College."

Seat covers: a friend for life

By ROBIN JONES
Special to The Rip

Before I start off, I should mention two things: I have a bladder the size of a Tic Tac, and I tend to be a little obsessive compulsive. This means that I have seen many a public restroom in my day. I know which ones are the cleanest, most convenient, and ... well ... I know which ones would give you the most privacy.

However, I have noticed a considerable amount of bad etiquette in restrooms. In addition, I believe that the reason I usually become sick is because of poor bathroom behavior. It does not just influence you physically. It also affects you mentally. That said, I would like to recommend some rules to live by when it comes to public restroom use.

1) Use seat covers. Seriously, if you think you may have to do some dirty business while visiting a stall, please use a seat cover. Personally, I know that I don't like walking into a stall and seeing someone's leftovers on the seat. Who knows what kind of germs one could contract while using a toilet?

2) Flush. Would you like walking into a stall and seeing something just floating in the toilet that's not yours? Unless you are trying to reenact a certain scene from the film "Toilet Training," you should probably flush the toilet. OK, this is a personal one. I just don't want to see your floaters.

2a: This is a special sub-section of Rule No. 2. This is best known as the Courtesy Flush. If the odor offends even you, you might want to flush

while you are still in the process of elimination.

3) Don't hover over the seat when urinating. I mean this one to be directed toward the women. You should not hover over a seat when using the toilet for the consideration of anyone who has to use it after you. The very least you could do is clean the seat off when you are done. Better yet, see No. 1 about using toilet seat covers. They're nice little things, those seat covers. I carry them everywhere I go.

4) Don't talk while using the restroom. This can apply to many situations.

For one, it is weird trying to take care of things when you hear two other people in the stalls next to you chat about their day. Just ... weird. I asked my best male friend if there is any reason that this should be applied in men's rooms as well. His answer: Yes! So, to quote my friend, "If there's one guy using a urinal and a whole row of empty urinals next to him, don't use the one right next to the guy. That's invading his space."

5) Finally, this rule is the most important, I believe. For God's sake, whatever you do, please wash your hands! I cannot stress this enough. Whether your hands touched "something" or not, no restroom is completely sanitary. Scrub up like you are about to perform surgery.

Even if you do actually follow these rules, I'm still going to be carrying my toilet seat covers and hand sanitizer around.

I'm not going to put my health in risk. To put it plainly, I don't take crap.

Editor in chief says farewell

By VICTOR GARCIA
Editor in Chief

I'm out of here! Well, not exactly. After this issue I will be stepping down from the throne at The Rip and staying on as Sports Editor.

One of my most memorable moments on The Rip was riding all the way up to the Journalism Association of Community Colleges' annual conference in Sacramento. It wouldn't have been memorable if I wasn't 6 feet 4 inches tall and hadn't been riding in today's equivalent of an MG Midget, a two-door Honda Civic.

Another was eating some crappy food at some trucker restaurant, about 10 miles west of Los Banos, on the way to the Northern California JACC conference. Every two

minutes on the intercom, as I was eating my rubber chicken fried steak, it was announced that some semi had its gas tank filled. I think two of my staff members are still gagging from their lasagna parmesan.

Then there were the long hours on production nights, drinking gallons of caffeine to keep myself awake, although I drink gallons of caffeine as a hobby. Rather than pay \$1.35 again and again for sodas in the cafeteria, most of the time I bring in a two-liter bottle that I pay the same for or less, and it lasts me all day.

As of now I am signing off as editor in chief, and Ian Hamilton will be taking my place upon the throne. In one of my previous editor in chief's words, "May God have mercy on your soul."

It's the holidays, release your inner-beast

By PHILLIP G. KOPP
Rip staff writer

Sometimes I wish I were Jewish. Not that I hate my Christian beliefs, but it is what my fellow believers do during the biggest holiday of the year. There are many things that occur during the holiday season, but two things are certain to happen to people: insane holiday shopping fever spreads like West Nile and crappy gifts will be received by all.

Being an ex-employee of one of the biggest retail chains in America, I have seen the horrors that haunt Christmas. I have seen people turn into raging zombies ravenous to feast the morning after Thanksgiving or, as it is called, Black Friday.

Lines start in the early a.m., and employees rush to get every tag, item and box in its perfect place. Managers would draw straws as to which less fortunate soul would have to unlock the doors to let in the mob of waiting consumers. The true inner-beast emerges from everyday people who would

trample, bear and stampede past anyone in their way to get that gift for the convenient low price.

I've seen employees get injured without regard, old ladies turn into blood hungry mercenaries and little kids used as arm extensions. Customers would grab things from other people's baskets, fights would break out over the last Gameboy, clothes would fly, shelves would break and it seemed as if the Cubans and Russians were really going to bomb us.

All of this so you could give that perfect gift to someone who probably just walked down to a dollar store and got the first thing off the shelf. Gift exchanges would have conversations such as, "What do you mean you didn't want a pineapple mug? I could've sworn it was on your list."

Kids would wonder what channel shows Intergalactic Indians. These gifts were just a few of the items I would give out back in the old days. The days when Pic 'N Save was the closest thing to a dollar store and Wal-Mart was too expensive. I usually got gifts of candy or dart guns, which both were past their primes, but horrid gifts are something to be expected

I have seen people turn into raging zombies ravenous to feast the morning after Thanksgiving.

from family. I remember one time getting a lottery ticket from an uncle. "Thanks, Uncle Jim. Thanks for the dollar's worth of nothing. I'll be sure to split these winnings with you, ya hick bastard. Next time why not just kick me in the nuts while singing 'Jingle Bells.'"

This December will be just as the others, keeping its reputation as being the biggest moneymaker for retail stores everywhere. People will put themselves further into debt so they aren't remembered as the guy who gave out homemade pinecone snowmen last year. This blatant subjection that we put on ourselves has to just quit, and we need to remember why we're celebrating Christmas.

I hate to sound like Charlie Brown, but c'mon people, why are we spend-

ing over a hundred dollars on a temporary tree that we can't even burn when we're finished with it? The Christmas spirit seems to diminish more each passing month, and I'm not just talking about lights hung around the rain gutters.

Maybe instead of maxing out our credit cards and figuring out how we're going to eat for the month of January, let's do what the birthday boy would do (that's Jesus Christ in case you were thinking of somebody else). One gift I recently received was a back rub that was just -- oh God -- I mean (long moan), she found this spot on my back that just ... whoa. It was definitely a present that I will never forget and shall always cherish, and it didn't cost anyone a dime. That's the spirit of giving and receiving, and if you think that undying admiration from a loved one, think again, and instead, try massaging that spot under the shoulder blade that can just ... oh, man, I mean, humma'na humma'na humma'na.

'GADE FEEDBACK

What stories would you like to see in The Rip next semester?



Chris Vindola, undeclared: "I'd like to hear a story about the new 'Star Wars' Episode III."



Paul Burdette, human services: "Prices in the canteen, or in the cafeteria. They go up every semester and even in the machines."



Susan Tweedy, liberal arts: "More about students and about health, like about the students' health."



Angelita Castro, registered nurse: "Just parking. It's farther for certain classes."



Tara Lago, American sign language: "You could bring to attention how horrible parking is at the school."



Joey Dunford, liberal arts and science: "I wanna make sure that our money's not misspent by anybody."



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NEWS



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William Vines, 18, finishes a cigarette on the Bakersfield College campus. Several organizations are behind an effort to implement a smoke-free policy at BC.

SMOKING: Proposal initiated through a joint effort of a variety of agencies from Kern County

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well-implemented all over the country," said Nsiele Nsugani, project director of the Tobacco Education Program for the Kern County Department of Public Health. "Kern County is lagging behind."
Supporters of the proposed ban want to promote the health of the campus through educating students on the health risks smoking creates. According to the California Department of Health and Human Services, smoking contributes to the two leading causes of death in Bakersfield. "This is a prevention measure

to let people know how smoking is bad," said Nsugani. "Some people are not aware of all the chemicals in smoking."

The specifics of a smoke-free policy are not predetermined. Colleges that adopt this policy must determine the rules and restrictions placed on where students may smoke.

The proposal was initiated through the joint effort of the Tobacco Free Coalition of Kern County, Bakersfield Unit of the American Cancer Society, Kern County Department of Public Health and California Division, Inc.

'A Christmas in Kern' to be held at Fox Theater

By JEANETTE BORLAND
Rip writer staff

With Christmas just around the corner, the Bakersfield College Music Department will present its 10th annual holiday concert. The concert, called "A Christmas in Kern," will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Fox Theater at 2001 H St. in Bakersfield.

The cost is \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens. There is no cost for children or for military personnel in uniform. Tickets are available at the BC ticket office at 395-4326, the Fox Theater at 324-1369 and World Records at 831-3100. Tickets will also be available at the door.

All the proceeds from this concert will go toward scholarships

and the needs of students enrolled in the Instrumental Music Department.

The concert will feature the BC 75-member Holiday Festival Orchestra, the Delano High School Platinum Choir, and the BC sign language choir led by Cindee Bart, a BC faculty member.

The conductor for "A Christmas in Kern" is Robert Martinez, who

is the director of the Instrumental Music Department at BC.

"It will not just be a concert, but a variety show," Martinez said. "Fun for the entire family."

Jeff Lemucchi, KGET radio personality, will be the master of ceremonies. Adding to the holiday spirit will be Santa's Renegade Elves playing on sandpaper blocks. The event is sponsored by BC.

NEWS BRIEFS

Bowling tournament scheduled

Habitat for Humanity is inviting Bakersfield College to enter up to five, four-member teams in its annual bowling tournament on Sunday, March 20, at Westchester Lanes on 1819 30th St.

The entry fee is \$100 per team. Contact Brian Dials or Chuck McGowan at 588-4357 for entry forms. Participants are asked to submit forms to the BC Public Information Office.

Chamber Singers available for hire

The Bakersfield College Chamber Singers are available for hire at \$100 per half hour to perform anywhere you send them, including hospitals, care facilities, office buildings, private residences, service club meetings and

Christmas parties from now until Christmas Eve. The BCCS is a part of the music department under the direction of Ron Kean. Proceeds will fund scholarships. For more information, contact Ron Kean at 395-4547.

Toy Run scheduled for Dec. 12

The 21st Bakersfield Annual Toy Run and Food Drive will be held on Dec. 12. This event, which draws thousands of classic cars every year, is held to collect toys, canned foods and funds all going to the Salvation Army. Vehicles and riders will meet at Beach Park at 7 a.m. and will gather until 10 a.m. Free doughnuts, hot coffee, cocoa and hot cider will be available for participants.

The riders will form a parade

that will run through downtown Bakersfield from Beach Park to the fairgrounds. There will be bands, food and prizes.

The cost of attendance is either

\$20 or one unwrapped toy and one non-perishable food item and will be collected at the fairgrounds. For more information, call (661) 397-8735, (661) 837-1825 or (661) 832-3045.

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SPORTS

BC loses own bowl game

■ Renegades take 20-7 lead but watch it evaporate in second half of Golden Empire Bowl.

By LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The Fullerton College Hornets came to town Nov. 20 to play against the Bakersfield College Renegades in the inaugural Golden Empire Bowl and virtually stung the 'Gades in a 24-20 come-from-behind victory with less than two minutes remaining in the football contest.

There were several frustrating things about the loss — turnovers, penalties and missed assignments — but most frustrating for BC was the game came down to one play, which the Hornets executed well after being stopped for three quarters.

"We shouldn't have been in a position where one play could determine the outcome of the game," said BC coach Jeff Chudy. "We dominated for three quarters and a lack of ex-

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BC football coach

ecution in the fourth quarter cost us. It's hard to overcome major penalties and turnovers. We have to play smarter and eliminate those penalties and mistakes."

Once again, BC had trouble running out the clock after building a big lead.

BC quarterback Thomas Peregrin, who completed 17 of 28 passes for 252 yards and one touchdown, put things into perspective.

"It seems like we start well, but we're never able to put games away," said Peregrin, named the offensive player of the game. "They got us in the last minute and a half. We really got stung."

The 'Gades, like they have been for most of the season, were productive offensively in the first half, while the opposing team struggled.

Le'Andre Matthews got things rolling for BC when he scored on a nice 20-yard touchdown run and Bryan Sullivan kicked the extra point to put the 'Gades up 7-0. Early in the second quarter, Peregrin struck through the air on a beautifully executed 54-yard touchdown pass to Craig Owen, the kick was good by Sullivan and the 'Gades led 14-0.

After a good defensive stand by

the physical Hornets, Sullivan kicked a 31-yard field goal to increase the lead to 17-0.

The defensive stand by Fullerton seemed to pump up the Hornets as they began their next possession on the BC 47-yard line after a good kickoff return. It took three plays for Fullerton to put up its first touchdown as running back Rafael Rice scored from 11 yards out and Mauricio Garcia added the extra point to make the score 17-7 with 3:06 left in the half.

The 'Gades scored their last three points of the game before the end of the half as Sullivan kicked a 33-yard field goal to make the score 20-7.

The third quarter began with BC's Anthony Stewart fumbling the kickoff and Alfred Guidry recovering the ball at the 11-yard line for the Hornets. But the favor would shortly be returned as Guidry fumbled the ball back to BC, denying the Hornets the chance to capitalize on a first-and-goal from the 1-yard line.

But Fullerton would be handed another opportunity when it recovered a BC fumble.

On a fourth-and-three from the 'Gades 41-yard line, Fullerton quarterback Casey Wheldon threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to tight end Karel Taska and Garcia's kick brought the Hor-

nets within 20-14.

From that point on, the momentum seemed to change. "We got too complacent and gave up the momentum," Peregrin said. "Once Fullerton got the momentum they started making the plays to get back in the game."

Even with momentum changing and a blocked punt by Fullerton, the BC defense tightened up and only allowed a 36-yard field goal by Garcia, making the score 20-17 early in the fourth quarter.

Until Guidry, the bowl's most valuable player, made the play of the game. With a trap play on third down and 10, he eluded the BC defense and ran 74 yards down the sideline for the winning score. Guidry gained 141 yards on 12 carries against a tough defense that didn't allow much on the ground most of the game.

"We were luckier than hell," said Fullerton coach Gene Murphy. "We ran a trap, and we had the ball in the right player's (Guidry's) hands for



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Cody Nottingham, center, of Fullerton College, tries to evade BC's Tyler Saso, left, and Rickey Henderson.



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BC's Thomas Peregrin looks for the open man in the end zone.

this. Some of the sports-writers down in Fullerton asked me, 'What do you think about playing Bakersfield in the Golden Empire Bowl?' I said, 'If you're going to play in a community college bowl, where else would you rather be?'"

Fullerton's defensive tackle Gabe Long was defensive player of the game.

BC lineman Abdunafi earns top defensive honor in division vote

Bakersfield College defensive lineman Esmail Abdunafi was named the top defensive player in the Western State Conference North Division as the all-conference football teams were announced for the WSC North and South divisions.

BC coach Jeff Chudy was named co-coach of the year in the North Division. The all-conference selections were made by conference coaches.

Abdunafi, a 6-foot-4, 285-pound sophomore, is being recruited heavily by several Division I programs. According to Chudy, the lineman has made official visits to the University of Oklahoma, Texas A&M and Michigan State. He is planning two more visits after the holidays to West Coast schools.

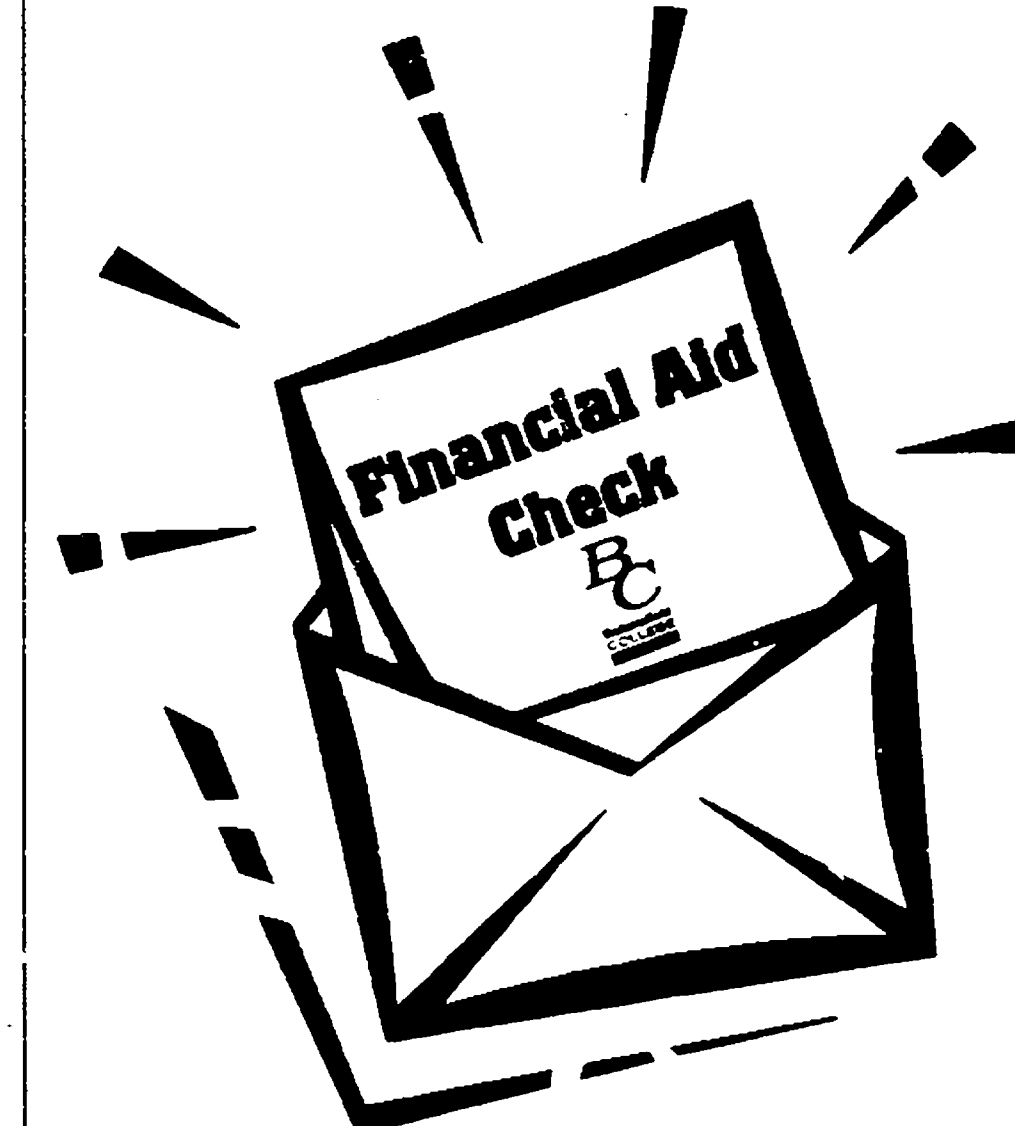
Chudy, a former BC assistant, finished his first season as head coach with a 7-4 record, including a second-place finish in the WSC with a 5-2 record. Chudy and Chuck Lyon of College of the Canyons were named the top

coaches in the North Division. Five BC players were named WSC North Division Offensive linemen and tight end James Thompson, a sophomore, made the first team. On defense, more linebacker Kirby Adams and freshman defensive back and Matthews made the first team along with Abdunafi.

Second-team picks for BC center Cory Acda, linebacker Anthony Stewart, tight end Sullivan and defensive back Willy Washington.

Offensive linemen Princeton, received a second-team selection. Fullerton defensive lineman Thomas Long was named the top offensive lineman in the South Division. Receiver Ryan Jones was named the top player in the South Division of the WSC. — has eight teams, Col. Canyons, 11-0 overall, North Division with a 7-2 record.

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Basketball teams on the rebound

■ New men's basketball coach gets first win against Allan Hancock College, taking record to 1-3.

By LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College men's basketball team notched its first victory of the season Nov. 30 when it defeated Allan Hancock College, 94-89.

The victory was especially sweet for the Renegades because it was the first win for first-year head coach Brent Davis and because they came back from a seven-point halftime deficit.

Even though BC has an overall record of 1-3, the outlook for the season is promising as shown in the second half against Hancock.

The 'Gades used their size to rebound and dominate the boards as well as a good all-around shooting performance to take control and finish the game strong, something they had not done in the first three losses.

"We've had three close losses, all at the end of the game," said Jan Stuebbe, BC athletics director. "I like the direction in which the basketball program is going. We do have some good talent, and it looks promising."

Against Hancock, sophomore forward Mario Malave scored 31 points and sophomore point guard Tyler Monk was solid from the floor as he added 30 points, including five three-point shots. Freshman guard Marquintice Davis added 11 points. Other players to watch this season are sophomore forward Richard Moss, sophomore forward Chris Smith, sophomore forward Josh Neis and 7-foot freshman center Rodney Timmerman.

Another reason for the 1-3 start is that the 'Gades have a young team. Five of the 15 players are sophomores and 10 are first-year players. "We have the talent," Davis said. "It's a process, two teaching the fundamentals and just try to get better every game. We have to be peaking toward conference play so that we can be competitive for a conference



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BC forward Tyler McQuilliams lunges for the ball over guard Staci Kaneshiro during the 'Gades loss to El Camino on Nov. 22.

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— Jan Stuebbe,
BC athletics director

championship and make the playoffs.

The 'Gades have also faced tough competition. The first loss came against a consistently good College of the Sequoias team that is usually ranked in the top 10 in the state. The other two losses came against Porterville College, state champion a few

years back, and Reedley College, a team that is off to a winning start.

"We like to have a tougher pre-season schedule because it helps us in conference play," Davis said.

Meanwhile, the BC women's basketball team (4-4) has played a tough preseason schedule — eight games in nine days — and may be better than its record reflects. Getting into Western State Conference play will determine just how good the 'Gades are, but the expectations for the season are high.

"We've had back-to-back games early, and we've played well," said Paula Dahl, BC women's head coach. "We lost our post player (center) Sarah Ortiz for four games, but she is back now."

As far as conference play, Dahl predicts this will be a great season

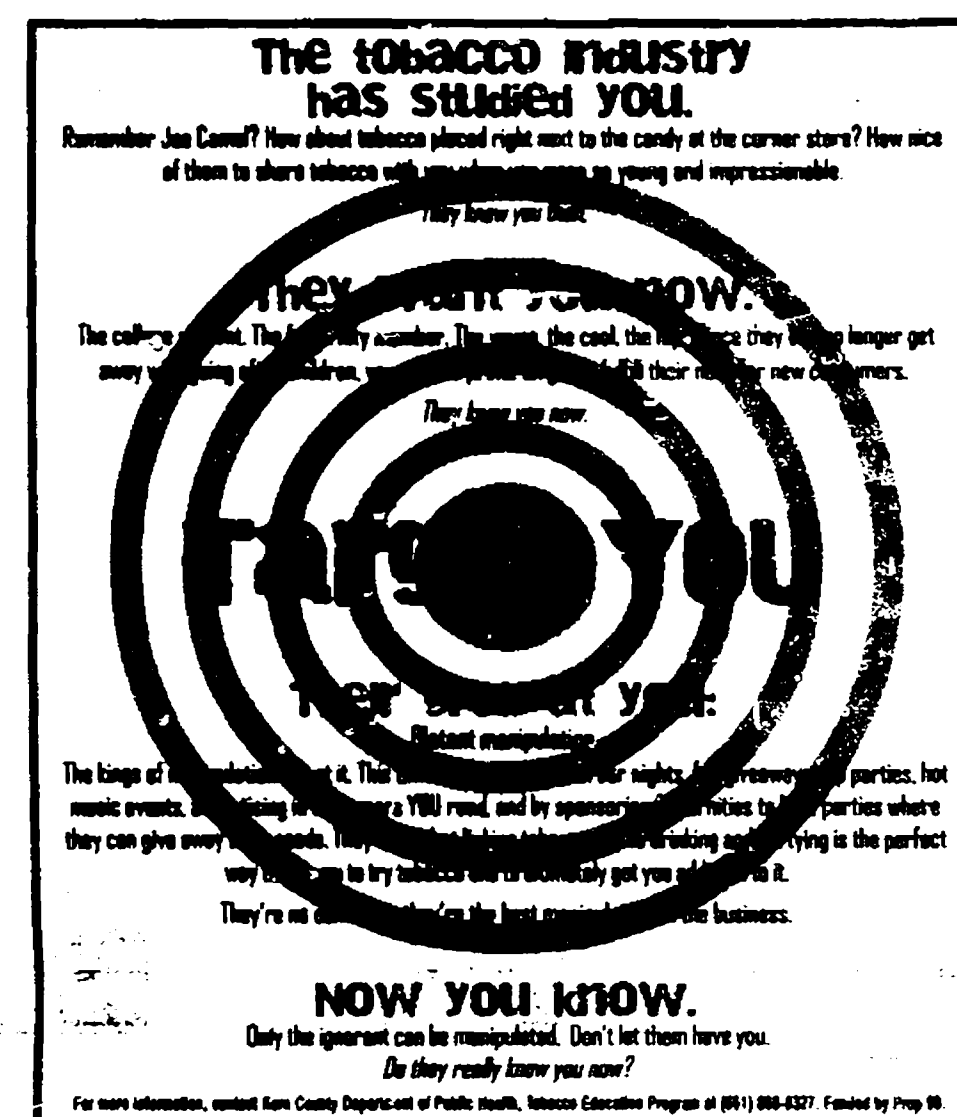
for BC. Stuebbe echoed Dahl's sentiments.

"This is probably the most talented team I've seen since I've been at BC," Stuebbe said.

Leading the way for the 'Gades this season is Nicole Goss. The sophomore has scored in double figures in every game and leads the team with a 17-point average.

Goss also dominated on the boards and has a number of blocked shots so far this season. The 'Gades are a balanced squad, and another player to watch this season is Ashley Nichols. "We have a great team," Dahl said. "Ashley Nichols is also playing with a lot of consistency this season."

Others players to watch are Ashlee Klingenberg, Darlene Alugbue and Tyler McQuilliams.



Sex shop

Everything from lingerie to rubber feet

By DANIELLA WILLIAMS
Opinion Editor

Sexual beings of Bakersfield do not be ashamed! Sexual liberation hit America in the '60s and '70s, but it has taken a bit longer to hit here. Despite the conservative air of our fair city, a small den of sensual delights can be found just off Airport Drive.

I pass the Deja Vu Love Boutique on my way to Bakersfield College but never ventured in fearing I'd find Wildcat clientele. You know, dirty old men in trench coats with sweaty palms. But, surprisingly, you can leave your trench coat and glasses at home. The Love Boutique brings sexual play into the light.

"You don't feel like a closet freak," said Jennifer Gill, a sales associate. "No seedy old men."

Walking in, I felt like a sorority girl on acid taking in the bouncy neon colors. Everything from Marilyn Manson to Justin Timberlake plays as customers look through racks of naughty negligees. It puts a whole new spin on the Santa look this Christmas season.

Jennifer Lopez once said, "Love don't cost a thing." Well, she was wrong. The prices are reasonable but not cheap. You can indulge that special someone's foot fetish with a set of lifelike rubber feet for \$82.69. The feet are cast from porn star Serenity's delicate digits. Or how about a \$20.69

vibrating lipstick and \$13.99 bottle of "Wash Away Your Sins" bubble bath for a guilt-ridden girlfriend? According to the bottle it is "bishop tested" and "cardinal approved."

Notions about who visits the shop should be left at the door. The only people who will see you are probably there for the same reason. It doesn't matter if someone is young, old, sexually adventurous or conservative religious. All types shop at the boutique, although some will park farther away than others.

"We do get a lot of church people. They're the ones who don't want to park in front," said Assistant Manager Laura Lewis.

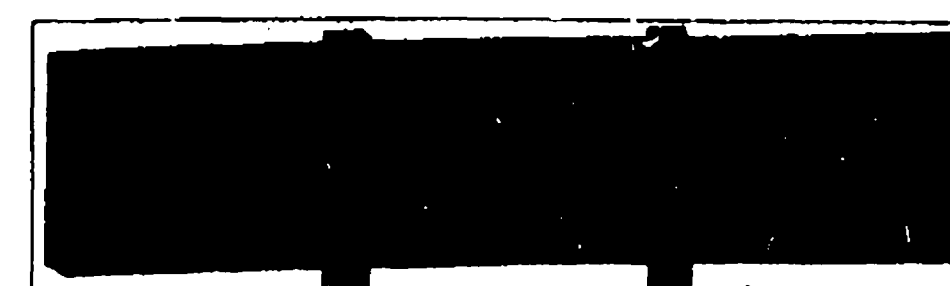
If you can't be with the one you love, you can love the one you're with, yourself.

"People don't want to go out and be with a lot of other [partners]. They can just do it on their own," said Sales Associate Elizabeth Ponce.

For those who have a partner to play with, why not take a page from the "Guide to Getting it On," and get creative as a couple? For the man who doesn't know how to bring toys into bed play, the salesgirls suggest starting with something romantic. In this visual age, many couples choose erotic movies to start with.

"A lot of couples want something with a story in it. Women want that. Guys want girl on girl," said Jessica Dunton, a salesperson.

It is sometimes cheesy but funky and fun. What's the use of having a sexual revolution if no one is using its privileges?



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The Deja Vu Love Boutique is located next door to the Deja Vu Showgirls.



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The boutique carries a variety of lingerie, from red leather to this white angel outfit.

Boinkcentral.com leaves little to the imagination

By BARRY LIPSON
Rip staff writer

On the television show "M.A.S.H.," Hawkeye has a roommate named B.J. On a classic episode, Hawkeye wondered what

WEB SITE REVIEW

at boinkcentral.com and probably been quite surprised at the response.

Boinkcentral.com is the official Web site for the book, "Guide to Getting It On." Realizing that I am a serious journalist, the publisher of said book has generously offered to send me a free copy to review at a later date.

Meanwhile, I decided to take a quick look at the Web site and now, six hours later, I begin my report.

On the site are several links giving serious and oftentimes disturbing information regarding sexual activity. For instance, I learned that hematospermia is, and I quote this definition from the site, "blood in your boyfriend's sperm." As if that didn't leave a bad taste in your mouth, have you ever encountered a Booth Troll, which is defined as "a guy who cruises other guys in the video booth section of the cheesier,

more traditional adult sex stores. There they have anonymous sex with each other, giving the appearance of being straight, probably viewing straight porn flicks, with the added risk and excitement of being busted by the local vice squad." If you have encountered such a being, please do not tell me about it. Some things are best left to the imagination.

My favorite definition, so far, has to be for "Tribadism," which is "the way they shake hands on the island of Lesbos."

I also never knew there were so many things to do with plastic wrap. Again, some things are best left to the imagination.

Perhaps you have some serious questions about the subject of bedroom romping. Well, according to the site, Dr. Boink has all the answers. Apparently, Dr. Boink has an advanced degree in Absurdity from Our Lady of Perpetual Grief's Online Diploma Mill. I think you can trust him.

Well, I look forward to perusing my copy of "Guide to Getting It On." My review will be coming soon in a brown paper wrapper, so stay tuned.

BC Brains

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



Jonathan Castillo, computer science: "Enlargement of the penis."



Rosa Mendez, nursing: "Human excitement."



David Rowland, business administration: "A form of human some million years ago."



Marisela Navarro, business administration: "A sickness."



Eric O'Brien, psychology: "Homo erectus was a step in evolution that was just below homo sapiens."



Valerie Aleman, undeclared: "It sounds like some sort of medical term."

CORRECT ANSWER: An extinct species of humans, regarded as an ancestor of Homo sapiens.



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FEATURES

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Right: Drummer Tre Cool plays at the Green Day concert on Nov. 20 at Centennial Garden.

Far right: Green Day lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong sings "American Idiot" from their new album.

Below: Someone dressed in a bunny rabbit costume started drinking a beer and dancing to the Village People song, "YMCA," to prep the crowd for Green Day.



Rocking like an 'American Idiot'

By PHILLIP G. KOPP
Rip staff writer

Long lines, screaming fans and alcoholic bunnies were just some of the amusing antics that flared away at Green Day's concert Nov. 20 at Centennial Garden. After waiting in an extremely long line to get on the ground floor, causing me to miss the Sugar Cult performance, I was searched, tagged and ready to get wasted with the best of them.

I arrived just in time to see New Found Glory take the stage, which only maintained my disappointment of missing the first set. The speakers blasting out the music drowned out the lead singer's voice, which was at a higher pitch than most Backstreet Boys. Seeing the waving flab of the shirtless bass player didn't really help things much, either, but I was determined to have an awesome night.

After NFG closed out, I got my share of the overpriced alcohol in the lobby and drank as quickly as I could before the main venue took over. Just as I was getting back, a man dressed in a large bunny suit holding a beer bottle graced the stage and had people doing the Village People's "YMCA" song while he guzzled away.



Then the lights dimmed, horns sounded and flags raised, bearing the fist-clenched heart hand grenade. As the crowd screamed louder and louder, Green Day ran out on stage and blared out "American Idiot" to start off. Fans sang along while banging heads and waving fists showered across the crowd, bringing a rush to every kid, teen and aged rocker.

Billie Joe made the show one unexpected moment after the next as he pretended to masturbate, moon the crowd on both sides, hose down the audience with a squirt gun with the help of a young fan and jump all around the stage while everything from light shows to pyrotechnics took place.

One ultimate highlight happened when Green Day welcomed on stage three musicians, which the band pulled out of the crowd one by one until they had a complete band. They showed them the chords and drumbeat to play and let them have a few minutes of fame as they jammed alongside the band. Billie Joe even gave the guitarist, who was picked out because of a giant sign he had, the guitar he was playing.

Green Day didn't just play hits and songs from the new album. They

threw in a mix of songs, such as "Shout," which Billie sang while wearing a crown and cape. Just as they left the stage, the fans pulled out their lighters and cell phones and cheered for an encore. The large lighted sign began slowly flashing the words, "Green Day," as the crowd chanted them with lights speeding up in pace.

The band came back and closed out with "We are the Champions," which had the whole crowd singing along while green and white confetti blew over.

Other memorable moments, such as Billie Joe talking trash about the newly elected president, reminding moshing fans to pick up those who fall and poking fun at random people made the show a night to remember.

As I left, buzzing on beer, my ears ringing and my neck in a vicelike pain, I was halted by an intoxicated,

middle-aged man screaming about how he was kicked out of the show for just dancing. He also reminded me to marry someone for who they are on the inside. I'll take the advice, friend, even though I used it over four years ago.

The night didn't stop there for me, but the show did and I can easily say that I can't wait to see them come back again because Green Day puts on a great show well worth the money. The band has risen, fallen and risen again, and with that you have to give them respect from surviving every death and hateful slur that has been thrown at them from critics to fans. I wouldn't be surprised if the band made it for another 15 years, and if so, then I'll end up being the old guy screaming outside the concert hall about how I got kicked out for "just dancing."

Holiday clothes drive helps those in need

By MARILYN WHIPKEY
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College Student Government Association hosted a clothing drive Saturday in the BC Memorial Stadium parking lot.

Sandy Woo, SGA senator and chairperson of the Community Outreach and Services Committee, organized the event.

The early morning began with about 20 people waiting in line, mostly men. There was more women's clothing donated, but the men's clothing went the fastest. An estimated 50 attended the event overall. Some people came from the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter.

Billy Miller, 43, had just gotten out of prison and is working toward getting a house for his wife and four children.

He is now living at the homeless shelter and was grateful for the help.

"It's hard getting out of prison and getting a hand up," Miller said.

Another man, Mark Womack, who had recently lived at the shelter, said he was in need of clothes because he has seven children.

Student Anthony Doser, 18, from Community Outreach, is thankful for the turnout they had.

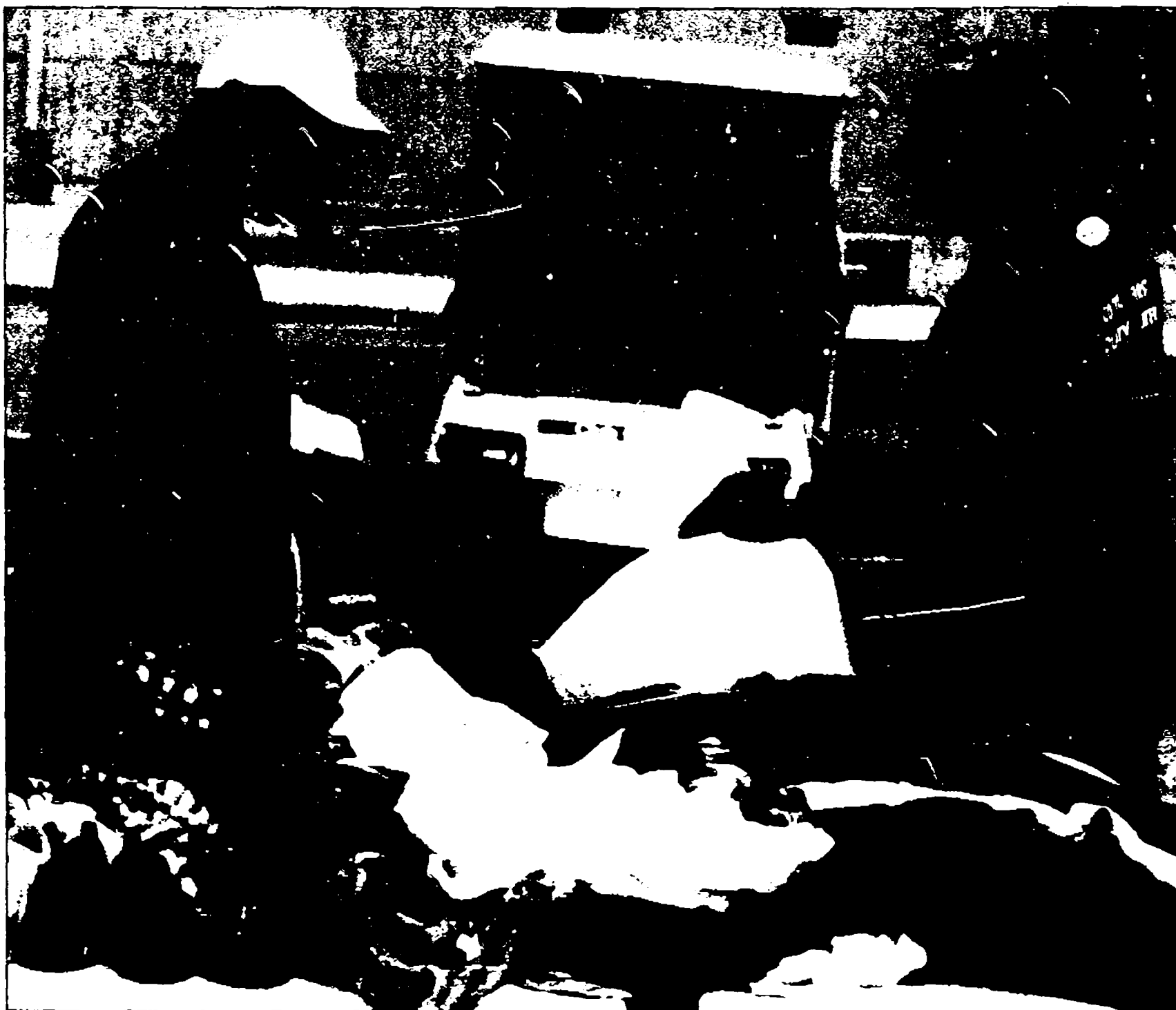
"We were hoping for maybe a little bit better turnout," he said. "The last two weeks some of the committee lacked in their duties so we didn't get all our communication out. This is a pretty good turnout for having a week to send out the information."

The Community Outreach students gave special thanks to Don Clark for helping get the news out to the media about the clothes drive.

BC students donated the majority of the clothes. Signs and boxes labeled "Students Helping Families" were put up throughout the campus.

A cameo food drive was held, too, and the food was handed out at the clothes drive. Snacks, such as muffins, water and apple juice, were provided by the SGA.

The items left behind will be donated to the Battered Women's Shelter, Jamison Center and Bakersfield Homeless Shelter.



Mark Womack, left, and Billy Miller look through some donated clothing at the Students Helping Families Clothing Drive while members of the Student Government Association look on at the Memorial Stadium parking lot on Nov. 27.

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'Polar Express' takes you on a magical ride

By JEANETTE BORLAND
Rip staff writer

An old saying passed down from generation to generation is "seeing is believing," and the movie "Polar Express" makes that saying true. "Polar Express" is about a young lad who has a difficult time believing in Santa Claus.

The Polar Express and conductor (Tom Hanks) stop in front of the houses of children who aren't sure if Santa Claus exists, and the train takes them to meet the man himself.

I liked this movie for several reasons, such as the train ride through the snow and many adventures, like a roller coaster ride down a steep tunnel.

I almost felt that I was on the train, especially when the railroad tracks were frozen over with slippery ice and the Polar Express continues on. The movie had a musical feel (three songs during the movie) to it, and I danced in my seat. I watched this movie with great awe in the fact that technology is so advanced.

This was not your typical animation but something more. The movie was done with motion capture, which makes things look more real. It's a 3D representation of a live performance, which makes the characters seem more life like.

Believing is something that you do in your heart, and in "Polar Express," to hear the bells ring is a sign of a true believer. Seeing is believing for the children in the movie, but do you always have to see to believe?

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