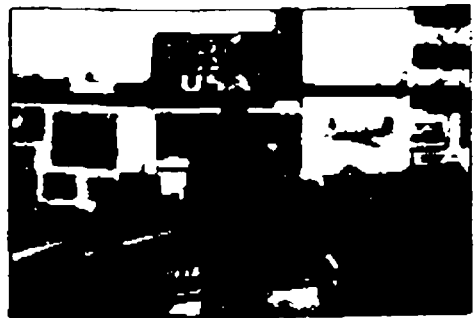


## Flying high

Former BC student becomes a member of local Hall of Fame.

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## A more colorful life

Two BC teachers are retiring, but their art will keep them busy.

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## Presidential search committee holds interviews

By ELADIO BOBADILLA  
Copy Editor

The Bakersfield College presidential search committee held closed-door interviews with candidates for the position of campus president Thursday and Friday in what administration officials called a "highly confidential process."

The next step, committee members say, is to make recommendations to district officials, who will ultimately

make the decision.

"After those two days of interviews, recommendations will go to the chancellor and board of directors," said Nan Gomez-Heitzberg, a committee member and dean of student learning.

Heitzberg declined to give the names of the candidates or even the number of applicants, citing confidentiality issues.

Another committee member, Greg Chamberlain, said the committee has

been working hard to make sure the process is smooth and a decision is reached in a timely manner.

"We have a very good screening committee... we have faculty, community members and even students," he said. "I think we will identify some truly strong candidates."

Students seemed largely unaware of the process, and many said they felt it didn't matter who the president of the campus would be.

"When it was time to vote for a

student president, I didn't care and I think students would care even less about it at the administration level," said Misty Bownds, 22, a business student.

Kyle Gallemore, 19, and architecture student also said he believed most students either didn't care or lacked information.

"I don't think most of us really care, but I guess it depends on how involved students are," he said. "I mean, it does affect us, but teach-

ers don't really tell us much about what's going on behind the scenes on this campus."

Students, faculty and community members who are interested in participating in the process will be able to attend open forums "some time in March, when the [district] board of directors interviews the candidates," according to Gomez-Heitzberg.

"I would encourage students to attend those sessions," she said.

Chamberlain also said he hoped

students would participate. "The president of any institution can set the tone, and he will affect the campus climate."

Chamberlain said the number of candidates should be narrowed down to "two to four" by the time the forums take place, and he anticipated a new president would be selected by the beginning of next school year.

"The committee's intention is to have the new president start on July 1," he said.



Tyler Rose, the son of controversial baseball star Pete Rose, is a 6-foot-5 inch freshman guard for Glendale College.

## Pete Rose comes to BC to see son play

By VICTOR GARCIA  
Sports Editor

No one could have expected to see Major League Baseball's all-time hits leader at a Bakersfield College basketball game.

Pete Rose, famous for his baseball ability from the 1960s into the mid '80s and infamous for gambling on baseball, was sitting in the middle of the front row of the BC gym watching the Renegades play against his son Tyler's team, the Glendale Vaqueros.

In an interview with The Rip after the game, Rose was asked what his thoughts of the game were.

"If you were a Glendale fan like me it was a bad game," said Rose.

Rose said that the best part of the game was the last 10 seconds for Bakersfield.

BC won 100-98 in overtime. "Any time you have a team down by 11 and you go into overtime, it's exciting," he said.

Rose said that he doesn't think his record of 4,256 hits will be broken, although he did say, "if you'd asked Ty Cobb that he probably would have said the same thing." Rose broke Ty Cobb's record in 1985.

Rose, who has been banned from the Hall of Fame, said that he thinks someday he will have a place there with the rest of baseball's legends.

"Yeah, the Hall of Fame was made for me," he said.



Pete Rose applauds as the Glendale Vaqueros stage a last-minute comeback against the BC Renegades.

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## Mailing checks stops long lines

By GINA MENDOZA  
Rip staff writer

The Business and Financial Aid offices have made a successful attempt to reduce the lines on campus. In spring 2005, financial aid checks were mailed to recipients, rather than picked up.

Joan Wegner, the director of Financial Aid, proposed the idea last fall, with the support of former BC President Sandra Surrano, and Vice President of Student Services Bill Cordero.

"The whole idea is to get our students back in the classrooms," Wegner said. Apparently, many students were missing class to wait in line for their check. With the large number of students that receive Pell Grants, approximately 4,500 this semester, attendance in classes was often poor on check distribution day. Also, it took too much manpower from the Business Office to get every check handed out.

"I was happy to get my check in the mail," said Kristina Taylor, a BC student.

"It saved a lot of time because I didn't have to spend two hours in line."

For the spring semester of 2005, the first check date was Jan. 25.

Of 10 students interviewed, nine received their checks before the scheduled date. The one student who did not get her check said that it was because she did not have all of the proper paperwork filed by deadline.

The Financial Aid Office stresses the importance of having all of your information updated and correct in the system, especially your address.

"If for some reason you did not or do not receive your check within 10 business days of the date given to you, then you would need to go down to Business Services and make sure that your address is correct in the system," Wegner said.

"I think it is a lot easier on everyone to have the checks mailed," said Rebekah Bopp, a BC student. "The line was impossible, and the system just wasn't good."

Many students said that the best thing about having the checks mailed is they can avoid the long line, but for some it also provides a sense of privacy.

"Being in line made me feel like I was not like everyone else because people would look and stare," said Melody Carrillo, also a BC student.

Other students, however, did not seem to care about the privacy issue. "I didn't care about people looking at me or talking because I'm here to get an education, and we are all adults now," said Destin Cook.

Still, most agree that having the checks mailed is a good idea.

Students claim to have waited in line anywhere from 45 minutes to three hours last semester to pick up their checks.

"Now, I just wish that they would do the books the same way," Taylor said.

## Renovation projects begin

■ KCCD currently in the process of determining how to distribute funds; some projects already under way.

By JOSHUA AYERS  
Rip staff writer

A rise in construction costs has created setbacks for Measure G renovation projects at Bakersfield College.

The board has held two of a series of meetings that will prioritize the sequencing of projects around campus. Another preliminary meeting will be held on Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. to organize project data and input from faculty to determine where projects funds need to be directed.

Vice President of Students Ken Meier said that the No. 1 priority at this point is vertical access compliance.

Vertical access refers to how the campus handles proper facilities, such as elevators and wheelchair ramps that are addressed in the

American Disabilities Act.

"Those are issues that have to be addressed no matter how expensive they are," said Meier.

Herb Siegers, the MAAS Co. project manager at the BC campus said that the district will be evaluating the full-time estimated students at all district campuses to see which programs and areas of campus have a large enrollment of students. From the data gathered at that point, the Kern Community College District can determine what changes will need to be taken on each campus, he said.

The purpose of the sequencing is to appropriate necessary "swing space" that is available during renovations. Swing space refers to the amount of space available for employees who will have to move out of a building temporarily while it is being modernized. Siegers said that if the strategy of the sequencing can be arranged so that employees have a place to go while their building undergoes construction that it will spare the district the cost of renting portable office

buildings to accommodate staff. The district office has already temporarily relocated to a location on California Avenue, and some employees have been relocated to portables on the BC campus.

Construction has already started on the Applied Science and Technology building at BC. The \$135,000 roof for the facility was completed in time for the winter and spring rains.

Siegers said that the AST building is going to be completed in two phases. Phase one is expected to make the welding and machine labs available for classes by April 5 of this year. Phase two will cover the completion of the wood and auto shops and is projected to be finished by Aug. 10.

The five-month modernization process of the planetarium in the Math and Science Building is expected to begin at the end of May 2005. The upgrade will replace the existing 24-foot dome with a 36-foot one and will increase the seating capacity to

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Dave Benuzzi, an employee for AC Electric, works on running all new power to the welding shop in the Applied Science and Technology building at Bakersfield College.

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## FEATURES

# Retiring with style

Two BC art professors display their work as they plan to retire after this semester

By JULIANNA CRISALLI  
News Editor

Between the love of teaching and the passion of art, teaching always came first for retiring art teachers, Harry Wilson and Chalisa Brossett Robinson. But soon that will all change.

On Feb. 3, the Wylie and May Louise Jones Gallery featured the photographs and paintings of art teacher

Robinson and photography instructor, Wilson. Both plan to retire this year, which means more time to expand their artistic endeavors.

"When you are teaching, it's hard to be an artist because you can't devote all your time to it," Wilson said.

"When you're teaching, it (the art) is in slow motion. I want to travel more and devote more time to my photos."

Although both will miss certain aspects of teaching, they both agree that you just know when it is time to move on — and it is.

Wilson's photos include images of his trips to Europe and Asia, as well as a collage of self-portraits.

"I've been interested in photography since grade school," Wilson said. "It is easy for me. I like the simplicity of it."

For 34 years, Wilson has helped his students value art.

"To be successful, they need to have a real passion for art. It has to have real value to you," Wilson said. "Any art class is about learning to see and

think like an artist."

Not only was the night a celebration of both the art and direction given by these two teachers, it was also Robinson's birthday. To pay tribute to the special occasion, friends of Robinson brought a few token memories — Mardi Gras beads and coins — of her hometown New Orleans.

The title of Robinson's collection "Second Line: A Celebration of Life" consists of several pieces depicting angelic forms and movement.

She was excited to show her work and was very happy with the turnout from friends, co-workers, students and family.

"This is great. It is always nice to have friends come and see the work," Robinson said.

Her daughter's Lauren and Dana Robinson, as well as their friend Eric Coyle, came up from Los Angeles for her big day.

"I couldn't be more proud of her," Lauren said. "This is just wonderful to watch."

Students of both Robinson and Wilson were swarming around the art displays saying good-bye to their former professors and collecting every last bit of knowledge and encouragement they could.

"Mr. Wilson is an exceptional photographer, and Chalisa is a fabulous painter."

—Alexi Sreine, art major

"Mr. Wilson is an exceptional photographer, and Chalisa is a fabulous painter," said Alexi Sreine, art major and former student of Wilson.

Both Robinson and Wilson have left lasting wisdom with their students.

"If you have the desire to achieve your goals and have the discipline and persistence, you will be rewarded," Robinson said.

The art of both Wilson and Robinson will be on display through March 9.



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Above: Michelle Marling looks at the work of retiring photography teacher Harry Wilson during the reception at the Wylie and May Louise Jones Gallery on Feb. 3.

Left: Jennifer Willingham strolls around the gallery with Rowen, her sleeping 2-year-old daughter.



BC professor Chalisa Brossett Robinson, a native of New Orleans, waves celebratory beads during the reception.



BECKY JIMENEZ / THE RIP

## Campus Center proposal

Becky Riley, left, embraces her partner Lori Carter after proposing marriage and presenting her with a ring in campus center on Feb. 3. The two have been together for 11 years.



## GAME REVIEW

SW: KOTOR II gives you the opportunity to help small children or an arms dealer. May the choice be with you.

By STEVEN MARTIN  
Online Editor

It is time once again to journey to a galaxy far, far away: where two-foot tall, wrinkled puppets are considered wise and it is perfectly all right to French-kiss your sister. We return once again to the Star Wars Universe with "Knights of the Old Republic II: The Sith Lords" for the X-Box.

TOR II is the sequel to 2003's "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic," a game which many, including yours truly, believed to be that year's best console-based video game.

Does SW:KOTOR II match the high standards set by the original, not to mention the dozens of other role-playing games that have recently flooded the market? The answer is a resounding

"sort of."

KOTOR II takes place about five years after the original. You assume the role of a young Jedi, who wakes up on a mining station, without any recollection of how you got there.

In the next 30 to 40 hours, it will be your duty to form a party of like-minded souls to discover who is trying to kill all the Jedi and take over the universe.

Just like in the previous KOTOR, it is up to you to decide if you want to be a good, benevolent Jedi who helps people or a mass-murdering Dark Jedi, who kills everybody and laughs while doing it.

Every one of your actions dictates where you and your allies end up on the Light and Dark side meter. About midway through the game, you are given the opportunity to help a widow and her two small children off a planet that is about to erupt in civil war. You can help her for some Light side bonus points or you can choose to help an arms dealer escape the planet for some Dark side points and an ample helping of credits.

Game play is very similar to the original KOTOR with a few minor changes made to improve the overall flow. Game play is top-notch, and I never felt that the flow of the game was interrupted by needless item management

that has become a staple in most other RPGs. All the fighting takes place in real time; you and your comrades will not line up and take turns hitting the enemy. This is my main complaint with most RPGs: you often



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In "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic," you can choose whether you want to be on the dark or light side of the force.

look more like you are participating in a country line dance than waging battle with your enemies. Although you can switch between your teammates at any time, you never directly control your whole squad all at once.

The A.I. for your teammates is pretty good. They will back you up and fight as you would want them to do for the most part, although on more than one occasion, while

trying to be stealthy, one or both of my party members would get themselves killed by running headlong into fighting a much stronger opponent. While this didn't happen very often, it did occur with enough fre-

quency to be noticeably annoying.

Sound, like almost all Star Wars games, is fantastic. If you have watched a Star Wars movie, you know what to expect. The voice work is great and helps to convey the emotion behind each character. The weapon sounds are realistic or as realistic as they can be when you are dealing with light sabers and ion blasters.

KOTOR II is a good game, and while it doesn't match the level of quality or enjoyment of the original, it is still a fun game. It just doesn't have as compelling a story or as interesting characters as the original did.

If you are a fan of the original or just a fan of RPGs in general, then you will probably enjoy this game. It is worth a rental at the very least. I give it 8 out of 10.

## FEATURES

# Vision of greatness

BC professor has succeeded at every goal he has set for himself and has helped others in the process despite being blind.

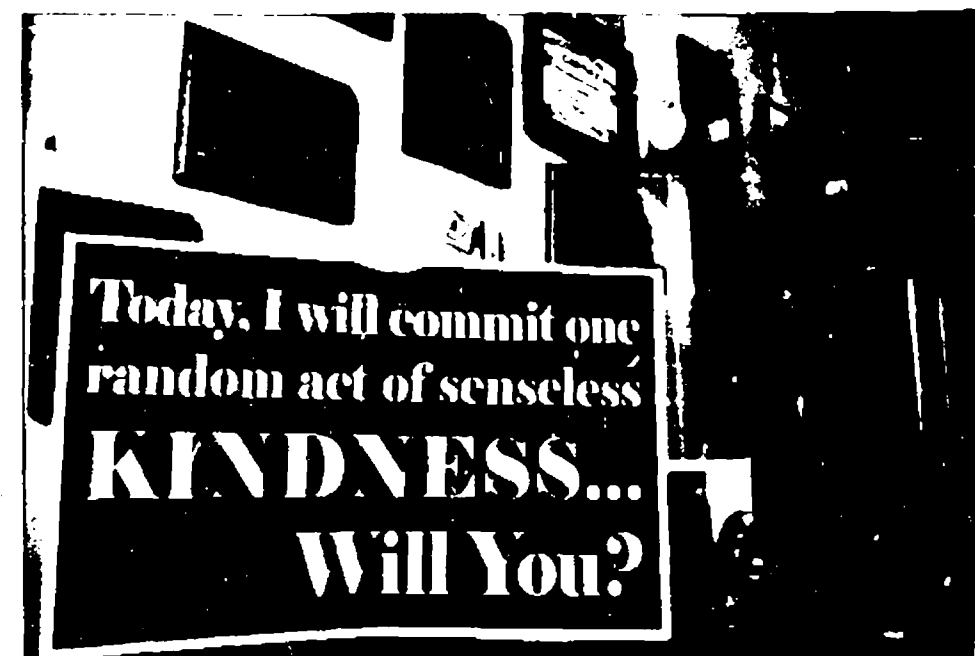
By XIMENA BENITEZ  
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College professor Chuck Wall has achieved a number of things in his lifetime. Although he is blind, he even managed to achieve one of his ultimate dreams, to become a racecar driver.

"Up until a year ago, I wanted to become a racecar driver, but about a year ago I actually raced a car, so I've done that," he said. "I don't have to become a racecar driver anymore. The only thing I haven't been able to do is fly a jet fighter, and I've never been able to do that. I came close one time, but it didn't happen. I guess those are my ambitions. I've done everything else I wanted to do."

Wall, who lost his sight while in high school, is a publisher, professor of communication and human relations and also a speaker in the area of business, leadership and communication skills. He has appeared on various talk shows, such as Oprah Winfrey, and has received more than 20 awards ranging from recognition for his movement, Random Acts of Kindness, to Professor of the Year. He has also received awards for Professor of California, Paul Harry's Rotary Club, and has had the opportunity to hold the Olympic torch.

Wall has published several books, including "Selling Lemonade," his newest; "Kindness Collection," which is out of print and finally one



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BC professor Chuck Wall has received over 20 awards for his achievements, including his Random Acts of Kindness program.

Wall has been teaching at Bakersfield College for more than 20 years, and it was here where he started his famous Random Acts of Kindness.

"In 1993, I gave an assignment to my Human Relations class to go out to the community to create a random act of kindness, and they were to bring that in typed as a homework project," Wall said.

The community had a positive response to this project after a local newspaper decided to publish a story about it. The Associated Press news service picked it up and it appeared in 350 television shows, and in virtually every newspaper in the Western world.

Wall was born in Burbank in 1941. He moved to Bakersfield and attended East High School, and later Bakersfield College, where he earned his Associate of Arts degree. He then decided to attend San Francisco State University, where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

Finally, Wall attended UCLA, where he worked on his Ph.D. in philosophy, education administration and management.

created by students from BC called "Lessons In Kindness," created for elementary teachers.

Looking back on his life, Wall expressed satisfaction.

"If it was my life to live over, I would change nothing. I am sure I made some bad mistakes here and there, I said the wrong thing but I wouldn't change my life," said Wall.

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Chuck Wall speaks to students in his class during a lecture.

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## BC BRAINS

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

What is an amanuensis?

Daniel Ade, business administration: "It's like a disease or something."

Gary Evans, business administration: "It's like a manual."

Jia-Wenwang, history: "It means happy."

Kenny Jackson, history: "It means to swim."

Martin Chavez, history: "It's an object in the Northern Hemisphere."

Patrick Ortega, art: "It's a type of building."

CORRECT ANSWERS: One employed to write from dictation or to copy manuscript.

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# Cowboy comedian 'rassles' up some laughs

■ Glennville native goes from the farm to the theater as he tells the story of his struggle in a one-man show.

By PHILLIP G. KOPP  
Features Editor

Cattle rancher, stand-up comedian, struggling actor and natural storyteller are just a few things that describe funny man James Beard, who is currently on a national tour of his hilarious one-man show, "Mammas, Don't Let Your Cowboys Grow Up to Be Actors."

Born to a family of cowboys near Glennville, Beard strayed from the household business to pursue his love of acting. Starting at about 11 years old, Beard loved the world of pretend and perfected his craft by performing in local plays in Bakersfield.

He studied theater at Bakersfield College but didn't finish when he received an offer to work with The Shakespeare Conservatory in New York.

Working all summer and paying over \$800 dollars in admissions fees, Beard set out to pursue his dream. On the first day of class, all the students received an unbelievable shock when the president of the company

told everyone the school had been shut down.

"I had never been on a plane before," said Beard.

"I'd never left home, never been by myself, and now I'm in the middle of New York City with no idea why I'm here."

Beard chose not to give up, and he stayed in the city. He got a series of odd jobs and auditioned time and again for any place that would give him a chance.

Beard starting taking a class doing stand-up comedy but was told that he should focus more on telling jokes than stories.

"I'm not so much for the quick punch line, but I'm for the development," he said. "The reaction is better, and I can get people to double over than most people doing stand up."

He wonderfully illustrated his story by working with nothing more than a chair, a small table and a cowboy get-up.

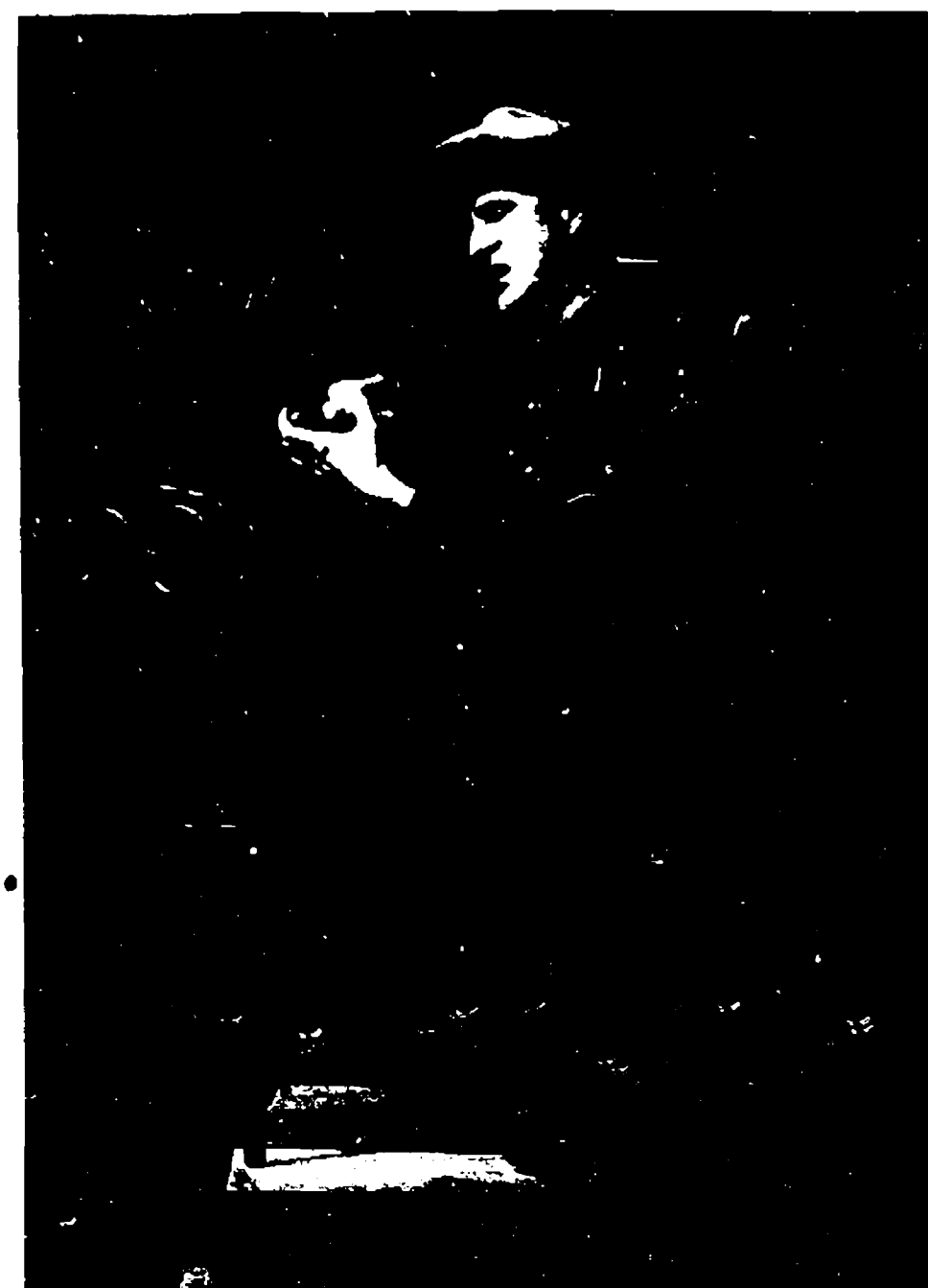
Acting out all the characters and keeping high energy, Beard repeatedly had the audience in stitches as he talked about everything from his family, to his work in acting which included an unforgettable recollection of a hotel stay where he shared a bed with a sexually perverse 13-year-old boy and an Oompa Loompa.

The show took around a year to fully map out and started as a one act and began to evolve.

After his contract at a Shakespeare Theater was up Beard decided to take



James Beard performs his show, "Mammas, Don't Let Your Cowboys Grow Up to Be Actors" to a sold-out crowd at the Spotlight Theatre on Feb. 6.



Beard tells a story about encountering a nudist group and taking notes for his one-man show.

his play on the road starting in Stanton, Va.

"I was friends with the people who ran the college theater in town," Beard said. "They let me do it for free, and it's really sweet when you get people who give you a break."

Beard continued to use contacts and planned out a tour with stops in Bakersfield, Yale and Los Angeles. The play has received excellent reviews wherever it went and the feedback from viewers was extremely positive, which isn't too bad for an

actor's first writing project.

"It's the only thing that I truly love to do and the only thing that makes me the happiest," said Beard. "I am so happy out there when I get to tell an audience the story of my life in my own edited version."

Beard is currently on his way to Missouri to continue making people laugh and doesn't plan on stopping for some time. After the run in Los Angeles, he said that it was in the hands of God and can only hope for the best.

## Day care gives relief to college moms

■ Even though there is a waiting list, help is available for student mothers.

By VERONICA NAVARRO  
Rip staff writer

For many mothers, it's hard attending Bakersfield College while raising a child.

The time and effort they put into school and the love and attention a child needs make it impossible for mothers to split themselves in half.

For that reason, mothers begin to drop out of college while others try different options that usually cost more than expected.

BC provides a day care center for children of attending parents. Denise Ehret, childcare registrar, explains how the center can help you go through the process to enroll your child.

"You have to fill out an application, which puts them on a priority list," Ehret said. "The waiting list depends on the openings or what their income is."

If enrolled full time, it's usually a one to two semester wait for infants.

Older children get in just a little faster, but it all depends on the openings.

The day care center is funded by the state, which goes by the gross monthly income for the household. As for the age limit, they start at three months to five years of age.

"You can apply whenever you can fill out an application," said Ehret. "The only restrictions we have are when mothers are pregnant, we will ask them to apply after she has the baby."

The day care center provides breakfast, lunch and snacks for kids because they are also a part of the childcare food program.

The infants are provided with just about every thing except dippers and wipes. There are activities for the children, such as music, story time and even science activities. All programs are age appropriate.

"Mothers feel very comfortable with us," said Ehret. "Not only is it the staff, but there's also lab students and child development classes observing. We do require parents to participate at least one hour and a half per week so there's parents in

the center as well."

Virginia Bustillos has her child enrolled with the center and has been very pleased with the program.

"The people here are so professional, it's wonderful the way they help me with my kid," Bustillos said. "If it wasn't for them I would be at home unable to study."

Bustillos commented that there is a waiting list, but it's all worth it in the end. She is very comfortable, and her child is happy as well.

There does come a time when mothers just can't wait, and they need assistance right away.

Ehret suggested other ways mothers can find help. There are fliers posted on the walls where people have their own day care in the Child Development Office.

The EOPS has their own care program, which gives mothers another option.

The BC day care center is licensed by the state and goes by the state guidelines.

Regular hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It also provides extensive care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for parents who work.



Tanya Brown, a BC student, picks up her daughter, Kayleen Brown from campus day care.

## Band's sound marred by distortion

■ The Loud Pipes, a Las Vegas band, overuses distortion and attempts to emulate legendary rock groups.

By ROBIN JONES  
Rip staff writer

With their new EP, The Loud Pipes attempt to capture the rock 'n' roll spirit but end up trying too hard and lacking originality.

From the opening chords of their first song, "Insurrection," The Loud Pipes reach for inspiration from some of their rock 'n' roll models, such as Motor-

head. While it is admirable that they would want to pay some homage to their heroes, The Loud Pipes take it to 11, so to speak. They get lost in the idea of trying to be just like Motorhead so much that they don't really sound like a new band but a cheap cover act.

Still taking overdone ideas, The Loud Pipes also try to capture the popularity of mixing feedback into their EP to give the music a more rough sound.

While this could be good to give one song more texture and attitude, this feature is an ongoing theme throughout the entire EP. With so much noise distortion in each of the songs, it becomes hard to understand what exactly Tony, the lead singer, is trying to sing.

Whatever lyrics can be made out, all point to the band trying to be a new generation of hard rocking, bar bawling group of people.

In songs such as "Rock & Roll Nightmare" and "Wild Nights," The Loud Pipes successfully address one of rock's cheesiest characteristics: bands singing about partying, drinking, and other rock 'n' roll clichés that were made popular in the '80s. Believe it or not, that has been done before.

After playing a local radio show last Friday morning, it was surprising to hear how fresh The Loud Pipes sounded when performing live. The lyrics were clear and there was no extra hint of noise getting in the way of the music.

With a new full-length album still in the works, perhaps The Loud Pipes should look into more original ideas rather than borrowing from every other rock act.



Corrina Rojas performs a native dance on campus next to the Science and Engineering Building.

## Dance and Drums

Native American Cultural Awareness Club performs in front of Campus Center

On Monday, the Bakersfield College chapter of the Native American Cultural Awareness Club held an event in front of Campus Center. Consisting mostly of local drummers and dancers, the purpose of the event was to educate the public about common misconceptions regarding American Indians and to allow the public the opportunity to witness firsthand the traditions and to learn about the culture of American Indians. This was an inter-tribal

event, which encompassed people from various tribes who live in Kern County and the rest of the nation.

"One of the misconceptions is that Native Americans worship buffaloes and trees... which is a complete crock. Native Americans like most people and religions believe in one creator. We worship the creator, but we honor the creations," said Alex Ravenfeather.



Cousins Xena and Angel Montanez dance to the beat of the drums.

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# This counseling experience was less than perfect

By DOTTY BURNS  
Rip staff writer

Whenever a student on campus has questions about education or is merely confounded by the entire college system itself, naturally a counselor would seem like the most suitable alternative for the bewildered student. But what do the campus counselors really have to offer the students?

During my first semester at Bakersfield College, like any college freshman, I was baffled by the entire college setup. I had very little knowledge about the campus and was unsure about the direction I was headed. I made arrangements to see a counselor in an attempt to gather information about the school and make plans for the future.

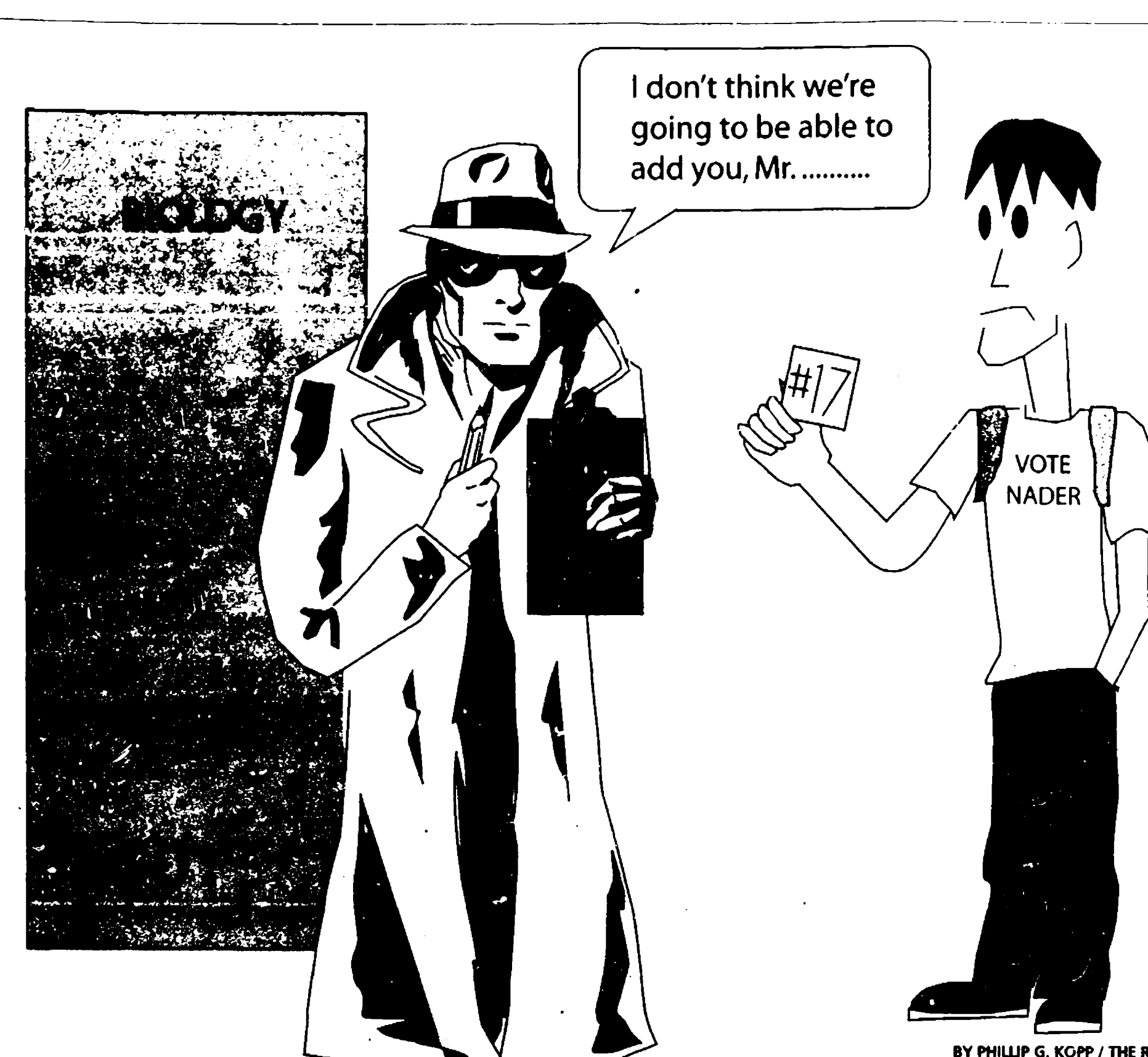
When I first entered the small counselor's office, I very eagerly introduced myself, shaking her hand before taking a seat in the chair beside her desk. The counselor merely stared at me impassively for a few moments before getting started. I expected her to seem more enthusiastic, the way most people are who earn their living contributing to the welfare of others. She started to show some signs of life when she began a

steady line of questioning about my schooling.

Of course, I tried to impress her by giving her what every egotistical A-student has to offer - a long saga of minor achievements. As I was rubbing my knuckles against my blouse, I noticed that she had turned away from me and she was shuffling through papers on her desk. It left me wondering if she had been listening to anything I said. I tried prodding her for information about the college. She simply told me to visit the college's Web site to learn more about the campus.

The only thing I did gain from the counselor was the kind of classes that I could possibly take as a college freshman. I never received the information that I so sorely wanted.

The two following visits I have had with counselors during the past year have been just as dissatisfying. Every time I've walked out of a counselor's office, I have always been more confused than going into a counselor's office, so naturally I try to do without seeing a counselor. As racked as I have been with unanswered questions this past year, I can only imagine what other students have gone through.



BY PHILLIP G. KOPP / THE RIP

Waitlisted or Blacklisted?

## One list we can do without

■ The switch to the waitlist has left one student longing for the good old days of crashing classes.

By PHILLIP G. KOPP  
Features Editor

When the communist scare swept across America, no street corner was safe from the countryside threat of certain destruction. In Hollywood, it was no different.

Many actors, directors and writers were being forced out of work after being put on a "blacklist," which put them under investigation for being communists.

Bakersfield College now has its own blacklist, only they are calling it a waitlist, which sounds better but has the same evil intent. Many of the attending students have already fallen victim to being put on it.

Back in the good old days of spring 2004, you would try your best to register for a class. If you couldn't get in, you grabbed an add slip, crashed in on the first day and sweet talked the professor hoping he would add you. The process was tough, but students knew that it

was only a few weeks before vacant seats started to appear.

Now that has all changed. Instead of crashing, you are now put on the waitlist and given a number, like you're at the DMV.

You attend the first day and listen as any registered student who did not show up is automatically dropped. The instructor goes down the waitlist and adds only the people at the top. Everyone else, as one

An instructor complained about not knowing how to use it and wasn't sure how to add anyone. I'm complaining that this new system just sucks.

This is my second year at BC, and I can tell everyone that the lack of student attendance after the first day of class is inevitable.

I remember one instructor bragging that no one ever drops her class, even though at the beginning of the semester, people resembled clowns cramming into a tiny car. But by the end of it, the class had enough empty desks to build a fort.

No matter how important the class or the popularity of the professor, students just have a knack for giving up for one reason or another.

Sometimes that first day just tells you there is no way you'll be able to keep up. The class textbook can give you insight into the nature of the material. If you have to read the dictionary while going through the first chapter, that's probably a sign it is time to jump ship.

If you couldn't get in a class, you grabbed an add slip, crashed in on the first day and sweet talked the professor hoping he would add you.

## 'GADE FEEDBACK

Do you think it is a good thing Iraqi's are getting a chance to vote?



Osama Alnawari, computer systems: "An election is good if the Iraqi people get what they want."



Iqbal Toppo, psychology: "Yes, I feel that it is right to have your own opinion in your country."



Malik Alkubisi, criminal justice: "Yeah, they can have their freedom, and that means that there is a democracy."



Krystal Williams, undecided: "Yes, because they need half a century under the rule of a tyrant."



David Nickert, undecided: "Yeah, because they are their own country, and they need to make decisions for themselves."



Robin Harris, forensic science: "Everyone should have the right to vote."

Compiled by Becky Jimenez / The Rip



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# NEWS

## No more tardies



JACQUELINE WHITE / THE RIP

Sophomore David Rickett rides his skateboard through Bakersfield College on Feb. 2.

## Falling fruit goes to waste in AG

By JOSHUA AYERS  
Rip staff writer

Nearly 90 citrus trees in the Bakersfield College agricultural laboratory still have no planned harvest in sight.

"We need to do something," said Bill Kelly, BC Agriculture Department chair.

The Agriculture Department organized a pick-your-own event during finals week of the fall 2004 semester but had a low turnout because of inadequate promotion for the event. Agriculture students and staff were able to purchase self-picked citrus at a price of \$2 for a grocery-sized bag. The sale drew in a few hundred dollars for the department, but nearly half of the fruit still remains on the trees.

Agriculture and economics professor Keith Haycock hinted at some kind of citrus sale in the future but said that the purpose of the agriculture lab is for education not profit. Haycock planted the trees roughly 25 years ago.

The mature orchard contains Washington Navel orange trees, two varieties of grapefruit trees as well as lemon trees.

The main costs for maintaining the trees are fertilizing, which runs about \$100 per application three times a year, pruning, which costs \$400 to \$500 every few years, and insecticides, which cost \$300 per application when needed. Students are used for other labor, which costs the school nothing.

The agriculture department had previously tried to sell the citrus at the BC farmers market on Saturday mornings. Kelly said that it is hard to find students to work on Saturday or Sunday because of their busy schedules away from school. The department discontinued selling at the farmers market, though, after upsetting regular sellers who could not compete with the low prices.

BC food service manager Alex Gomez said that he has toyed with the idea of receiving citrus from the agriculture department to sell as whole fruit or to use for making or-

ange juice or marmalade to sell in the Panorama Grill.

"I don't know if I could sell them directly," Gomez said. The produce would have to be inspected and graded by the Health Department in order to sell fruit from the Agriculture Department. Gomez said that he doesn't want to get sidetracked on a project like that because he is already short on staff.

"It would be fun and good for the college, but I don't know if it would serve the students best," Gomez said.

Panorama Grill currently purchases produce four to five days a week from Alpha Produce. The Bakersfield company transports the produce to town from wholesale markets in Los Angeles. Prior to the arrival at the markets in Los Angeles, the citrus can travel from as far away as Florida or even Chile.

The Agriculture Department has explored other options for the fruit. The Golden Empire Gleaners, a local charity organization, has offered to take the fruit and distribute it to

needy Kern County residents; however, the organization will not harvest the fruit.

Haycock said that in order for the fruit to become available to the Golden Empire Gleaners, the Agriculture Department would have to sign on a labor contractor to come and pick the citrus before it could be donated. With the approval of Dean of Economic and Work Force Development Ed Knudson, the department would make the harvested fruit available to students and staff for purchase and then donate what is left to the Gleaners.

The department cannot hold another pick-your-own event because the fruit available from standing level was picked in the first sale.

"We picked the easy ones already," Kelly said.

A pick-your-own sale at this point would require the use of ladders. Kelly said that if someone were to fall and get hurt, the school would be held liable. Before proceeding with any of the plans, the department needs approval from Knudson.

## SGA works to turn student quiet room into game room

By VICTOR GARCIA  
and BARRY UPSON  
Rip staff writers

Bakersfield College will soon have its own mini arcade.

The Student Government Association, which controls the student lounge, next to the coffee cart in the cafeteria, is expected to turn it into a game room.

Don Turney, dean of students and SGA adviser, said that they will lease some of the games and buy some of the games. He said that the company that will lease the games to BC will not want monthly fees, rather, it will split its earnings from the game room with SGA.

He said the games they are planning to buy will cost anywhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000 total, which is to be funded by Senate Bill 135, which allows BC to collect a \$1 fee per unit up to five units. Turney said this money has been taken since 1991, and it can only be used to improve the campus center.

"The room used to be a student lounge where students could play board games or use computers on their free time."

—Carla Reyes,  
SGA department assistant

In regard to when the room will open, he said that "barring any unforeseen roadblocks, it probably will open with a month."

Turney also mentioned the SGA is pursuing putting an Internet café somewhere within the cafeteria area, either on the south side of the Fire-side room or in the room behind the student lounge.

At the beginning of the semester there were signs outside room that read "Student quiet area" in big letters, "Open 8-5 p.m." They have since been taken down.

Carla Reyes, SGA department assistant, said, "The room used to be a student lounge where students could play board games or use computers on their free time."

Reyes mentioned that misuse of the room is part of the reason why the lounge isn't open now.

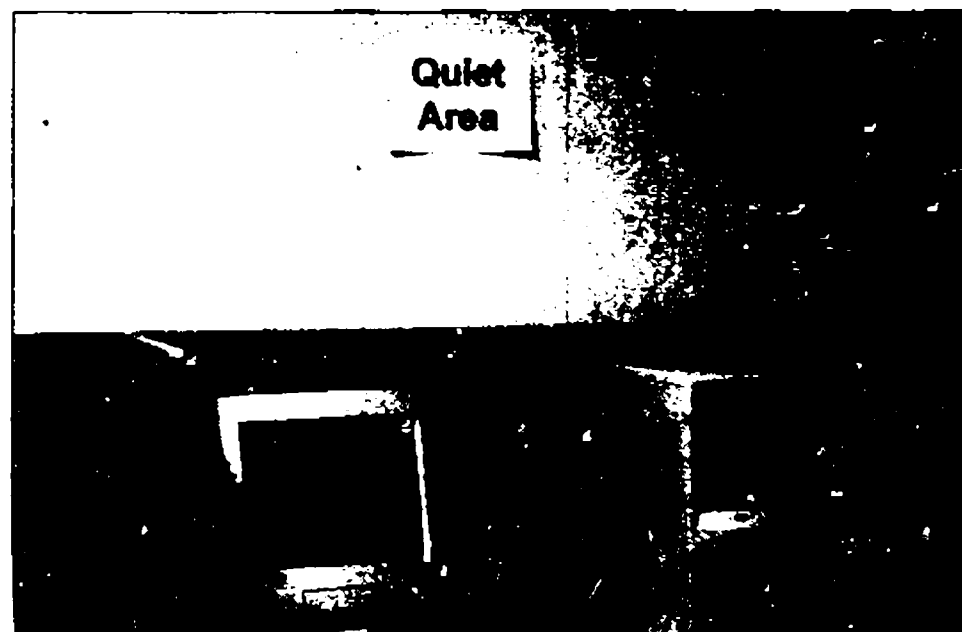
Someone kept taking memory cards from the computers," she said.

Staffing issues were also a concern. "Finding students to staff the room during the hours of operation has also been difficult," she said.

Turney said that SGA has found a way to hire a federal Work Study student to oversee the game room.

BC student Erika Montano said the room "should be available to the students, and games should be uploaded to the computers to be used for their free time."

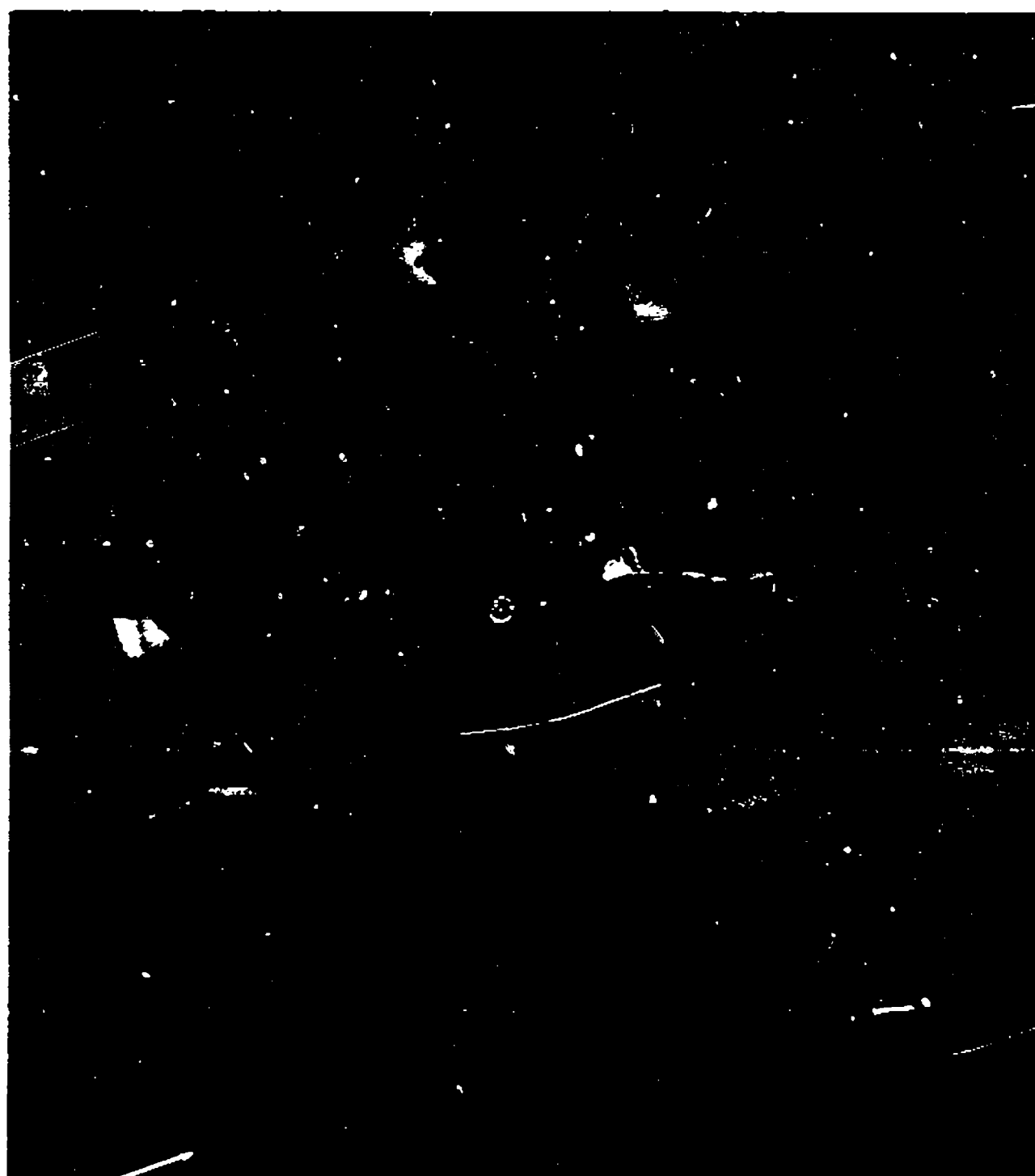
Student Eva Vaca took an opposing view: "It's not a necessity. There are other ways for students to spend their time." Student Sandra Picasso said: "I hardly have time between classes to use the room, but I see how it could benefit others."



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The BC Student Lounge currently has computers that are not in use but will soon have arcade style games.

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# NEWS

## New ATM now available in Campus Center



MARILYN WHIPKEY / THE RIP  
Don Turney, dean of students, was the first person to use the new ATM.

By MARILYN WHIPKEY  
Rip staff writer

On the first day of the semester, a new ATM machine, provided by Kern Schools Federal Credit Union, became available at a more convenient area on campus.

Previously, the only ATM was in the bookstore. The new machine is located in the Campus Center.

"When books were going on, we had to wait in line to get to the ATM machine, so I think it's great," said student Doug Irby.

Don Turney, dean of students, was the first to use the new ATM. If you are a member of Kern Schools, there is no charge for a transaction.

The Student Government Association will get a certain percentage after 1,000 students have used the machine.

"We anticipate \$300 to \$400 a quarter for Student Government As-

sociation," Turney said.

The Bakersfield College students benefit from having the ATM because the percentage of money given to the SGA will go toward helping students, Turney said.

"The money would be used for projects for students, for different things that the SGA wants to fund but doesn't have the money to do it," Turney said.

Since Kern Schools has a good relationship with Bakersfield College, and the need is there, it is a possibility that there will be more ATM machines on campus, Turney said.

"That's contingent upon the use of the two we have now," he said. "We've talked about putting one in the library."

He added, "I want students to understand that the machine is an example of their SGA working for them to make things more convenient, more accessible."

## RENOVATION: Emergency phones, athletic field facilities among the many projects being considered.

Continued from Page 1

70 seats. Siegers also said that the plans for the new planetarium are awaiting approval from the Division of the State Architect.

BC and the Delano Joint Union High School District have purchased approximately 50 acres in the Delano area and are planning to build a cooperative use facility that would include a multipurpose building and new library.

Other BC projects that are being considered for sequencing include updating and strategically placing emergency phones on campus, a modernization of the Student Services Building, construction of athletic field facilities, updating vertical access compliance in Memorial Stadium, asbestos abatement and modernization of the Weill Center, which is currently in progress, and construction of new Allied Health Buildings for BC and Delano campuses.

Officials say they expect the projects to take some time. "We're doing some long-range planning," said BC interim president Lincoln Hall.

Hall said that some of the projects, if sequenced, could have completion dates as far off as 2012.

There is still a lot of red tape to cut through, though. Once the board has approved a sequencing plan for BC, the plans will have to be approved at the district level.

Committees from Cerro Coso and Porterville colleges will submit plans for their schools, and the district will evaluate the needs of all schools and then develop a plan that will be submitted to the state for approval as well as try to seek matching funds for projects.

Vice President of Student Services Bill Cordero said that even if everything went well from today, that there would still be 18 months or more at the state level before many of the projects could begin.

None of the projects will be finalized until the committee can determine the appropriate sequencing of the many projects being considered.

## NEWS BRIEFS

The 14th annual Small Business Conference to be held Feb. 23

The 14th annual Small Business Conference will be held Wednesday, Feb. 23, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the UC Merced University Center Building at 2000 K St.

The cost is \$70 for business owners and includes a lunch buffet. Owners can bring staff members along for a discounted price of \$50 per employee. To register, call 395-4162 or 395-4836.

Golden Empire Transit searches for local band to use in campaign

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## SPORTS



Bill DeStefani describes the sport of air racing while in his hangar at Minter Field in Shafter.



Huntress 3 is a refurbished WWII aircraft.

## Revving the Rolls Royce for a race

Former BC student's success in Air Racing lands him in local sports hall of fame

By VICTOR GARCIA  
Sports Editor

When most people think of racing, the first thing that comes to mind is NASCAR. When Bill DeStefani thinks of racing, he thinks of the Reno Air Races.

DeStefani, 60, a former Bakersfield College student and farmer, has a team that races his 1945 P51 Mustang Strega. He no longer races the plane himself. The plane is powered by a Rolls Royce V-12 Merlin engine. He said that they take it up to 4,000 horsepower or 530 to 540 mph.

DeStefani went to Bakersfield College from 1964-'65.

"In those days, going to BC was a lot different than it is today," said DeStefani.

"We used to wear sports coats and ties. I don't think they do that kind of

thing anymore."

His major was agriculture, and today he is a cotton and alfalfa farmer. He served in the Vietnam War in a construction battalion of the Navy from 1967-'68.

In 1977 he bought his first Mustang plane.

"I had heard about the Reno Air Races and thought it would be kind of a kick to go try and see what it was all about and kind of got hooked on the competition... and just continued on," said DeStefani.

"I found out that in order to be competitive you have to modify one."

There are eight planes that participate in the race. It is an 8.2-mile course. Around the course, there are eight pylons that signify the inside of the course. A plane has to stay on the outside of the pylons or it receives a penalty.

"There's a penalty of four seconds per lap of the race. So if the race is an eight lap race, it's a 32-second penalty," he said.

DeStefani said that if they get one penalty, they cannot win the race.

"In order to win the thing, it takes quite a bit along with lady luck," he said. The top prize is about \$150,000.

The Reno event is not the only one DeStefani participates in. He said there are races all over the country, such as in Indianapolis and Kansas City.

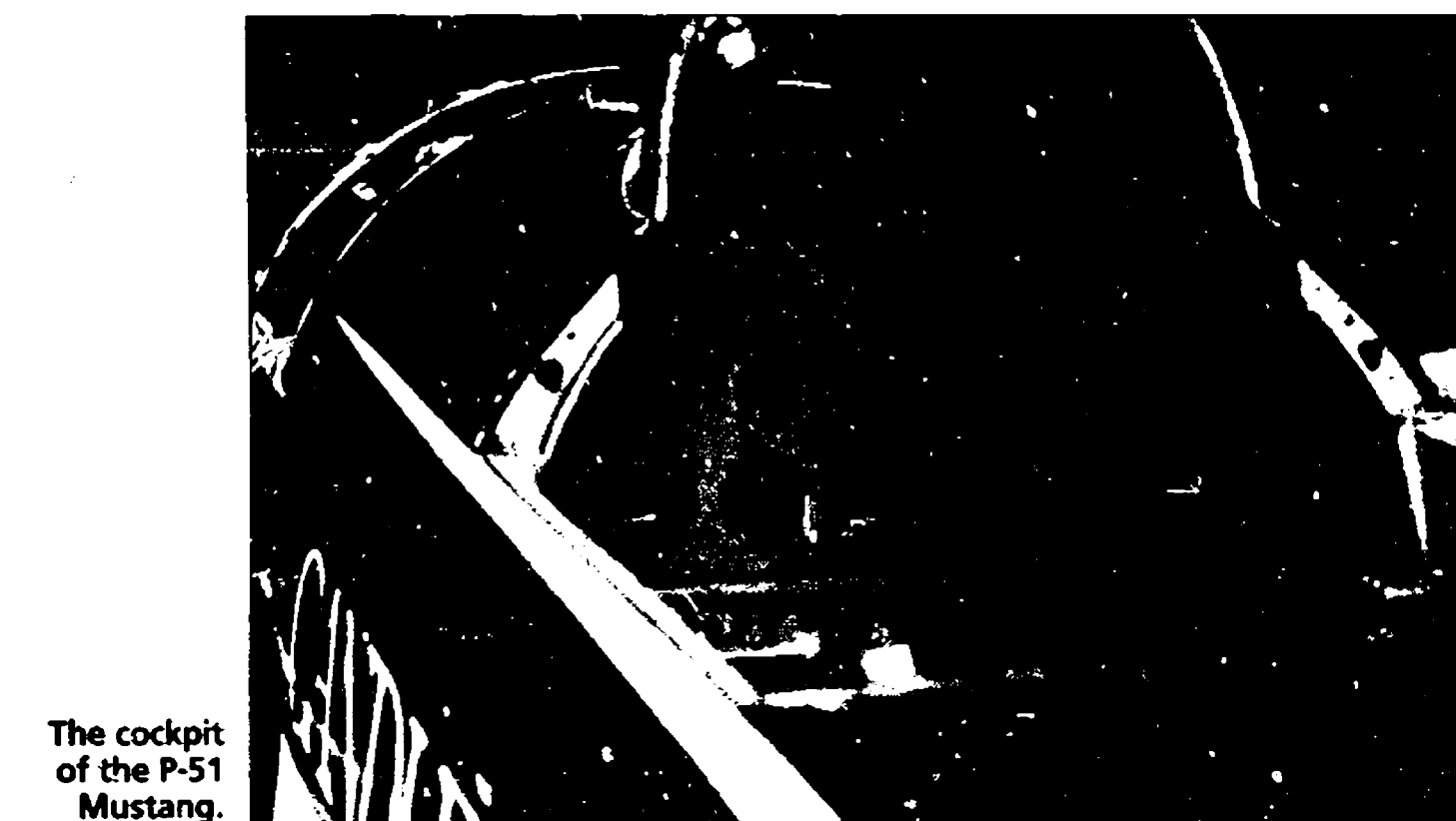
DeStefani has won a total of nine air races, including six at Reno.

He was recently inducted into the local Bob Elias Hall of Fame for sports legends from Bakersfield who have been successful.

DeStefani has also been featured on the Discovery Channel show, "Speed Freaks."



The power plant for Strega, a V-12 Rolls Royce engine.



The cockpit of the P-51 Mustang.



Photos by Chris Wong / The Rip

The Mustang Strega has been piloted to six victories at the Reno Air Races.

## SPORTS

## Baseball wins three in a row

By VICTOR GARCIA  
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College baseball team won all three games of the College of the Sequoias tournament last weekend. The two games against Porterville College and Gavilan College were held at BC, while the one against Lassen College was held at COS in Visalia.

They beat Porterville College, 8-4, on Sunday, Lassen College, 10-7, on Saturday and Gavilan College, 4-2, on Friday.

Freshman Kyle Morgan, who is hitting .474, hit five doubles in the course of two ball games.

BC's record for the season is now 4-1.

They will host the BC Light Brigade Tournament this weekend against San Diego Mesa College, Moorpark College, La Pierce, and Canada College.

### SOFTBALL

The BC women's softball team beat Rio Hondo on Friday 32-0, but lost 2-1 in extra innings against Cerritos College on Saturday.

In the first inning against Cerritos, BC scored first triple by Keeley Johnson which scored Nicole Lancaster, who had hit a double just before.

Cerritos scored in the bottom of the third inning to tie the game up 1-1 and then continued to score in the eighth inning, winning the game 2-1.

### TENNIS

The Bakersfield College Men's tennis team placed third at the tournament in Modesto last weekend. Fresno City College, the defending state champions, won the tournament. Sierra College placed second.

Clark Weathers who played in the 6th flight made it all the way to the finals.



DENNIS MAHAN / THE RIP

BC outfielder Chris Vlasak beats the tag of Gavilan College shortstop Victor Sifuentes after stealing second base on Friday.

## Defensive lineman will take his game to Illinois

■ Standout Bakersfield College football player Ismail Abdunafi hopes to make it to the pro level.

By AUSTEN E. MARSHALL  
Rip staff writer

Standout Bakersfield College defensive lineman Ismail Abdunafi has signed a letter of intent to play football at the University of Illinois for the 2005-06 season.

National signing day was Feb. 2, and Abdunafi was very sure of his decision.

Although the University of Wash-

ington sent four coaches to see him a few days prior, Abdunafi had his heart set on the Illinois Fighting Illini and newly hired head coach Ron Zook.

"I wanted to play in the Big Ten," he said, referring to the conference in which Illinois plays. "That's what I grew up on, that's all I know."

At 6-foot-3 and 295 pounds, Abdunafi is a defensive lineman with strength, quickness and the intensity to play the game at an extremely high level of competition and the ability to "get in where you fit in" as a jack-of-all-trades.

"I'm competitive," he said. "Any-where I go, I'm versatile. I can play

anywhere on that D-line: End [defensive], tackle, nose, anywhere, I just want to play."

BC football coach Jeff Chudy said Abdunafi is one of the top three players he has ever coached.

"He is really talented, plays with lots of emotion and has great athleticism," said Chudy.

Although Chudy believes Abdunafi can work on his upper body strength, the defensive lineman bench presses 420 pounds. His lower body strength and quickness are what make him a standout, he said.

A sumo of 600 pounds-plus and a 40-yard dash time of 4.8 seconds separate him from other players of

his size. His pass rush is ferocious. He recorded a school record 15 sacks this past season, along with 70 tackles and 12 quarterback pressures.

"He has great foot speed and agility," said Chudy.

"I like the swat and swim move... I like to fake..." said Abdunafi, who then paused. It was obvious he doesn't want his secret to success among the competition.

Abdunafi had many choices when it came to choosing to further his collegiate career.

He chose Illinois over the University of Washington, which, like Illi-

nois, has a newly hired head coach in Tyrone Willingham, formerly of

Notre Dame, Texas Tech also failed to meet Abdunafi's interest in his journey to the Division I level.

Being partial to Illinois and the Big Ten Conference comes from his New Jersey roots, which aren't too far from the make-up of the conference schools. "I love the Big Ten, it's just something about it, I don't know," he said.

Abdunafi will also be joining a teammate from high school in Illinois running back E.B. Hasley, who like Abdunafi, attended Elizabeth High School in New Jersey.

Aspirations of playing pro-football are among his many goals, including graduating from Illinois.

"I definitely think I have a chance to go pro," he said. "As long as I stay healthy, keep doing everything right, my school, working out, everything, but mainly staying healthy, and focused... I have to stay focused."

Chudy also said, "Ismail has a lot of challenges ahead of himself, he just has to work hard and continue getting better. He'll be fine."

Setting records, competing at a high level, and developing better techniques are a few of the things Abdunafi will take from BC to the next level. Staying focused, healthy and intense are only a few of the key ingredients he feels are needed to compete and succeed at Illinois.

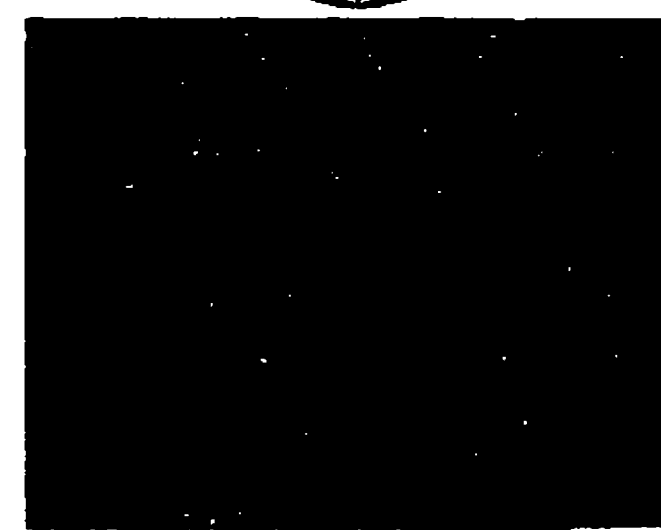
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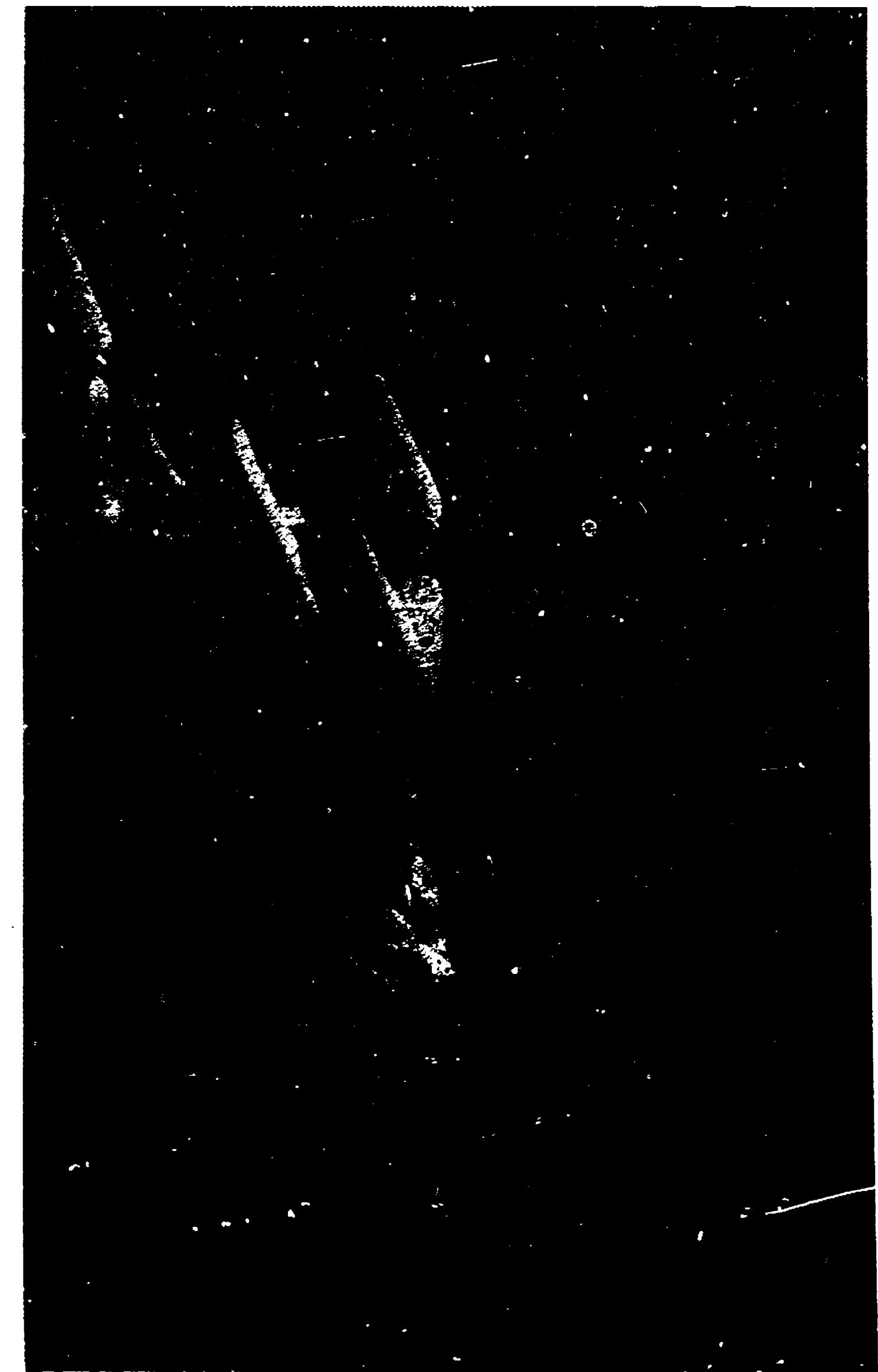
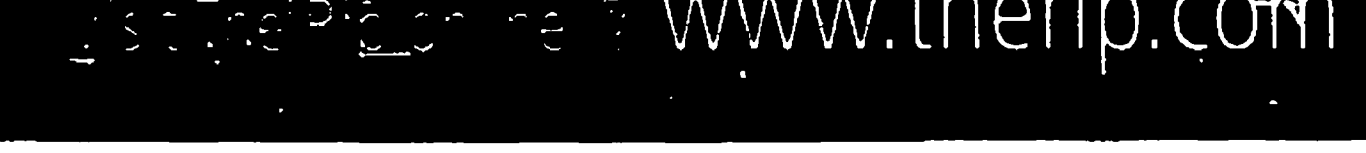
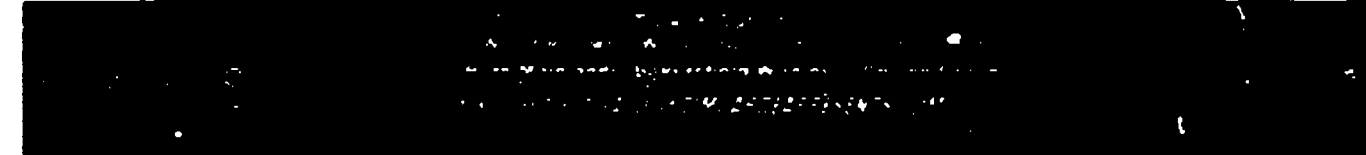
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## SPORTS

# Women's basketball team improves to 14-9

■ BC gets the win over Glendale College 86-75 on Feb. 2 at the Gil Bishop Sports Center.

By CHRISTOPHER W. PISAR  
Rip staff writer

Fallyn Lozano scored a career-high 20 points to lead the Bakersfield College women's basketball team to an 86-75 win Feb. 2 over conference foe Glendale.

Coach Paula Dahl said, "(she) had the game of her life."

The Renegades improved to 14-9, and 5-3 in Western State Conference play and maintained their hold on third place in the south division with their win at home on Wednesday night.

Sophomore guard Ashley Nichols chipped in with 16 points while Sarah Ortiz and Darlene Alugbue each had 14.

Glendale was led by Jerniece Johnson, who scored 20 points, and Lisa Yamasaki who had 18 points, including four 3-pointers.

Glendale fell to 11-11 overall and 1-6 in the WSC.

"We've got a team, and that's what it's all about," said coach Dahl in response to the team winning despite Nicole Goss, the conference's fourth leading scorer, being held to just eight points.

"(Our team is) really exciting to watch play" and "(we) have four really solid sophomores" Dahl said. Goss has been a standout player for BC all season and is among the top 10 in the conference in five major categories: scoring (fourth), blocks (fourth), steals (first), assists (ninth), and rebounds (sixth).

Besides Goss, other standout players include center Sarah Ortiz, who is No. 1 in field goal percentage in the state and guard Tayler McQuilliams, who is eighth in the state in assists.

With only four games remaining in the regular season, the Renegades' playoff aspirations are alive.

They are currently 12th and 14th, respectively, in the RPI rankings, with the top 16 making it to postseason play.

Citrus College is first in the south division with a 9-0 record. College of the Canyons is second at 6-3.

Ventura leads the north division at 9-0.

BC's next two games are tonight at West Los Angeles at 7:30 and Feb. 12 at home against Los Angeles Valley at 7:30 p.m.

The first round of the Southern California regional playoffs are scheduled to begin March 11.



CHRIS WONG / THE RIP



Top: Freshman forward Tayler McQuilliams is being guarded by Glendale's Julie An.

Left: Tayler McQuilliams, who is eighth in the state in assists, looks to pass the ball to a teammate.



CHRIS WONG / THE RIP

Freshman forward Darlene Alugbue shoots for a basket over a Glendale player.

## Tyler Monk scores 26 points in BC's 100-98 overtime win over Glendale College

■ Basketball team, with 4-4 conference record, stays in playoff contention with win Wednesday.

By CHRISTOPHER W. PISAR  
Rip staff writer

Sophomore guard Tyler Monk, first in field goal percentage in the conference, continued his consistent by play scoring 26 points, including seven 3-pointers, to lead Bakersfield College to a thrilling 100-98 overtime win over Glendale at Gil Bishop Sports Arena on Wednesday.

Mario Molave scored 24 points, including the game-winning shot with only two seconds left in the game.

Glendale made a late run in the second half to cut the Renegades' lead to three points.

Javon Jester made three clutch free throws with three seconds remaining to send the game into overtime.

In his first season as head coach, Brent Davis has guided BC to a 12-11 record and a 4-4 record in Western State Conference play.

Despite their record, the Renegades are still in the running for a playoff spot because the conference has so much depth.

They are currently holding on to fourth place in the South Division.

College of the Canyons is currently in first place with an 8-1 record in the South Division, with their only loss coming against third place West L.A. on Jan. 29.

"(We just need to) keep competing every time we come out (and) not just go through the motions."

— Brent Davis, men's head basketball coach

"(The) goal (for any season is to) win the conference" and to "make postseason play" said Davis. With only four games remaining before the playoffs begin there is still hope.

"(We just need to) keep competing every time we come out, (and) not just go through the motions. (We need) to do the little fundamental things every single play."

BC's next two games are Feb. 9 at West Los Angeles and Feb. 12 at home versus L.A. Valley both with 7:30 p.m. start times.

The Southern California Regional Playoffs are scheduled to begin the weekend of Feb. 25, at a location to be announced.



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Freshman guard Marquintice Davis lays it up and over Glendale defenders, Tyler Rose, left, Jason Williams, middle and Kalen Mahoney.

### SPORTS SCHEDULES

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Feb. 12: 5:30 p.m. vs. LA Valley
- Feb. 16: 5:30 p.m. at Santa Monica
- Feb. 19: 5:30 p.m. vs. Canyons

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Feb. 12: 7:30 p.m. vs. LA Valley
- Feb. 16: 7:30 p.m. at Santa Monica
- Feb. 19: 7:30 p.m. vs. Canyons

#### BASEBALL

- Feb. 11: 7 p.m. vs. Moorpark
- Feb. 12: 7 p.m. vs. San Diego Mesa
- Feb. 13: 5 p.m. vs. Canada
- Feb. 17: 5 p.m. vs. Reedley
- Feb. 19: 1 p.m. at Reedley
- Feb. 22: 2 p.m. at LA Mission (Sylmar)
- Feb. 24: 3 p.m. vs. LA Mission

#### SOFTBALL

- Feb. 10: 5 p.m. vs. Antelope Valley
- Feb. 15: 5 p.m. vs. Moorpark
- Feb. 17: 2:30 p.m. vs. Ventura
- Feb. 19-20: COS Tournament at Tulare TBA
- Feb. 22: 2:30 p.m. at Cuesta
- Feb. 24: 5 p.m. vs. LA Pierce

#### MEN/WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

- Feb. 10: 2 p.m. at Bakersfield College
- Feb. 18: 2 p.m. at Bakersfield College

#### MEN'S TENNIS

- Feb. 10: 2 p.m. at Glendale
- Feb. 15: 2 p.m. at Reedley
- Feb. 17: 2 p.m. vs. Santa Barbara
- Feb. 18: 10 a.m. vs. Victorville/Reedley
- Feb. 22: 2 p.m. vs. Fresno City
- Feb. 24: 2 p.m. at Ventura

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

- Feb. 10: vs. GC
- Feb. 15: at Reedley
- Feb. 17: at Santa Barbara
- Feb. 22: at CC
- Feb. 24: vs. VC



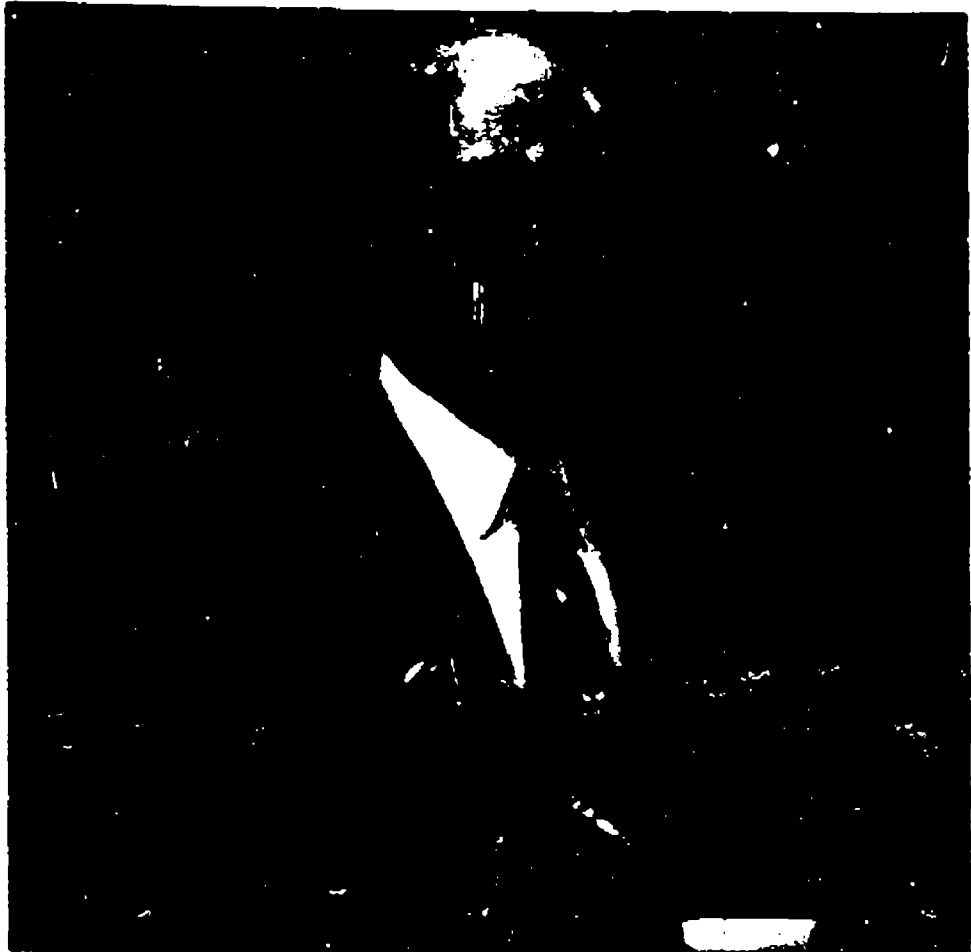
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William Andrews, named BC's new president on Feb. 18, speaks on Feb. 14 at an open forum in the Fireside Room.

## Andrews named BC president

■ Search ends with president of Porterville College nabbing the top position at BC.

By ELADIO BOBADILLA  
Copy Editor

Making sure students can take the classes they need and making them affordable will be the main goal of Bakersfield College's newly selected president, William Andrews.

The Kern Community College District board of trustees voted unanimously Thursday to offer the current president of Porterville College the job at BC.

At a news conference Friday in the Administration Building, district chancellor Sandra Serrano praised Andrews and said she had confidence in his ability to lead BC.

"We are very familiar with his work. He has a proven track record, and we know he will work very well with our community of faculty, classified staff and administration," she said.

The four finalists were Rosa R. Carlson, 48, vice president of Academic Services at College of the Sequoias; Karin Pettit, 54, senior vice president of Corporate, Economic, and Work Force Development at Louisiana Community and Technical College System; Henry Zimon, 56, former president of Albright College in Reading, Pa.; and Andrews, 58.

They were nominated for interviews with the board of trustees after recommendations from the search committee. Public forums were also held last week for each candidate.

During Andrews' forum, which was attended mostly by faculty, Andrews said he was attracted to BC be-

cause of its size. He is familiar with the district, he said, and he's ready to lead the largest campus in the district.

"I looked for a college I could get my arms around. I understand the size and the challenges of this college, and I don't want to start over," he said.

Asked specifically what those challenges would be, he said the most important one is access, followed by rising tuition.

A major problem for students is "getting classes when you want them," he said. In regard to the costs of education, he said community colleges offered students an opportunity to save on their education, although he acknowledged that some students find even community college tuition

hard to pay for.

"It's still a burden," Andrews told the audience.

To help more students take the classes they need, administrators need to encourage students to be more flexible about when they take classes, he said.

"I understand that for some reason students like to take classes in the morning or in the evening," he said, "but if we're going to make this work, we need to ask our students to look at that time block ... in the afternoon."

Andrews gave an animated presentation, causing laughter from the audience, as he talked and walked around the front of the room.

This atmosphere was typical of the rest of the sessions, with the exception of the quiet and tense climate felt during part of Zimon's presentation.

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## Agony and art

Although painful, college students still give their skin over to tattoo artists

By GINA MENDOZA  
Rip staff writer

Body art has become an increasingly popular fad among all ages. Out of 50 students interviewed at Bakersfield College, 34 said they have at least one tattoo.

Laura Tiefenthaler, 19, a psychology major, got a fairy tattoo when she was just 16. She said that because there is an age requirement of 18 "I had to have parental consent. My mom went with me."

Though none of the 34 students had any tattoo horror stories to share, professionals at Mad Dog Tattoo Shop in downtown Bakersfield, stressed the importance of the healing process and cleanliness.

"We're big on sanitation. It is our No. 1 priority," said Justin Foss, a tattoo artist.

Foss has been an artist for eight years, including the past three at Mad Dog. He said he does between 20 to 30 tattoos a week.

The latest trend for males in tattoo art, according to Foss, has been customized work, meaning art that comes straight from the artist's head and right on to the skin, no stencil. Females on the other hand seem to have more interest in tattoos like cherries, dice and floral patterns.

Foss, who has several tattoos himself, turned to a tattoo hurt chart to show the most painful places to be tattooed based on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the most painful. The "10" points are the neck, the butt, the thighs, and from personal experience, Foss said the backs of the arms.

One man in the shop described the feeling as he was being worked on.

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Afonso Acevedo needles in the outline of a tribal band for first-timer Ruben Soto, who decided to get it after a divorce. The back of the arm is one of the most painful spots to get a tattoo.

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## Students use marijuana to treat health problems

By PHILLIP G. KOPP  
Features editor

Junkie, loser, hippie and pothead are just a few of the names that medical marijuana users fear being called. Even with the stereotypes, ordinary people suffering from a variety of illnesses are being treated with marijuana to help them function in everyday life.

The consequences of being treated with this controversial drug can often outweigh the help it provides.

Medical marijuana, or cannabis, has more than half a million patients across the country. A number of patients happen to be attending college, and Bakersfield College is no exception. A few cannabis patients agreed to be interviewed but wished not to have their real names used for fear of persecution and scrutiny.

Cindi has been an active student at BC, maintaining a 4.0 GPA. A mother of three, she has had to battle severe medical problems, such as osteoporosis, arthritis, fibromyalgia and insomnia. She said she took a variety of medications, including regular injections that caused bad reactions.

"I was getting trigger points of cortisone, which is a shot," Cindi said. "When a physician's assistant gave me the injection, it punctured my lung, causing it to collapse."

Cindi sought other forms of treatment, which led her to cannabis. It helped control the pain that kept her from eating and being unable to function normally.

She hates being stereotyped and prefers to be called a "cannabis medicator" as opposed to "pothead."

Laws regarding medicinal marijuana have been left up to the states to decide, but it's still illegal under federal law. California is one of a handful of states that allows medicinal marijuana use.

Tiffany suffers from scoliosis and has been using cannabis treatment for some time. However, despite having her Medicinal Marijuana Card, her foster daughter was taken from her by the courts, who ruled that the child was in "immediate danger."

"Saying she was in immediate danger was the only way they could take her," Tiffany said. "The judge ruled that I was taking 'illegal' drugs."

Child Protective Services recognized Tiffany's legal right to use cannabis and allowed her to keep her other children. Her lawyer claims that her civil rights had been violated. She must now quit using cannabis to pass a drug test in order to get her foster daughter returned to her.

Patients with more mild conditions suffer the same hurdles as any other cannabis user. Kyle is a math major work-

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## Students consider various factors when moving on to a university

By DOTTY BURNS  
Rip staff writer

Every year, 500 to 700 students transfer from Bakersfield College to California State University, Bakersfield, according to Richard Maracchini, a counselor at the local university.

So, BC students asking to transfer had various opinions about CSUB.

Students who wanted to transfer to the local university had similar reasons. "I'm more than likely going to Cal State because it's cheaper, and it's closer," said Fernan Torres, 30, who is undeclared.

"I'm going to Cal State because

it's closest to my house. I honestly haven't looked at any other schools," said Rosita Rodriguez, 21, teaching major.

"I want to go to Cal State because of the nursing program, and it was the first name that appeared after I typed university into a search engine," said Milton Mejia, 28, nursing major.

BC students wanting to transfer to a different university said that CSUB, the only four-year institution within a 100-mile radius, didn't have enough to offer.

"I'm planning on transferring to Berkeley because Cal State doesn't have the engineering program I'm looking for. I know they only have a physics program," said Jose Reyes,

23, engineering major.

"I was going to go Cal State, but I couldn't afford it, so now I'm here at Bakersfield College. I've decided I would rather go to a university rather than Cal State," said Christina Hutchens, 19, sociology major.

Officials at CSUB believe that the school has plenty to offer, especially students coming from BC. Priscilla Long, a transfer coordinator for CSUB, provides transfer information at the BC student services building.

"The relationship between CSUB and BC offers students a lot more flexibility and helps the student to be more successful," she said.

Long believes that one of the features that makes the school so

accommodating to students is its exclusive size. "We're not huge," she said. "We're a lot smaller campus. We don't have 250 students to a class. You actually get to know the faculty, plus all the student services available."

"All of our departments have W.A.S.C. accreditation," said Maracchini. W.A.S.C. stands for Western Association of Schools and Colleges, which is an accrediting commission that validates to the public that the school is a trustworthy institution.

According to Maracchini, the business school is highly regarded. "The business school has accreditation beyond W.A.S.C. To get such accreditation you really have to be at the

cutting edge," she said.

Students currently enrolled at CSUB appeared generally satisfied with the institution. Most people said the relationship students had with their instructors was the best thing. "It's nice and small. You get a lot of one-on-one attention from your professors who seem very knowledgeable and enthusiastic," said Anya Grant, 24, biology major.

Some students were so impressed with the instructors that they compared them with high-ranking universities. "I visited UCLA once. I think that the interaction you get with the professors is much better here. At UCLA you were just a number to them," said Josh Phelps, 24, science

major.

However, some students admitted that they were simply pleased with everything the university had to offer. "It's hard for me to think about anything I dislike," said Martin Macias, 37, physics major.

The complaints about the university among the students were few, and rarely were mutual complaints. "The campus bothers me because it's ugly. Everything is under construction, and there's nowhere to hang out," said Osama Zahriya, 20, chemistry major. "I think that the tuition is too high. My financial aid doesn't even cover everything. I live with my parents, and they have to cover the rest," said Cristina Brabo, 19, nursing major.



FEATURES

Artistic ambition

By PHILLIP G. KOPP  
Rip staff writer

Imagine having to build your own toys until the age of 12 and growing up in a city where war has been going on since the death of Christ. Many of us could not conceive having to ride a bike where we went and where our world is filled with images that the enemy is everywhere.

This life is not just one that Bakersfield College professor Adel Shafik lived through, but he conquered it. Born in Cairo, Egypt, to a Christian minority family, Shafik was taught by his father that violence was never an answer to anything. Watching soldiers march in the streets made it difficult to focus on something more positive than the dangerous atmosphere around them.

"I don't believe in war. I don't believe in fighting," Shafik said. "I don't believe in any of this violent behavior."

Still using the British learning system, Shafik worked through primary school, prep school and high school while learning art at a local club. He won his first contest at age 11, illustrating the feeling of the war in Egypt. It was his heightened interest in art that gave Shafik a positive focus.

"I went to the College of Applied Arts in Cairo," Shafik said. "My major was cinematography and telecommunications."

Shafik graduated with a bachelor's degree and got work as a cameraman for soccer games in Egyptian television. That was a sport familiar to him—he played for the Egyptian national soccer team until 1984.

In 1986, he migrated to Indiana, stayed with missionaries and started work in a factory. He lacked a background in American culture and didn't speak English very well. Shafik saved money while attending Indiana University and backpacked through Europe with a couple of college friends.

"We biked all over Europe and took a lot of pictures because we were so interested in art," Shafik said. "We went to Germany, France, the Vatican, Austria and saw some beautiful architecture."

He returned and got into the master's program where he graduated with an MFA in graphic design. Shafik began considering something else to do besides being a cameraman. Having designed banners, signs and book covers for local churches back home, art was a definitely a field that could occupy his unique imagination.

While playing soccer one day, Shafik met his future wife, Sara, and the two began dating. They fell in love, and the two went to visit her family in Bakersfield, where they got married in 1993.

"I never saw desert in the U.S. until I came here," Shafik said. "That was a real shock to me."

Shafik began doing freelance design work while managing the Bakersfield Soccer and Hockey Center. Later he started his own business doing artwork for The Bakersfield Californian and The Disney Corporation. After seven years of working with art in design, Shafik decided to do something he always wanted to do: become a teacher.

"I read a lot about BC and even took a class here," Shafik said. "I fell in love with the campus. I was once a student who needed a lot of help and that was something I wanted to return to the students."

Shafik found the BC faculty to have a welcoming atmosphere.

Having gone from an intense home life to a land where anything is possible, Shafik overcame tremendous odds and claims all of it was due to his positive attitude and his hard work.

"I encourage everyone to be positive and focus on your strengths," Shafik said. "There is always a sun behind the clouds."



Right: Professor Adel Shafik plays the lute, a Middle Eastern instrument that has been around since biblical times.

Below: Shafik, a graphic arts instructor, shows off student projects from one of his classes.



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'Hate it or Love it' and other new songs from artist The Game: rap with a refreshing rhythm

The Game is 'the next best thing to come out of the West Coast since Snoop Dogg'

By BRYSON PAUL  
Rip staff writer

Coming from the city that founded gangsta rap, Compton, and having legendary producer and Compton native Dr. Dre co-sign for his skills, there must be something unique about the Game.

Game that no one is aware of.

The Game is already believed to be the next best thing to come out of the West Coast since Snoop Dogg. The Game is fueled with the aggressive 'hood influences of hometown legend N.W.A., backed with support from the most powerful group in rap, G-Unit, and also mixing in his own personal life experience and gangsta roots to his flow.

The Game has a lot of pressure on his debut, like many great legends before him. Being the last hope for the West Coast, "The Documentary" (Aftermath/G-Unit), the debut album from The Game, gives listeners a chance to finally experience what the fuss has been about over the past year. Is it possible for a man to come into the rap game after a few years of being involved, play with the big boys and get high scores?

With an explosive gang-bated introduction track "I-10 General 50," featuring G-Unit General 50

A switch-hitter. The Game does a 180 from a gang-banging menace to a new generation Malcolm X.

Cent on the chorus, The Game comes out making his presence known early.

He will have listeners turning into human bobble-head dolls with Game's refreshing West Coast gangsta customized lyrics and Dr. Dre's masterpiece piano performance on the track.

A switch-hitter. The Game does a 180 from a gang-banging menace to a new generation Malcolm X with the intensely deep thoughts. The album also includes a contribution track with the song "Dreams," produced by fellow new sensation Kanye West.

Listeners get to experience The Game's life of pain and love throughout "The Documentary" with soulful tracks like "Hate it or Love it," featuring yet again 50 Cent, is an inspirational track for underdogs; "Don't Need Your Love," surprisingly produced by Mobb Deep's Havoc featuring Mary J. Blige; and the touchy "Like Father, Like Son," featuring Busta Rhymes.

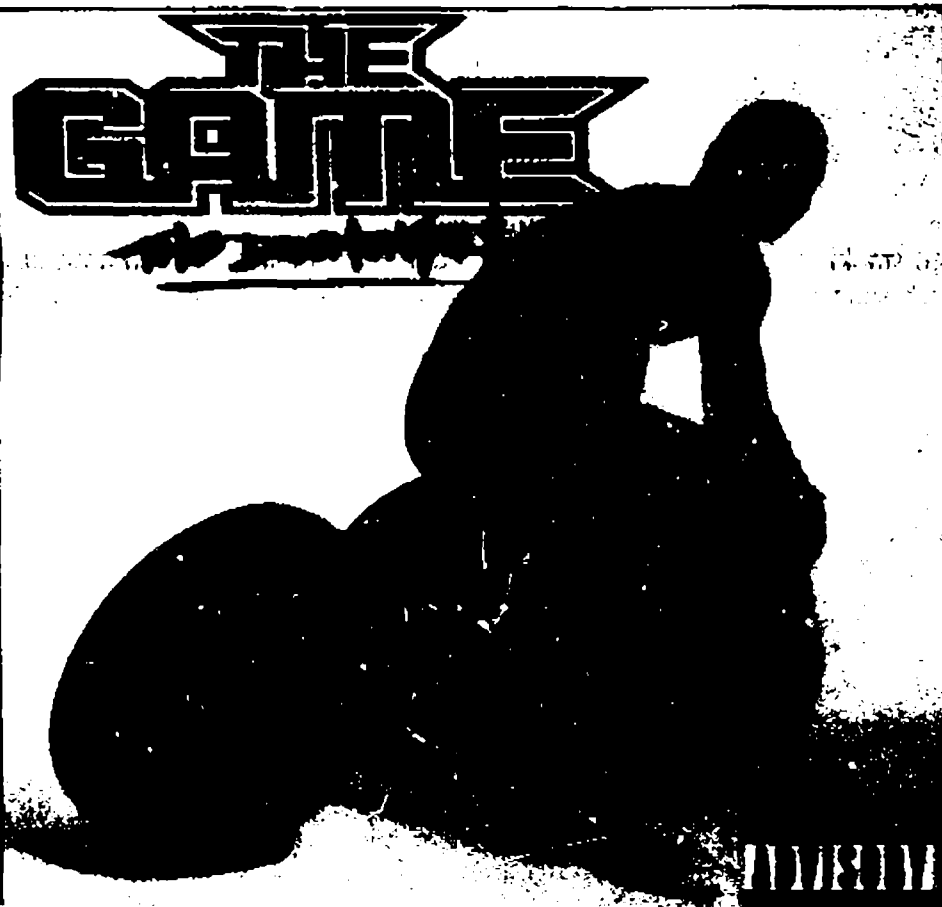


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Rap artist The Game is featured on the cover of his new album, "The Documentary."

The Game delivers a powerful story over the Buckwild boards about the greatest gift he has ever received: his son. Listeners will be surprised by the newswoman's lyrical superiority, where no one has painted a picture on a track so well since Biggie and 2Pac.

Shoop can officially pass the torch and let another chance represent the West, or take some of the work load. The Game delivers a typically che-

sis performance on "The Documentary" that gives him the opportunity to place him as one of the greatest of all-time. "The Documentary" can be considered by everyone from gangsta to people in the high society.

The Game, having just begun his career, has plenty of time to make his history, with people in the future possibly discussing the next Game instead of the next Jay-Z, Nas, Biggie or Pac.

According to book, men are easier to solve than you think

Authors of new book explain why a man's actions can show 'He's just not that into you.'

By BECKY JIMENEZ  
Rip staff writer

Throughout history, women have tried to comprehend the male species. Women love getting together to try to unravel the mixed signals men give us. As a result, a consensus has been reached: men do what they do because they are complicated human beings.

However, a recently published book, "He's Just Not That Into You," states the reasons why men are not really at all complicated.

The authors, Greg Behrman and Liz Tuccillo say that there are no hidden messages, but rather, men's actions will truly show how they feel.

The book is very direct and to the point. The style is easily readable, and its content is written in a question-and-answer format. I

found the bluntness of it to be extremely hilarious because women will try to justify the man they choose to love. We hope that the mixed messages men give us really mean "I'm in love with you and want to be with you."

I agree with this last statement because I, too, have found myself trying to justify the man I've chosen to love, and it is absolutely true that I hoped this man would love me back. However, I can now clearly see that his actions say otherwise. He doesn't truly care for me, and I deserve better. So, why should I have to put up with his nonsense? Well, not anymore. I have concluded that I will find someone better because there are better guys out there I can love and will love me in return.

So, if he's not calling you, if he's not asking you out, if he's not having sex with you, if he doesn't want to marry you, if he's a self-jerk, and lastly, if he's married, "He's just not that into you."

Wherever your current relationship status may be, if it's a bad one, the bottom line is "You deserve better!" Stop making excuses for that man who treats you like crap and get out of that relationship.

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Smoke Out

A smoke-free policy can benefit student health and campus aesthetic.

By GINA MENDOZA  
Rip staff writer

Smokers on campus are in an uproar at the thought that Bakersfield College could soon be a smoke-free campus.

I have observed the large number of individuals who choose to shorten their lives, blacken their lungs, send daily invitations to deadly diseases such as cancer and emphysema, and reek of foul cigarette odor.

These individuals will argue that, "This is America, and we have the right to smoke wherever we choose!" However, smokers' rights do not extend over to my lungs.

Pollution is already a large enough problem. Who gave smokers the "right" to contaminate our air even more? Why should non-smoking students and faculty unwillingly have to be exposed to smokers' disgusting habit? We shouldn't!

I should have the right to breathe clean air as I walk across campus, and I most certainly should not have to see or step on nasty cigarette butts left behind by careless smokers who are too lazy to find a trashcan.

We have a beautiful campus, and we should take pride in it. Quite frankly, the ashtrays outside of our buildings are a real eyesore. Smokers will whine that the buildings are already smoke-free, and it shouldn't be a big deal to smoke outside on campus.

The big deal is that all other schools in Bakersfield, including colleges and the university, prohibit smoking on school grounds regardless of whether you are an adult, a parent picking up your child or an employee. Smoking is not allowed. Bakersfield College is an institution of higher learning that deserves the same respect.

Granted, elementary, junior high and high schools are public schools that students by law have to attend. To attend college is a choice that adults make, and therefore college smokers feel that they are entitled to smoke at school, but what kind of example are we setting by allowing this to happen? We are simply telling the youth in our community to do as we say, not as we do. We are showing our children that you only have to take pride in your school, and be respectful to others until you are an adult, and then you can behave as you choose.

I'm all for people exercising their free-choice rights, but there is a real problem when those free choices put others in danger. According to the Times of London, "A seven-year, 10-country study shows exposure to passive smoke increases the risk of respiratory disease by thirty percent and lung cancer by thirty-four percent," posted in a Medline Plus article.

If BC were to become a smoke-free environment, there would still be a plus side for smokers in that they wouldn't smoke any cigarettes during their time at school, meaning that they would smoke less per day, therefore having to buy cigarettes less often.

As far back as the 1960s, when smoking was permitted on aircrafts research showed that non-smoking flight attendants developed lung cancer from exposure to second-hand smoke on the job. The same is true for restaurant waitresses and employees. The saddest part is that California is one of the few states that have taken action on the issue, prohibiting smoking in all public and government buildings. Now it is time for Bakersfield College to take control as well.

By JOSHUA AYERS  
Rip Staff Writer

The consideration of a smoke-free campus is a ridiculous idea, and the individual or group that proposed the idea should be stabbed in the neck with a rusty screwdriver. This is a college and we're pretty much all over the age of 18 here. What gives?

Granted, there are a few areas around the campus where smoking should probably be banned, such as the child care and athletic facilities, but the whole campus? Give me a break!

If the "healthy" non-smokers are so offended by second-hand smoke, why don't they take a "healthy" walk away from the person smoking?

What other ways can non-smokers find to discriminate against smokers? Separate restrooms? Separate desks in classrooms?

On this 153-acre campus is there not, at least one or two zones that could be designated as a smoking area before implementing such a no-smoking policy for the entire campus?

How will the policy be enforced? Will the non-smokers be given the power to cite violating smokers? Will the school waste even more money hiring security to enforce the rule?

Smokers smoke because they enjoy the release of dopamine in their brains. It provides a quick, cheap and effective source of stress relief.

If the non-smokers think the smokers are bad now, just wait until they experience withdrawal kicks! Yeah, that's right, irritable, cranky people complaining constantly about how much the policy sucks, and how if they don't get a cigarette soon they're going to hurt someone. Who wants that?

The Student Government Association will be coming to a decision on the issue in the near future. Hopefully, the members will consult with smokers and non-smokers to reach a compromise before voting to outlaw smoking on campus.

Social security proposal will save the system

By ELADIO BOBADILLA  
Copy Editor

Social Security will go broke soon, that's a fact. Anyone who disagrees is just plain bad at math.

President Bush has come up with a good plan to save the system. But as usual, he is facing stiff resistance from obstructionist senators and congressmen.

Those mostly Democratic members of Congress who oppose the president's plan to allow younger workers to invest in private accounts fail to see why we need to give people the choice of investing their money in the market instead of keeping a system that will not be able to serve its purpose once our generation needs it. Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) for example, is fighting the president's proposal, although in a 1999 interview with Fox News Channel's Brit Hume, the senator said he supported the idea of private accounts.

"Most of us have no problem with taking a small amount of the Social Security proceeds and putting it into the private sector," the senator told Hume.

Sounds like a good ol' Kerry-style flip-flop to me. The senator and his far-left allies need to wake up and support the much-needed reforms.

The Social Security program was a good idea when it was conceived by President Franklin D. Roosevelt after the devastating economic hardships people suffered during the Great Depression. It allowed the nation to provide a safety net for retirees using a pay-as-you-go system. Younger workers funded those who retired. Younger generation paid older ones, with the expectation that those that followed would, in turn take care of them. It worked.

But as baby boomers get ready to retire, the numbers are just not adding up.

The president made it clear in his 2005 State of the Union address. "In those days," the president said, referring to when Social Security was put in place, "people did not live as long, benefits were much lower than they are today, and a half century ago, about 16 workers paid into the system for each person drawing benefits."

He noted that soon, the system will not be able to sustain itself because of these facts. "So here is the result: Thirteen years from now, in 2018, Social Security will be paying out more than it takes in. And every year afterward will bring a new, shortfall, bigger than the year before. For example, in the year 2027, the government will somehow have to come up with an extra \$200 billion to keep the system afloat — and by 2033, the annual

shortfall would be more than \$300 billion. By the year 2042, the entire system would be exhausted and bankrupt," he said.

The president also said that he is open to anyone with a good idea, and that there are many such ideas on the table. But it's clear that he supports private accounts — and he should.

Having the option of a private account would let us put aside payroll money and let it grow. Putting that money in the stock market would allow our funds to grow with the economy, and would be sure to give us far better returns than the current system.

Of course, putting money in the market would carry some risk. But over the long run, the market has performed better than just about anything the government has provided in the form of an entitlement, even with the ups and downs the market has experienced over the years.

In addition, any such program would be regulated by the government to make sure investments are not put in volatile sectors, but rather those that have the best chance to grow.

Member of Congress need to look at the numbers and do what's right. They need to put their pants on the side. Now is not the time for bitter disputes that are meant only to prove that Democrats still have some power after the outcome of the November election. The president has said on several occasions that he wants to work with members of the Democratic party to get things done. They should do the same.

Debate should be welcomed, and all ideas should be heard, but they should realize that the choices are few: we can leave the system as it is, we can raise taxes to compensate for the revenue gap, or we can allow younger workers to invest in private accounts.

The first is not an option — the system will go bankrupt. The second option will not be received well by most Americans. Higher taxes will slow down the economy and take our hard-earned money away from us in order for the government to spend it however it wants.

The third, though it will carry some risks, is sound. It gives us choice by allowing us to invest our money however we see fit and allows for growth of that investment.

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shortfall would be more than \$300 billion. By the year 2042, the entire system would be exhausted and bankrupt," he said.

The president also said that he is open to anyone with a good idea, and that there are many such ideas on the table. But it's clear that he supports private accounts — and he should.

Having the option of a private account would let us put aside payroll money and let it grow. Putting that money in the stock market would allow our funds to grow with the economy, and would be sure to give us far better returns than the current system.

Of course, putting money in the market would carry some risk. But over the long run, the market has performed better than just about anything the government has provided in the form of an entitlement, even with the ups and downs the market has experienced over the years.

In addition, any such program would be regulated by the government to make sure investments are not put in volatile sectors, but rather those that have the best chance to grow.

Member of Congress need to look at the numbers and do what's right. They need to put their pants on the side. Now is not the time for bitter disputes that are meant only to prove that Democrats still have some power after the outcome of the November election. The president has said on several occasions that he wants to work with members of the Democratic party to get things done. They should do the same.

Debate should be welcomed, and all ideas should be heard, but they should realize that the choices are few: we can leave the system as it is, we can raise taxes to compensate for the revenue gap, or we can allow younger workers to invest in private accounts.

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'Boogeyman' only scares your pocketbook

By BARRY LIPSON  
Rip staff writer

Childhood fears become a reality in the film "Boogeyman." That is, if your childhood fear is losing a big chunk of change on one of the worst movies of all time.

The official Web site for "Boogeyman" even seemed hard pressed to give any kind

of explanation of the plot, as if there was one.

Barry Watson from the TV show, "Seventh Heaven," stars as Tim, who after the death of his mother, moves back into his childhood home where he is confronted by the demon that killed his father years earlier ... a hallway closet!

Yes, that's right, you've read this scene early in the film eating his father. Why? Who knows?

There is not even a hint as to what

Deliver me from evil and forgive me my Lord for I have sinned. I have spent money to see "Boogeyman," and I am scared.

is going on inside this closet and how it got such a voracious appetite. I did not go into this movie thinking

it would be the next "Citizen Kane." However, I also thought Hollywood was beyond making such tripe as the viewing audience is becoming more sophisticated and more demanding as theater prices go through the roof.

Apparently, I misjudged the judgment of the viewers because they have made "Boogeyman" the No. 1 film.

Deliver me from evil and forgive me my Lord for I have sinned. I have spent money to see "Boogeyman," and I am scared. Very, very scared.



Barry Watson stars as Tim in "Boogeyman," the latest horror film from Producer Sam Raimi.

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BC BRAINS

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

What does idiom mean?



Angela Venegas, undecided: "It just sounds scientific."



Monique James, art: "It's like a cliché."



Quinn Songman, psychology: "An idiot."



John Davis, culinary arts: "It is an idiot."



Carl Campling, liberal arts: "It's a literary term."



John Marston, architectural drafting: "It's like a mineral."

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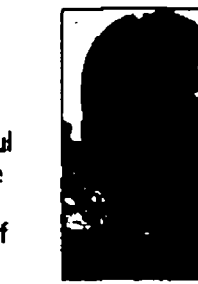
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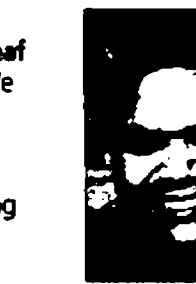
Samuel Bautista, psychology: "I feel that I'll be able to breathe a lot easier. It will be very good for the environment."



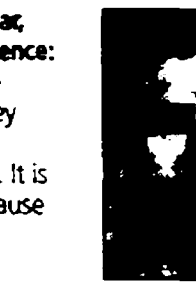
Jesse Barria, liberal arts: "It would be an awesome and wonderful thing because of the fact it affects a lot of people."



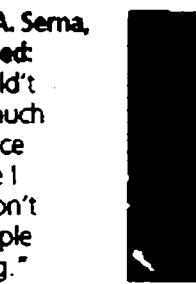
Jennifer Eggleston, deaf studies: "We should be allowed to pollute our lungs as long as we are outdoors."



Jimmy Kalar, animal science: "If people didn't, they would be pissed off. It is good because it releases stress."



Steven A. Serna, undecided: "It would make much difference because I really don't see people smoking."



Andrea Ifionis, biology: "It will be better, because they won't have to suffer second-hand smoke."

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# NEWS

## TATTOOS: Body art glorifies 'temple'

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"It feels like needles tearing through my skin," said Ruben Soto, 41, a California Highway Patrol officer. "This is my very first tattoo. It took me 41 years to get one."

As the newest member of the Mad Dog team, Alfonso Acevedo worked on Soto. Soto said a recent divorce helped him decide to go through with getting a tattoo. "I'm getting a tattoo around my upper arm because I like the way they look around the muscle," Soto said.

People have different reasons for getting tattoos. Felicia Ramirez, 19, a liberal studies major, got a sun with a star tattoo as soon as she turned 18.

"I got a tattoo because I thought it was cute, and my mom and my sister had some. I thought they were neat," Ramirez said.

"It was an impulse thing for me," Tiefenthaler said. "I never wanted one before, but then I decided that I did. I like fairies a lot, and I saw one that I liked, so I got it."

Just as people have different reasons for wanting to get tattoos,



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Justin Foss, who has been a tattoo artist at Mad Dog Tattoo for three years, points to his tattoo hurt chart.

many go to physicians with personal reasons why they want their tattoos removed.

Several methods of removal have proven to be quite successful, according to an article posted on Contemporary Health Communications. The difficulty of removal can be based on size, location, how the tattoo was

applied and length of time it has been on the skin. Depending on these factors, a physician can choose between popular methods of removal: excision, dermabrasion, laser, or sclabration. Foss stands by his occupation: "People say your body is your temple. Why not decorate it?"

## MARIJUANA: 'Junkie, loser, hippie and pothead,' medical marijuana users face harsh stereotypes

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ing on his general education requirements while holding an office in the Student Government Association.

Suffering from back pain and tension headaches, he uses medical marijuana and is even a caretaker for other cannabis patients.

In late January, Kyle said he gave a friend a lift to the southwest parking lot. As they were parking, a Campus Security officer caught him cleaning out a pipe. He also had a small amount of marijuana. A Campus Security report for Jan. 25 said that a glass pipe with burned marijuana was also found in the center console of the vehicle.

"I was handcuffed and told not to

resist," Kyle said. "I only had my permit for being a caregiver and not a patient, so they called the Bakersfield Police Department and I got charged with possession."

Kyle faced expulsion but had the charges dropped to suspension instead.

He was also forced to resign from his office at SGA and is no longer eligible for financial aid. His suspension report showed that he had violated BC's "Standards of Student Conduct" policy.

"Pot is still considered a controlled substance, it collides with the campus laws," said Dean of Student Services Don Turney.

"The policy states that a student

can be suspended due to "the use, sale, possession or being under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled substance prohibited by law, on campus or at any function sponsored or supervised by the College."

Students have to comply with both state and federal laws making it illegal for them to carry any form of marijuana on campus. Unless students can propose a new policy to be placed under consideration for legislation, all cannabis patients can be faced with expulsion if caught with their medication.

"This is my medicine," Cindi said. "Please don't take my medicine from me."

## CRIME BEAT

Feb. 2 at 6:50 p.m.

An act of vehicle burglary occurred on the 2300 block of Church Ave., which was reported by a Bakersfield College student. The 22-year-old student was walking westbound on Church Ave. when he noticed two males dressed in black striking vehicles parked on the south side of the college park.

The two suspects saw the witness and began to retreat eastbound through the park. The suspects were described as being between 18 and 25 years old. One suspect was approximately 6'3" and the other 5'11".

The witness observed that a brown 1996 Toyota Camry sustained a smashed window on the front passenger side.

Feb. 2 between 6:50 and 8 p.m.

Several items were stolen from a BC student's white 1993 Toyota Corolla in the northeast parking lot. The items were listed as a Kenwood AMFM CD player, a CD case containing forty CDs. Damage was observed in the front right passenger window.

There were no suspects and no arrests.

Feb. 7 between 11:40 a.m. and 12:50 p.m.

Petty theft was reported in the BC Men's Gym Locker room. A black wallet containing two dollars and a social security card was taken.

The wallet owner placed the item in his locker at 11:40 a.m. and left for class. Upon returning at 12:50 p.m., the student noticed that the bottom of the locker had been jimmied with an unknown object.

Feb. 7 at 2:25 p.m.

An incident of peace disturbance was reported by a male BC student. A possible scuffle between the reporting student and another was averted by the arrival of the security officer.

One student had ordered the

other to vacate a seat at the back of a classroom. Upon refusal, security was notified. The officer ordered the students to avoid each other for the rest of the semester.

Feb. 8 between 2 and 3:30 p.m.

An act of petty theft occurred at the south end of the Grace Van Dyke Byrd Library. A men's 21-speed silver-blue Ranger Schwinn bicycle with an estimated value of under \$140.00 was pilfered.

The owner cable-locked the bicycle in the rack at 2 p.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m., finding the bicycle gone. There are no suspects.

Feb. 8 between 5:30 and 8 p.m.

A 50-year-old BC student reported

his bicycle stolen. The yellow-red Gary Fisher mountain bicycle valued at \$350.00 was taken from the Business Education building area.

The officer called to the scene noted a bicycle security cable hanging from the stair hand railing that appeared to be cut with an unidentified device.

The bicycle was also described as having front shocks, a headlight, a rack with two saddlebags, a speedometer and a handlebar rack.

There were no suspects and no arrests.

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# NEWS

## Local site is a major hit with BC students

■ Bakotopia has become a haven for students to post personal ads and much more.

By JOSHUA AYERS  
Rip Staff Writer

Mercado Nuevo, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Bakersfield Californian, launched a beta version of Bakotopia in January. The Web site is aimed at bringing a collection of

services to the fingertips of local web surfers.

According to Dan Pacheco, the Bakotopia project manager, the site is directed at an audience between the ages of 18 and 34 in hopes that the younger generation will find asylum from the conventional forms of mass media.

"We want people to know about the site and know that it's free," Pacheco said.

Pacheco also said that people aren't

spending as much time anymore on one specific source of traditional media, such as newspapers. "The whole one-size-fits-all approach is going out the window."

Bakotopia is the second major project that The Californian has undertaken to diversify its audience.

With a registered user name and password, which is free with a valid e-mail address, site users can have access to personals, classified ads, job listings, upcoming events in the

Bakersfield area and the opportunity to voice opinions about the site, local events or even about having a bad day.

Since the introduction of Bakotopia onto the World Wide Web, the site has had roughly a few hundred users and according to Pacheco, the feedback has been extremely positive.

"Bakotopia is the greatest," said a site patron in a post in the Rants & Raves section. Users ultimately have

the control over what goes up on the site. Anything "illegal, gross, or in bad taste" is forbidden to be posted and it is the responsibility of site supporters to report such violations.

Although Bakotopia offers a free service to its users, the site still costs money to operate. Bakotopia makes up some of those costs by selling promotional merchandise to help market the site. Products such as boxers, T-shirts, coffee mugs and even thong underwear are available in the "Wear

Us" section of the site. In addition to the "Wear Us" products, Bakotopia has also been extremely aggressive to promote the site by airing radio advertisements and placing colorful, witty fliers around town.

Unlike its competitor, Craigslist, Bakotopia is owned and operated locally.

For more information, visit the Bakotopia Web site at www.bakotopia.com.

## New permit, no more excuses

■ With the new semester starting, students often forget to purchase their new parking stickers.

By JORMENA BENITEZ  
Rip staff writer

The spring semester started at Bakersfield College with a common sight: students receiving citations for parking in restricted areas.

"We ticket all the time but it seems more at the beginning of each semester, because students put it (buying parking stickers) off," said Chris Counts, sergeant for the Department of Public Safety.

"They don't see it as a priority, which is unfortunate, because it ends up costing them more money."

BC has a new parking permit sys-

tem, which is mainly a sticker that is to be placed on the corner of windshields when purchased.

Students can get it through the Internet or through the Department of Public Safety. This system was created after hearing complaints from students losing their parking tags or forgetting them.

"A lot of complaints were 'Oh, I had my permit up, but it fell on the ground, but now with the sticker, it is stuck on there,'" Counts said.

"They don't have to worry about it. They get it, they stick it on, and they don't have any problems."

The campus offers four major parking lot areas; one of them is at no

cost to students. This free southwest parking area is located at Haley and University avenues near the baseball field.

"It is convenient for my wallet. It is better than paying 35 bucks," said Santiago Cazares, a business administration major. "It is hard enough to find parking when you do have a permit."

The Department of Public Safety also said that illegal parking in handicapped spaces is a constant problem. "They have issued several \$1,000 tickets this semester."

For more information on parking permits, log on to www.therip-student.com.

## NEWS BRIEFS

BC and Cal State Bakersfield host

Women's History month speakers

Bakersfield College faculty in conjunction with California State University, Bakersfield faculty, will be hosting a series of speakers in March and April as part of Women's History Month.

The theme for what is hoped to become an annual event will be titled "Women, Society and the Law: Stigmatization and Criminalization."

Events are scheduled for the following dates:

Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Theater: "Osama," a film about Afghan women under Taliban rule. Admission \$4.

Tuesday, March 8, 7 p.m. at BC Fireside Room: Dr. Philippa Levine (History, USC) will be speaking on "Prostitution, Race and Politics."

Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m. at BC Fireside Room: Dr. Patricia Cohen (History, UC Santa Barbara) will be speaking on "The Underworld of Commercial Sex in 1830s America: The Murder of Helen Jewett."

Monday, April 11, 7 p.m. at CSUB Doré Theater: Dr. Dorothy Roberts (Law, Northwestern) will be giving a

talk on Privatization and Punishment:

Reprogenetics. Reception will follow.

Tuesday, April 12, 10 a.m. at CSUB Student Union Multipurpose Room: Dr. Dorothy Roberts will be speaking on "Social Service Agencies and African American Communities."

A reception will be held before the speech. Thursday, April 28, 2 p.m. at CSUB Albertson Room: Dr. Lilian Faderman (English, Cal State-Fullerton) will be speaking on "Then the Cops Burst In! Police Harassment in 1950s Lesbian Bars."

For more information, contact Pat Thompson 395-4297 (BC events) or Pat Jennings 664-3456 (CSUB events).

Bakersfield Sierra Club hosts

breakfast meeting on March 15

The Bakersfield Sierra Club will host its breakfast meeting on Saturday, March 15 at 8:30 a.m.

The group will meet at the Jungle Café, located at 700 Truman Ave., inside the Hill House Inn. Executive Director of Sequoia Forestkeeper Ada Marderosian will be speaking about current problems related to preserving wilderness and forests in the Sierra Nevada.

For more information, contact Glenn Shellcross at 832-3382. The public is welcome.

Annual youth conference

promotes higher education

Bakersfield College M.E. Ch.A. will host its annual youth conference today on campus beginning at 8 a.m. to promote higher education for high school students.

The conference will include motivational speakers, workshops for the students and food. Scholarships will be awarded.

Bakersfield alumnus Joe King set to give a lecture on 'phishing'

The MESA program and the Engineering department are hosting a lecture by BC alumnus Joe King, a professor of engineering at the University of the Pacific in Stockton.

He will lecture on "phishing," or Internet scams. This event will take place on Feb. 28 between 3-4 p.m. in room SE46 of the engineering Building.

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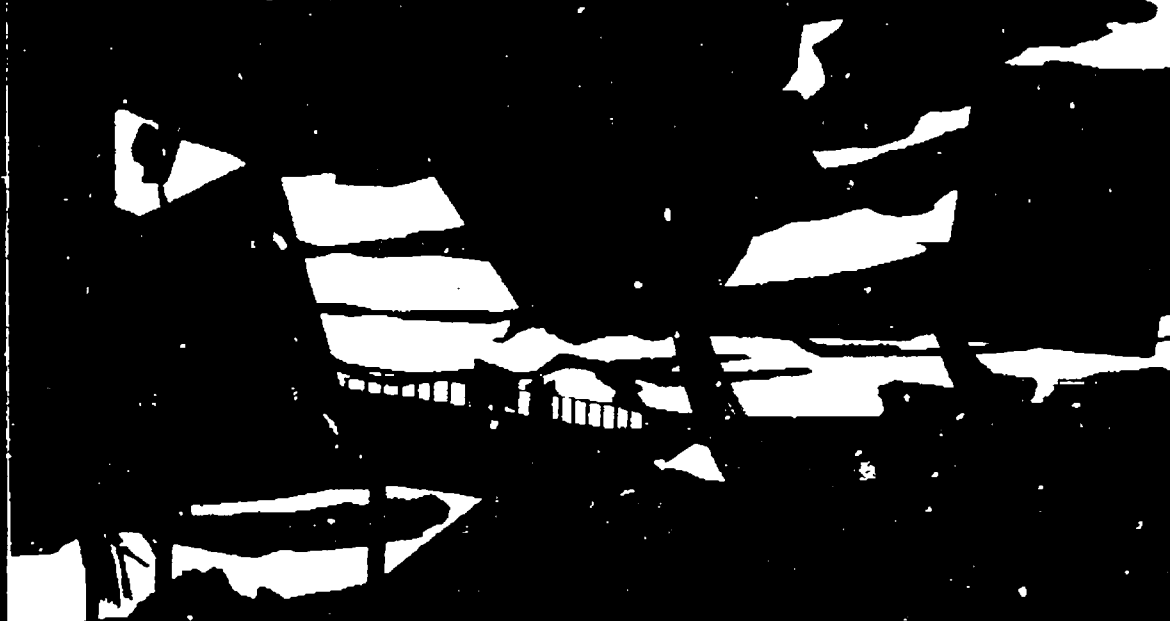
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# NEWS

## Controversial candidate

■ Losing presidential candidate Henry Zimon deals with attacks on his career from both past and present.

By ELADIO BOBADILLA  
Copy Editor

Henry Zimon, one of the losing finalists for the position of president at Bakersfield College, faced tough questions Feb. 16 at an open forum held in the Fireside Lounge at BC.

In his opening statement, Zimon gave a speech focused on his personal life and experience as an army officer and college administrator.

Zimon, a former army colonel, faced a different audience than the other three candidates, however. Before the open forum, information was distributed via e-mail to the faculty that raised questions about Zimon's credentials.

"I couldn't tell you what's best for BC next week, next month, or even next year."

—Henry Zimon,  
BC presidential candidate

The e-mail pointed to an article written in 2000 and published in the Chronicle of Higher Education, which suggested he had misled administrators by claiming he had written two books listed as "forthcoming" in 1999 on his resume. Neither book is published.

Zimon said the allegations were the product of an "anarchist professor." He said Achal Mehra, then a journalism professor at Albright College, where Zimon was president, was out to get him from the day they met.

Mehra "physically harassed my wife and I," Zimon said. "He would intentionally bump into me or into my wife."

In a phone interview, Mehra denied harassing Zimon or his wife.

"I'm not sure what he's talking about," he said. "I have never even met his wife."

Zimon maintained that the conflict began the first day he met Mehra. "After he was hired at Albright [College], he sent me an e-mail. I still don't know how he got my e-mail address, but he introduced himself and

said, 'I'm professor Mehra, and I will be your enemy until the last day of your presidency.'"

Mehra acknowledges he sent the e-mail but disputes the content.

"What he's talking about is an Indian proverb that is meant to be a challenge... you will always strive to do better to prove yourself to your enemy," he said. "It was never meant to be provocative or personal. I just had questions about his resume. And it wasn't just me. Many faculty members had the same questions."

He accused Mehra of being motivated by anti-military and anti-religion ideology, which Mehra denied.

When asked to explain why neither book listed on his resume was published, Zimon said one book, titled "CFE: The Making of the Treaty and Its Implications for the Future," which he claimed was to be co-authored by R. James Woolsey, was scrapped because a similar book surfaced.

The Chronicle, however, noted that at the time, Woolsey denied having plans to co-author it.

The other book, "Reshaping U.S. National Security Strategy: Peacetime

Engagement, Regional Stability, and Global Security" may still be published, he said.

"The interesting thing is it hasn't been published yet because it is so good that we need to add and make changes to it," Zimon said.

He again said the controversy was triggered by Mehra blowing things out of proportion.

He went on the attack again, saying Mehra has once been deported for residing in the U.S. illegally.

"He was deported to the country of India after it was found that he was an illegal alien," he said. "The only way he was able to come back was by bringing one of his students to India. He later married that student and got back in as a spouse."

Again, Mehra denied it, and accused Zimon of attacking him to dodge questions about his resume.



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Henry Zimon, one of the BC presidential candidates, speaks at a forum on Feb. 16.

"First of all, my wife was never my student, not that it would matter if she was," he said. "And I was never deported. I left the country after I got a notice that my visa had expired."

"I find it remarkable that his whole response is based on personal attacks rather than on explaining his resume. I think it just illustrates what kind of man he is."

The tough questions did not end there, however.

Beth Kinchla, a 72-year-old woman who attended all the forums, attacked Zimon for not being specific enough on what he would do as president.

"I'm just a feeble old lady," she said. "I pay taxes, and I come here to hear what you have to say, and you don't give us a single idea of what you would do for BC. Why is it that you refuse to answer any questions? Why won't you tell us what you would do to improve Bakersfield College?"

A tired-looking Zimon responded: "Well, because I don't want to say at this point what I would do... I think the purpose of this [forum] was for you to get to know me a little better. I only want to make decisions after listening to the community and after learning about it."

"I'll have to be honest. I couldn't tell you what's best for BC next week, next month, or even next year."

## PRESIDENT: Andrews sees BC leading the way

All candidates touched on the issue of tuition and the need for funds in general.

Andrews, however, was far more blunt when it came to money matters.

"The long-term money problems are a big issue, because the area is growing quickly," he said.

Andrews said he will work to minimize the effect but acknowledged the problems will not disappear.

"I can almost guess we won't do it 100 percent," he said.

To ease money troubles, he said officials need to be more comfortable asking for money, prioritizing programs and creating partnerships with community businesses.

Andrews said he believed BC will need to continue to play a leadership role as the largest community college campus in the district.

"Bakersfield College is always going to be the biggest college, so it has to play leadership roles with Cerro Coso and Porterville College. BC has things that can help

the other colleges," he said.

But the other colleges can also help BC, Andrews noted, citing as an example the Psychiatry Technician program Porterville College offers and BC lacks.

When asked by professor Chuck Wall what he would do about faculty "breaking down into factions," he said that would be unacceptable to him.

"I won't put up with it," he said. "They can disagree, and they should, but we're still working here together, and we need to be getting along. I expect people to work together. You don't have to love everyone, but you have to be able to work with them."

Andrews also touched on the subject of students who come to BC and take too long to transfer or put the skills they earn to work.

"We need students to take the classes they need and leave after a while so they can pay taxes and let someone else sit there," he said.

Prayas Patel, vice president of the Student Government Association, asked Andrews during the

forum what his role would be in relation to the SGA.

He answered by saying he would encourage students to participate in activities sponsored by the SGA.

He also said he would work with the student government leaders to put together a budget that favored the student body.

"Dollars that are collected [by SGA] should be used for the benefit of students in many ways," he told Patel.

At the news conference Friday, board president Dennis Bebece congratulated Andrews and said he felt comfortable with the board's decision.

"All the candidates were very qualified, but Dr. Andrews has experience with this district. He also has experience with state issues and with the educational code of the state of California, which is quite different. So all these factors made it a really easy decision," he said.

Andrews, who will be the ninth president in BC's 92-year history, is scheduled to start April 1.

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# SPORTS

## Former BC student becomes coach at Syracuse

By BECKY JIMENEZ  
Rip staff writer

Coaching a team can require complete devotion, perseverance, commitment and extreme leadership. Former Bakersfield College student and athlete Greg Robinson plans to provide Syracuse University's football team with just that.

Robinson, 33, has been hired as the head football coach at Syracuse. He is a Garces High graduate who attended BC in the fall of 1970. After a year and a half, he transferred to the University of Pacific in Stockton.

He has been coaching for more than three decades, and is looking forward to the 2005 football season. Robinson is not at all hesitant to discuss his qualifications for coaching at the Division I level.

"I feel that I have enough experience in different phases of the game — offensive, defensive, and special team coordination," said Robinson in a telephone interview with *The Rip*.

He plans to tackle all of the responsibilities and duties that will come with his position. He doesn't really intend on making many changes, but rather implementing similar tactics.

"Honestly, I really haven't evaluated last season's statistics, but what were going to do this year is really play hard, enthusiastic, defense-tackling football," Robinson said.

Last season, Syracuse finished 6-6. The offense completed 181 out of 319 passes for 2,043 yards.

This upcoming season entails a pro-style attack balanced with running and throwing more passes, said Robinson. Robinson will coach 15 returning starters, such as Damien Rhodes and Anthony Smith.

Robinson said he does not believe that this season will be a rebuilding

process. "It wouldn't be fair to the seniors, but rather I want to emphasize senior players to take it upon themselves to share the commitment and leadership that is necessary to make this team run well," he said.

His coaching philosophy is built on developing young people to the fullest extent academically, socially and athletically. "My style of dealing with players is based upon trust, discipline and perseverance," he said.

This is Robinson's first head coaching position in 30 years; however, he has no regrets in having waited so long. "Being a head football coach

has been a dream of mine for a long time," Robinson said.

Coaching football had always been one of Robinson's ambitions. He never intended to be an NFL coordinator, and he doesn't plan to go back to being a NFL coordinator.

"I had 14 great years in the NFL, but this is what I want to do," said Robinson.

Robinson has more than 30 years of experience under his belt at the college level (North Carolina State, UCLA, University of Texas) and professional level (New York Jets, Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs).

Throughout his career, he has obtained two Super Bowl rings and four Rose Bowl championships.

His two Super Bowl rings came with the Denver Broncos' back-to-back wins in 1997-98. He was with UCLA for his first three Rose Bowl wins in 1983, '84 and '86.

He then got his fourth Rose Bowl victory with the University of Texas in 2004. Robinson said he plans to continue coaching football for another three decades.

"I figure I should be done with coaching by the time I'm 90," Robinson said.

## Goss leads women into hoop playoffs

By CHRISTOPHER W. PISAR  
Rip staff writer

Sophomore Nikki Goss saved her best performance for her last game at Bakersfield College, scoring a career-high 38 points, including 13 of 18 from the free throw line, while guiding her team to a 91-87 overtime victory over College of the Canyons on Saturday night.

"I just had to dig deep and give it everything I had, and it all worked out in the end," Goss said.

The Renegades' win broke a second-place tie with Canyons as BC improved to 18-9 overall and 9-3 in the Western State Conference. It also solidified BC's spot in the Southern California Regionals where No. 12 seed BC will face No. 5 Cypress on Feb. 26.

Coch Paul Dahl said "I'm thrilled, we've never swept Canyons."

The Cougars had four players score in double figures, including sophomore Jessi Loring with 25 points, Allison Weier with 20 points, Erica Doyle with 17 points, and Janette Collins with 16.

Cypress fell behind the Renegades 11-0 overall, good for the 11th seed in the South Division and a No. 14 seed in Bracket III of the Southern California

Regionals. They will face No. 3 seed Antelope Valley on Feb. 25.

BC was down 7-2 early in the game but stormed back to take a 39-36 halftime lead. The Renegades continued to lead most of the game until about the three-minute mark in the second half when the Cougars' Doyle made the front end of a one-and-one to tie the score with less than three minutes left in the game.

Doreen two with 1:05 to go, Jessica Loring made her first of two free throws to cut BC's lead back to one but was unable to do so. The Renegades made a two-point field goal with 4.5 seconds remaining to push the lead to three.

Canyons quickly pushed the ball up the court, and Loring threw up a desperation 3-pointer, which she banked in to tie the score 81-81 to send it into overtime.

With the score tied 87-87 in overtime, Goss made a move toward the basket and was fouled with 8.7 seconds remaining. She made both free throws and then stole the Cougars' inbound pass. She was fouled and made both free throws to clinch the victory.

"While playing, well right now," said Dahl. "We just need to keep it going and play like we have been to be successful (in the playoffs)."



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Andrew Morris pulls down a rebound.

## Men fail to make playoffs after loss

By CHRISTOPHER W. PISAR  
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Sophomore forward Mario Malave scored a team-high 21 points, but Bakersfield College came up short in losing to College of the Canyons 73-61 at Gil Bishop Sports Arena in their final game of the regular season on Saturday.

With the loss, the Renegades fell to 5-7 in Western State Conference play and finished the season tied for fourth place with West Los Angeles. The loss also took them out of playoff contention. Coach Brent Davis seemed to know his team's postseason fate already when he acknowledged that "with the loss we are on the outside of the bubble. It's probably not going to happen."

The Cougars were led by Carlton Spentzer, who scored 21 points, and Curtis Dunwoody with 18 points. Canyons improved to 10-1 in the WSC and 18-8 overall.

The Cougars clinched the South Division title and the ninth seed in the Southern California Regionals. Fifth-seeded

College of the Desert plays host to Canyons in the first round of the postseason on Feb. 25.

BC took a 29-24 lead into halftime and increased its lead to 10 early in the second half. But it didn't last long.

The turning point came with 7:46 left in the second half when Marquintine Davis was hit with his second technical foul just minutes after receiving his first, and he was ejected with BC's lead down to one.

"The first one was my fault," Marquintine Davis said. As for the second technical foul, "I didn't say anything to him. I just made the shot, came down and clapped, and he gave me a technical."

After being held to just 24 points in the first half, Canyons scored 49 points in the second, outscoring the Renegades by 17.

"(We) got a little excited [and] turned the ball over a few times. We weren't getting the hoops we were getting in the first half," Brent Davis said.

For next season, BC has the possibility of nine freshmen returning, including Marquintine Davis.

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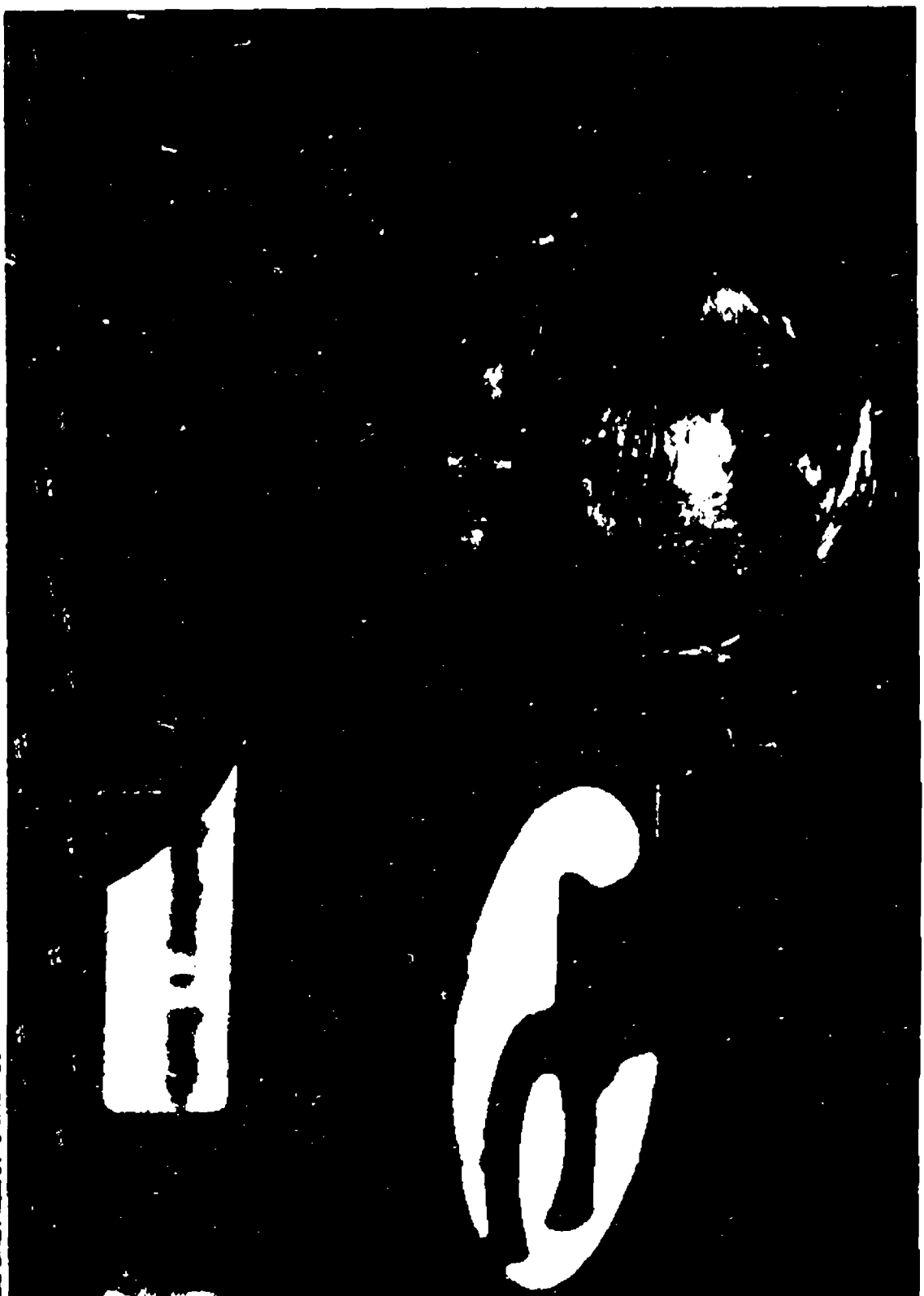


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Bob Covey has coached many standout student athletes during his 42 years at Bakersfield College.

# Bakersfield College 'legend' retiring

*BC track coach Bob Covey, 66, retiring at the end of this semester after 42 years on the job.*

By VICTOR GARCIA  
Sports Editor

Memorial Stadium has been Robert Covey's office for the past 42 years.

Covey, 66, the men's track and field coach, will be leaving his office and taking with him many memories when he retires at the end of this semester.

"He's never in his office, he's always working with his athletes," said Athletics Secretary Barbara Hobbs.

Sixty-six-year Athletics Director Jan Sharplee, 53, who pole vaulted for Covey in 1969, said that Covey is a legend.

"Bob Covey is the ultimate coach. He's a legend," he said. "We'll replace him, but we won't replace him."

Sharplee said that Covey acts as if he has only been at BC 10 years instead of 42 years.

"BC owes him a lot," he said. "I'll miss him."

Assistant Track and Field Coach Jason Faust, 28, who was one of Covey's students in 1997-98, agrees.

"He's real genuine. He genuinely cares about the well being of his athletes," Faust said.

"He wants people to graduate here as good men, not just good athletes," Faust also said that Covey is one of BC's legends.

"There have been some great coaches before him, and he continued the legacy," he said.

Covey's first visit to Bakersfield College came when he was 19 years old, when he hitchhiked 1,500 miles from Ames, Iowa, for the national track and field championships in 1958.

"I said the 400 placed sixth in the nation," said Covey. He said that he inadvertently took a different route on the way back that was 2,300 miles.

"I was a freshman at the University of Kansas. At that time a freshman couldn't be given any kind of support from their university."

After the championship, Covey sat in the stands of Memorial Stadium and talked to Rex Grossert, the person who was to be his predecessor at BC.

Grossert, who was his assistant coach at Kansas, told Covey that BC had just offered him the assistant football and head track coaching job.

"I said, Rex, if I had a job like this, I probably would never leave."

Covey said that five years later Grossert had to leave his coaching job because he had valley fever.

He said Grossert told him to apply for his job, right after Covey graduated with his master's degree from Oregon State.

"I said sure, yeah right, no chance a

24-year-old kid is going to get this job. But I got it. I figured I'd say maybe five or six years, but I loved it so much I didn't want to leave and I have to leave right now.... Nine months of work adds up after 42 years."

"I'd like to be able to have the chance to play some golf, which I haven't played for 16 years, do some stuff like that."

When Covey came to BC, Ed Simmons was president of BC, and Gil Bishop — who the gym is named after — was athletic director.

"My first year coaching here I had a team that was good, and they developed to get better. We had the conference championships here and we surprised Long Beach City College, which was supposed to win it. L.A. Valley was supposed to get second, and we were supposed to get third. We won it."

"I was so excited. About a month later, the joke is, they started putting (the) BC (letters) up on the hill (of Memorial Stadium). So I said I have let it be known, they put my initials on the field."

Covey's teams have won 24 league track & field titles, 10 league Cross Country titles, six Southern California Regional Track & Field team titles, one Southern California Regional Cross Country title and two California State team titles. "We've had 32 state (first-

vidual) champions."

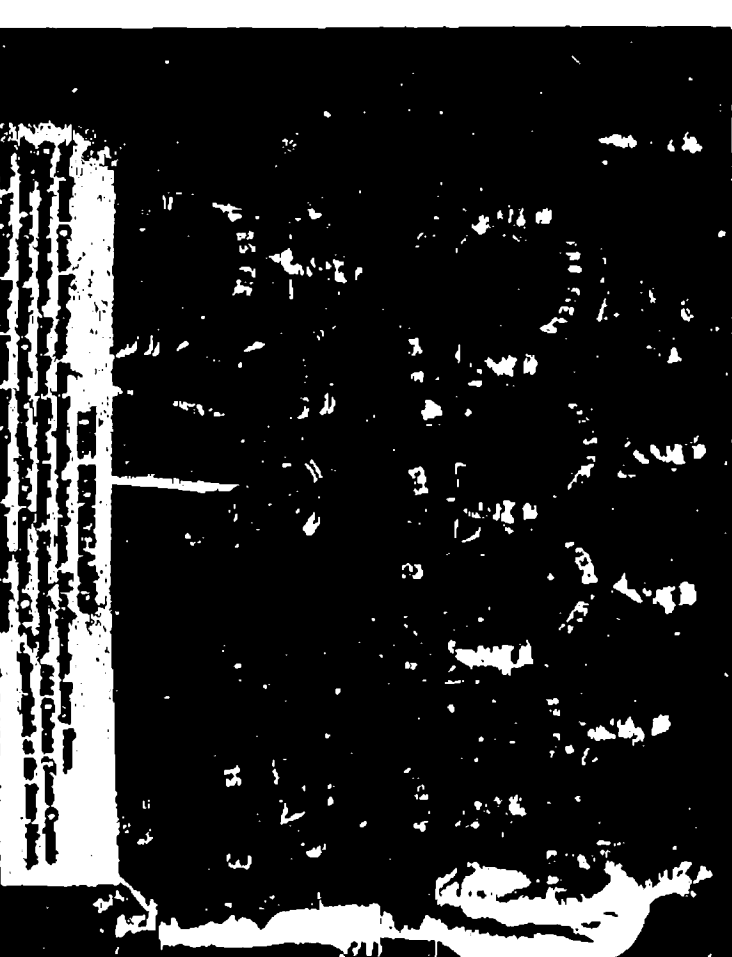
His current students have nothing but good words to say about him.

"He's real experienced — He gives everybody confidence to help them push harder," said business major Jeremy Miller, 25.

"He loves all his athletes."

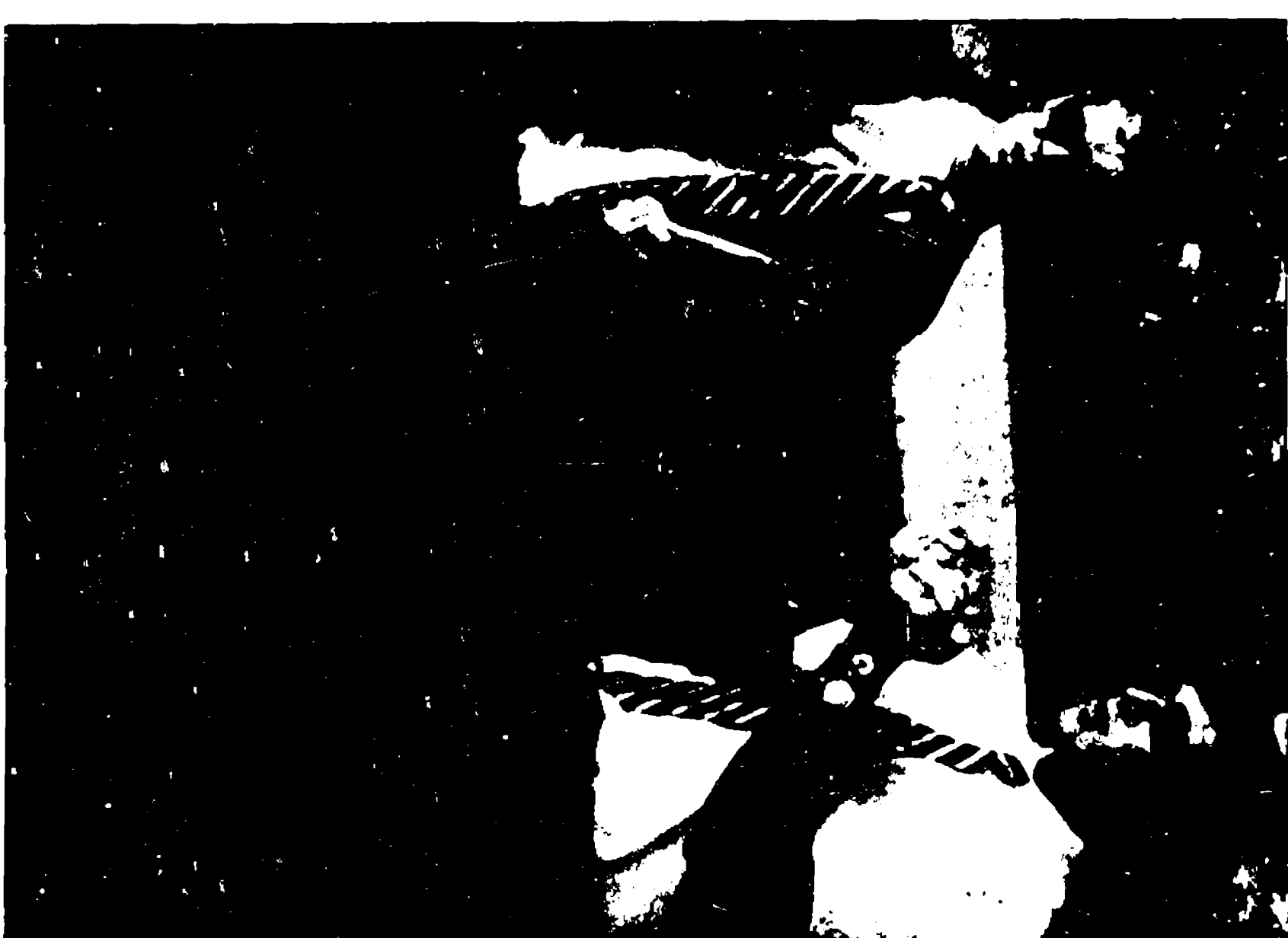
Physical education major Jose Magana, 20, also said that Covey is an excellent coach.

Covey was featured in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd", on July 19, 1976, for the



Above: Bob Covey, left, with his assistant coach Norm Hoffmann.  
Left: Bob Covey's 1968 cross country team won the Metropolitan Cross Country championship.

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## Softball team beats Ventura 4-3 for third straight victory

By AUSTIN E. MARSHWELL  
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The Bakersfield College softball team got its third consecutive win on Thursday Feb. 17, beating Ventura College 4-3.

The Renegades now have a record of 4-1 overall and 2-0 in Western State Conference play.

As for the season, the team has a good group of overall players and coaching staff to keep the win column in abundance.

One of the "Gades top pitchers is sophomore Ashley Bailey. Pitching at speeds clocked in the 60s, she is an asset to the softball squad.

"Ashley is a top performer for us," said softball coach Sandy Taylor. "She is an all-American, all-state. She's done a lot for this team."

Another returning key player to the softball team is second baseman Kacey Johnson. Johnson has hit two home runs, eight RBIs, two doubles and the teams only triple. She also boasts an impressive .421 batting average.

"Kacey is probably one of the few that hit all her courses to transfer to the Division I level academically," said Taylor. "Bailey has the most in the package athletically, and is getting some looks from Division I schools also."

Before the start of Saturday's Bakersfield

College Classic tournament, the Gades still have an obstacle to face in conference opponent L.A. Pierce at home tomorrow night at 5 p.m. Their toughest opponent yet may come against powerhouse Mt. Sac who finished third in last years rankings.

"We play Mt. SAC on Saturday at 7 p.m., and that should be a good one," said Taylor.

"There aren't any favorites in these tournaments, it's more of a way to get in more games for the teams, and it's a game by game thing (the tournament)," said Taylor. "We just play hard."

With their opening season victory, and overall record, the Gades should be a highly ranked team, but unfortunately that is not the case.

"We're 5th in the top 15, but the seasons still early," said Taylor.

"It's more of a subjective thing based on who's seen who, and what they did last year."

High aspirations for the "Gades are a definite as Taylor has a 15-year head coaching resume. Under Taylor's lead, the Renegades have gone to the playoffs 10 times in 14 seasons, and have two conference titles from 1997 and 98.

With a team that has 12 doubles, one triple, two home runs, and 40 RBIs, the Gades are on the right path to make it to the postseason for an 11th time.



Chris Worme / THE NP  
BC catcher Tami Meira takes a swing in a 4-3 victory against Ventura. The Renegades are 4-1 overall.

Chris Worme / THE NP

Ashley Bailey hurls a pitch during a win against Ventura. Bailey's pitches have been clocked at more than 60 mph.