

EYES OF THE RIP



Left: Model Kate Toler of Sonoma offers her body as a canvas for artist Victor Menendez of Fresno during the second annual Graffiti Arts Festival held at the Bakersfield Dome. Top: Mandy Mason of Bakersfield lends her skin as a canvas to artist Tom. Right: Sarah Fiske of Bakersfield donates her midsection as a canvas for artist Victor Menendez of Fresno.

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A different kind of art

Graffiti artists, speculators and body art models from all over California gathered at the Bakersfield Dome on April 25 for the second annual Graffiti Arts Festival.



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Twelve-year veteran graffiti artist Scramars tags a wall.



GRAFFITI ART SHOW ARTIST DYTCH FROM THE CBS CREW IN LOS ANGELES WORKS ON HIS MURAL.



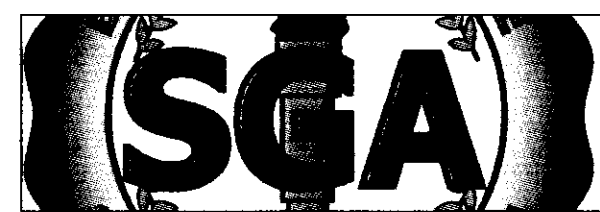
Marcelo Sedano of The Subtle Way plays guitar to the crowd in the Dome at the second annual Graffiti Arts Festival.

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Metal Band The Subtle Way performs during the second annual Graffiti Arts Festival held at the Bakersfield Dome on April 25.

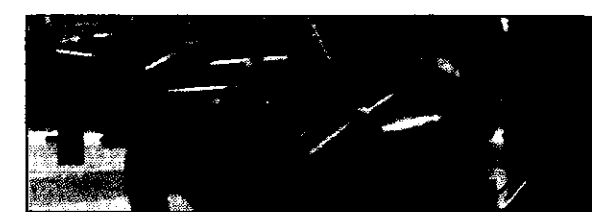
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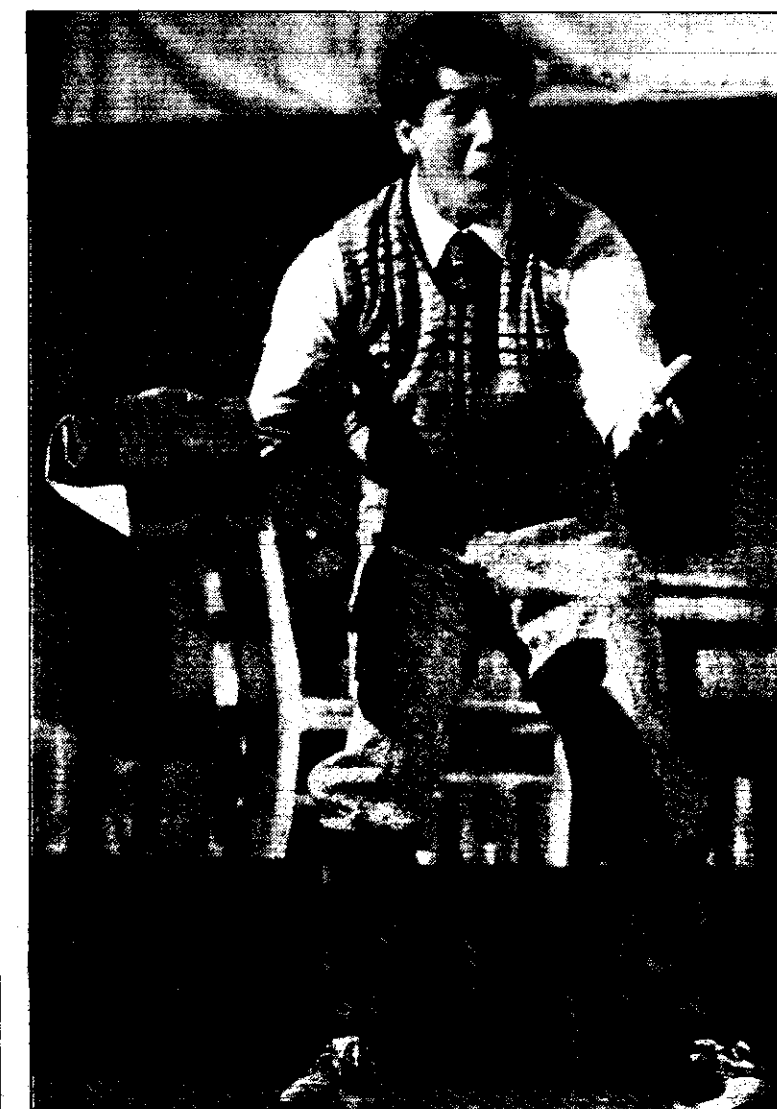
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A play to remember

Nick Ono portrays the character Eugene Morris Jerome in the Bakersfield College Theater Department's production of Neil Simon's play "Brighton Beach Memoirs" on April 29.

Below (left to right): Katy Michelle Lewis, Jenny Hatzman, Valerie Cormac and Jaclyn Taylor perform a scene in the play.

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New changes made to elections process

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No complaints.

That's what many said about the changes in Bakersfield College's Student Government Association elections April 29-30, which were held in BC's Campus Center. The changes made in the student elections process drew mainly praise from students and SGA.

"This is a historical election," said Justin Salter, current SGA vice president, speaking of the inclusion of two propositions on the student elections' ballots, as well as the first-time-ever use of poll workers, community members as well as volunteers, from Kern County's Elections Department. According to Salter, the propositions asked students to decide on whether or not to increase student health services and hence increase fees and whether or not to have a smoke-free Campus Center and Veteran's Memorial Plaza. It has been many years since students were presented with propositions on student elections ballots.

"Students would come up to us (the SGA) and ask: 'Why aren't you doing x-y-z?'" There were significant student concerns, and we wanted to resolve them. These propositions represent student input," said Salter.

Along with the propositions, this year's election is an unusual one along with the use of poll workers instead of students from SGA manning the polls. In previous years, SGA worked the student election polls.

According to Salter, the new system with poll workers issued by the KC Elections Department is a guard against voter fraud including double voting. Salter, along with two other SGA elections committee members, Shazeb SHAheen and Guryjyay Bains, designed the new voting system. The three decided to contact the Elections Department and worked with Karen Rhea, chief deputy

of registrar of voters at the department on arranging for the presence of the poll workers at the student elections. The workers who manned the BC polls have worked on county, state and national elections around Bakersfield.

The official poll workers handled BC's student elections much like they do any county, state or national election.

To vote, students had to go to Campus Center 4 and get a new red photo identification card and then go to the middle area of the Campus Center where four poll workers, volunteers from Kern County's Elections Department, were waiting to give students voting ballots. The workers looked at the photo I.D. cards and checked for names on rosters. The workers covered listed birthdates with hands and asked students to state dates. With the correct answers, students were then directed to makeshift booths. After slipping the scantron ballots in a box, the students were given red tickets, told to put names and numbers on them, and they were then directed to the Executive Boardroom to receive free T-shirts, meal vouchers and entries into a drawing for either of two iPods.

"It was quick and painless," said Obie Harlander, 28, BC liberal studies major, of the elections process. "I got the feeling that I was signing my soul over to the devil for a meal, but the process was easy," he said.

"It was easy and not confusing," said Dimitrios Lara, 19, history major.

Michelle Ramirez, 18, a criminal justice major, felt that the new system was a good idea. "This election was effective with the poll workers, but last year it seemed just as effective," said Eric Silva, 21, business administration.

Poll worker Doyle Dunham, a retired Pacific Telephone employee, said this election would have benefited from hanging posters of the candidates near the poll area because kids were saying, "What are we doing here? I don't know who I'm voting for."

Special elections determine budget

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While the state budget is still in the tank, California is preparing for a special election slated for May 19 on propositions to revise the current budget.

According to an e-mail from the Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Policy of California Community Colleges, Erik Skinner, "It is widely believed that the state's fiscal condition has deteriorated since the enactment of the February budget package, however, events scheduled for later this month will make it clear by just how much."

The special election ballot will determine

\$6 billion that California needs to help the budget. Tom Burke, chief financial officer for the Kern Community College District, said that all propositions need to pass, especially proposition 1C. This would allow the state to borrow \$5 billion for the general fund expenses from the state lottery.

"If it doesn't go through," Burke said, "It could create a \$5 billion shortfall with a \$12 to \$13 billion shortfall overall."

Since California's economic crisis has caused many residents to lose their jobs, community colleges are rising up to the occasion to help those in need of education and job training. Displaced workers are coming back to school to learn vocational skills. The UC and CSU systems have accepted fewer

students into their schools which bring them to the community colleges. Demand for enrollment continues to rise.

Sandra Serrano, chancellor of the KCCD, asked Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso College and Porterville College, which are the three colleges in the KCCD, "to begin the plan for reductions as much as 10 percent," according to Burke.

Bakersfield College President Greg Chamberlain is very concerned with the propositions and the budget.

"It's a tough budget year. The general California public doesn't know how bad it is. If the initiatives don't pass, it will get uglier," Chamberlain said.

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Left: Sean Penn addresses a crowd at the Liberty Bell in downtown Bakersfield on April 28 to speak about "Witch Hunt," which was shown later that night at the Fox Theatre. Right: Dana Nachman speaks about how she and co-director Don Hardy were journalists who expanded one story into a documentary.

Rally held for wrongfully convicted

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In the 1980s, dozens of Kern County residents were wrongly convicted of child molestation. Twenty-plus years later, the documentary "Witch Hunt" was made to expose the conspiracy behind these wrongful incarcerations.

The film was directed by journalists Dana Nachman and Don Hardy in 2008 and was executive produced and narrated by Oscar-winning actor Sean Penn. On April 28, these three filmmakers and the "stars" of the film met for a Bakersfield rally at the Liberty Bell before the film was shown at the Fox Theatre.

Nachman and Hardy first heard of all the cases while covering John Stoll's case. When he told them about the others, they decided to investigate further.

"Witch Hunt" revolves around Stoll, who was in prison for 20 years but also tells the story of others who were wrongly accused, including Jeff Modahl, Jack and Jackie Cummings, Rick and Marcella Pitts and Brenda and Scott Kniffen, all of whom served a total of 84 years for crimes they did not commit. None of them had met before being arrested, but as Modahl said at the rally, they all became very good friends. Despite the lack of evidence, all of these people were convicted on numerous charges of child molestation.

It is believed that the children who testified against them were questioned by social workers and prosecutors in such a manner that they had no choice but to tell the authorities what they wanted to hear, and that the children were manipulated into giving false testimonies. The district attorney at the time, who is still in office today, was Ed Jagels. The wrongfully convicted and many others believe that he is behind the conspiracy.

"The price these innocent families paid for the overzealous prosecution and the continuing perversion of justice is enormous," said Jack Cummings at the rally. "The district attorney chose to ignore the facts and continues to ignore them through the vain and criminally dishonest hope that we will just go away."

Many of the wrongly convicted no longer wanted to live in Bakersfield after finally being exonerated. Modahl was in prison for 15 years and moved to Nebraska after he got out of prison. His daughters followed him there to live near him. He is also enjoying life with his newest son, who is 7 years old.

"I get to have a new chance at watching a child grow up again. I get to raise him, I get to do the things with him that I missed with my daughters," Modahl said at the rally. "Both of my daughters live in Nebraska with me ... so I must not be too bad of a guy if I move back here and then my daughters followed me."

Many of the speakers at the rally told attendees that they need to hold authorities accountable. Nachman said everyone needs to

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Student Government election results

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General Counsel
Andrew Campas

Legislative Liaison
Kristen Mercer

Activities Liaison
Bethany Rice

Proposition 1
To raise student health fee and increase student health services to maximum amount allotted for the state of California.
Was not passed

Proposition 2
To place a smoke-free zone in the Campus Center and Veteran's Memorial Plaza.
Was passed

Proposition 3 (Results of student survey)
To form a committee to research the raising of funds to renovate the Campus Center.
Was not passed

KCCD implements new college e-mail system

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Bakersfield College, Porterville College and Cerro Coso College have started implementing new student college e-mail system. Students who have already registered for their summer and/or fall classes have already been prompted to create their new e-mail account.

"We won't be using the new system in an official capacity until the second or third week of fall semester," BC director of Information Technology David Palinsky said. "That way we know that all registered students will have had the opportunity to learn about the new e-mail accounts."

The new, more universal student e-mail system will help save the school money. Some of the cost of paper, ink and postage used to mail notifications out to students will be deferred as the student billing info, drop notifications, waitlist notifications and the like can be sent directly to students.

"Although there are certain things that will still need to be sent in the mail to students,"

Palinsky said. "The new system will allow us to more directly connect and communicate with students."

BC is also saving money solely by using the new system, since it is powered by Google and offered free of charge to the school.

The new students e-mails are a precursor to the Luminous Portal, which is tentatively scheduled for implementation in January 2010.

According to meeting minutes of the IT department, The Luminous Portal will be a more interactive homepage for the school, "similar to MyYahoo or iGoogle, which will allow them (students) to customize the page to suit their needs."

Past incidents of phishing and spamming of BC e-mails, resulting in blacklisting of BC on numerous servers, were a motivation to start the new e-mail system. The new system will further enhance the school's defenses against such fraudulent e-mails from getting through.

"The past blacklisting instances were the primary reason for implementing this sooner," Palinsky said. "The original plan was to introduce it with the portal in 2010."

SPORTS

Hall of Fame inducts seven, Covey shines

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Seven members were inducted into the Bakersfield College Track and Field and Cross Country Hall of Fame at the 27th annual Track and Field alumni dinner April 30, but it seemed as if only one member was being inducted.

The inductees were Brooklan and Britany Grimes, Jerome and Jeremy Miller, Theodore "Spud" Harder, Dr. Jack Schuetz and Bob Covey.

The spotlight seemed to shine on Covey no matter who was on the stage as several Covey memories

were shared. Covey, who coached BC track and field for 42 years, was very grateful for the honor of being inducted. "I'm really pleased with this honor, and I'm glad that they thought I was worthy of it," he said.

During his tenure as BC track and field coach, the Renegades won 22 conference titles and 10 cross country conference titles. His teams also won the California State Championship in 1971 and 1972.

Several people requested the opportunity to say a few words about Covey and his career.

"I am a blessed man to have met Bob. He was one tough cookie, but

he was an honest man," Ben Olson said.

Public address announcer Carl Bryan said that Covey gave him his start in being a track announcer when Bryan was helping out BC's track and field team.

"In 1981, Bob Covey said to me, 'We are going to put you behind the microphone.' I thought that was a bad idea, but it changed my life. I own a great deal to Bob Covey," said Bryan.

Jesse Bradford complimented Covey on his knowledge of track and field.

"Bob is a guy who had the ability to coach every event in track and

field," he said.

Britany Grimes' career highlights include winning a 1,500-meter race at the 2005 state championships and being named Western State Conference Track Athlete of the year in 2005.

"She was a great young lady to work with," said men's track and field coach Dave Frickel.

Britany's sister, Brooklan, also had a successful career, which included placing second in the WSC in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:55.03 in 2003 and setting a BC record by winning the Southern California championships with a time of 4:33.78 in the 1,500 meters in 2004.

The two Miller brothers both had success in their BC careers.

Jerome, while running the 110-meter high hurdles in 2003, won every race including the conference and SoCal meets, while Jeremy finished fourth in the 400 hurdles with 55.83 at the WSC meet in 2004.

The Miller brother's mom, Frances Jones, said that she is proud of her boys.

"It was not easy raising both of them. Staying on top of both of them and wanting them to go to college and make the achievements that they did. I'm very proud," she said.

"Spud" Harder, who died in 1994,

was BC's first track and field coach. Harder was known as mostly a foot-ball guy, according to his son Theo Harder.

Harder's greatest achievement in his career was leading the BC football team to four Central California Athletic Conference titles in 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

Dr. Schuetz's main achievement was being named Student Head Cross Country Coach in 1954, an honor given to him by then athletic director Gil Bishop.

Also at the dinner, Dr. Robert Sheldon was awarded the lifetime of service award.

Twins make state finals for the first time

■ Though the Dickersons made state, their fellow teammates will not attend

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Women's tennis head coach Gene Lundquist has never sent a player to the state championships in his tenure at Bakersfield College.

Until now. The Dickerson twins will advance in doubles play after defeating the top duo of Kristina Drzymkowski and Rylee Stowell of Saddleback College in the 3rd round 6-4, 6-4, 7-5. The 2-hour and 55 minute match propelled them into a guaranteed spot in the state championships in Sacramento. Shabrena and Sarena Dickerson are the only BC players who will be representing the Southern California region May 9-10 at the state championships.

"This is the first time since I've been here that has qualified to go to the state championships," said Lundquist.

The Dickersons had a first-round bye and faced Tosches and Bickert of Grossmont College in the 2nd round. They won that match 6-2, 6-2 to get to the match-up with Drzymkowski and Stowell.

Unfortunately, the Dickersons will not have the company of their fellow teammates on the court.

Katie O'Leary has fared well in the No. 2 spot for the Renegades all season especially toward the end. O'Leary had a first-round bye and

defeated M. Boyer of Orange Coast College handily 6-0, 6-1 in the 2nd round.

O'Leary lost to S. Nades of Cerritos 6-2, 6-4 in the 3rd round. Nades' win will keep O'Leary from advancing to the state championships.

"She was a good player," said O'Leary. "She hit the ball really well."

Her coach also commended her for a hard-fought match.

"Katie gave her a real good battle," said Lundquist.

Carly de Anda and Ashley Simpson of Palomar College defeated Bakersfield College's duo of O'Leary and Emily Carmal 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 in the 2nd round.

Along with O'Leary, the doubles team of Jessica Burrow and Cooper Niswonger was also defeated before making it to the state level. They lost 6-1, 6-1 in the 2nd round to Palomar College's No. 1 seeded team of Arina Polovnikova and Shoko Hachiya.

Shabrena Dickerson competed in the singles bracket and beat the No. 1 player from Saddleback College, K. Drzymkowski, 6-3, 6-2 in the 2nd round. Britany Bass of Orange Coast College defeated Sh. Dickerson 6-0, 6-1 to deny Bakersfield College from having a player in the singles bracket for the state championships.

The only BC men who competed in the Southern California Championships were Neal Wetterholm and Kevin Lott.

They defeated the tandem of Dane Thomson and Nissim Cohen of San Diego Mesa 6-3, 6-2 in the first round but lost to Sam Tuxer and Deondre Moss of Cypress College in the second round 6-2, 6-3.

Duran completes season with best personal times

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As a winning standout for Bakersfield College, Allison Duran competed in the California Community College Athletic Association's Swim and Dive Championships from April 23-April 25. Duran finished with three top 10 finishes in the state and her best times all season.

Duran tied for fifth place with Orange Coast College's Mariana Perez-Seda in the 50-yard backstroke with times of 27.42. For Duran's 200-yard individual medley, she finished seventh with a time of 2:13.32.

Duran's last event at the CCAA Swim and Dive Championship was the 100-yard backstroke, and she finished with a time of 59.21. Duran did not finish in the top eight in the prelims, and if she did, Duran would have finished in fifth place.

Pike also mentioned how the new swimming suits are affecting the swimmers' times. "Part of it is the [new] swimming suits. I never thought I'd see the day when swimsuits would have such a big impact on swimming. Those high-tech suits are making kids float higher, so there's a lot of debate out there amongst the coaches about where swimming is going to go because adding a \$500 suit really adds expense to the whole thing."

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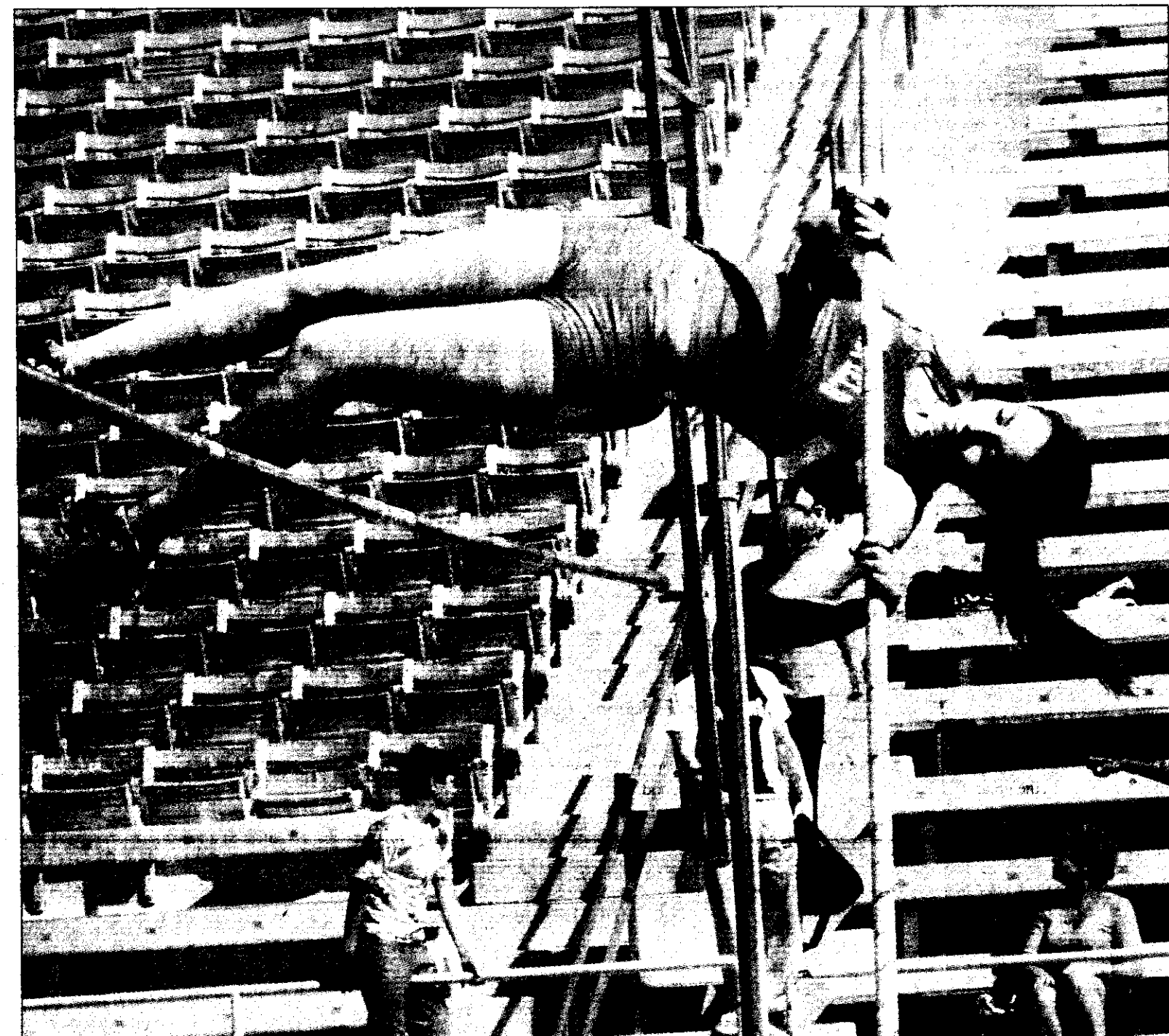
"I'm happy with the way the season turned out with the two fourth place finishes at the [Western State] conference meet."

Pike talked about Duran's plans after BC.

"She's looking at University of Hawaii. She's talked with the coach over there. She wants to pursue her swimming in Hawaii. She's talked to schools in this area: University of the Pacific, Cal State [Bakersfield]'s talked to her about coming over there to swim. So, she's got some options, but she's definitely leaning toward Hawaii right now."

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The So Cal Championships are on May 9 at Mt. SAC and the CCAA State Track & Field Championships are May 15-16 at San Mateo.



BC's Holly Moseley-Raymond clears the bar in the pole vault event in the WSC Championships at Memorial Stadium on April 25. Moseley-Raymond hit 9 feet, 7 inches and placed second in the conference championships at BC.

BC javelin thrower qualifies for state

■ Cooper Thompson breaks BC record and sets new record at Memorial Stadium, seven other BC athletes qualify for state finals.

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Bakersfield College javelin thrower Cooper Thompson threw a distance of 208 feet, 2 inches and placed first at the Southern California preliminaries May 2 at Mt. San Antonio College to qualify for the California Community College Athletic Association State Track and Field Championships.

At the Western State Conference championships on April 25 at Memorial Stadium, Thompson broke his own record as he threw 208-6 and placed first.

During the WSC prelims, April 28 at Ventura, Thompson broke the BC record (193-3), set by Jason Fasst in 1997 as Thompson threw a distance of 202-7 and placed first.

Cooper talked about breaking BC's record on the road and then his own at Memorial Stadium.

"It's crazy. It was kind of out of nowhere. I had thrown 180 and then all of a sudden, my 202 came. I knew I could do it again, but I didn't know



BC's Suede Cordova (far right) competes in the 3,000-meter steeplechase April 25 at BC.

really know how I did it. I had no idea that it was the record though."

In heat one of the men's 800-meter run, BC's Cesar Mireles finished fourth and qualified for the state championships. Mireles' times were 1 minute, 56 seconds and 30 milliseconds. Mireles also finished third in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:02.23.

BC's Kevin Norwood jumped a distance 23-4.5 in the long jump and placed fourth to qualify.

Renegade runner Ashley Colbert finished fifth in the women's 100-meter run and finished with a time of

12:67 to qualify for state.

BC runner Emille Leming finished sixth overall in the 3,000 steeplechase with a time of 12:10.3 to qualify.

BC sophomore pole vaulter Holly Moseley-Raymond tied for fifth, with a height of 10-3 and qualified for state. Moseley-Raymond placed second April 25 at Memorial Stadium with a height of 9-7.

Renegade Chaneel Reeves finished third in the long jump with a distance of 17-6.5 to qualify for state.

BC's Carey Tuuaamalernala threw a distance of 130-1 to finish first in

the discus throw to qualify for state.

The women's 4x100 relay team also qualified for state. Reeves, Colbert, Ashley Webber and Carolina Gorb finished with a time of 49.64 in third place.

BC track and field head coach Dave Frickel was pleased with the results from So Cal prelims.

"We had seven kids qualify in various different events. It was a good outing."

The So Cal Championships are on May 9 at Mt. SAC and the CCAA State Track & Field Championships are May 15-16 at San Mateo.

NEWS

Final exams looked at as good and bad

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As the spring semester comes to an end, the semester finals begin. Many students hate to see the time come when it is time to get out that pencil and Scantron and get to work.

Final examinations of 110 minutes are scheduled for all courses. Final examinations are included in the 175 instructional days required by law. So, no matter what class you may have, expect to have a semester final examination.

Most teachers feel that final exams are given to show how much the students have absorbed over the semester.

"These exams shouldn't be difficult for the students to pass because if they pay attention in class all semester, they should know the material," said Dawn Dobie, librarian and English 34 instructor.

Linda Saour, BC student, had a different view. "I think that finals

are ridiculous because how can the teacher expect me to remember stuff from the beginning of the year?"

Other students, though, said good habits help with finals.

Melanie Segoviano, liberal arts major, said, "If everyone would take notes throughout the class and study, then when finals come, they won't be that hard to pass. While the teacher lectures, the students should be paying attention and taking notes."

While many students dislike taking finals, each student gets ready for them in many different ways.

Michelle Chadez, sociology major, said, "I usually just lock myself in my room and just study until I just can't study anymore."

Aaron Becerra, BC student, said, "Before finals, I take all my notes from class and try to compose either a song or a poem."

Although finals are dreaded, most BC students said that finals are a necessary evil for them and must not be taken lightly.

Final Exam Schedule

Final examinations of 110 minutes are scheduled for all courses. Final examination days are included in the 175 instructional days required by law. Final examinations are to be held in the regularly scheduled classrooms on the dates and times listed below in order to comply with college policy.

For classes meeting MW, MW, MTWR, MTWRF, M, W, or F	YOUR FINAL IS ON:
7 am and 7:40 am	Mon., May 11 from 8-9:50 am
7:50 am and 9:10 am	Wed., May 13 from 8-9:50 am
9:20 am and 10:20 am	Mon., May 11 from 10-11:50 am
10:30 am and 11:30 am	Wed., May 13 from 10-11:50 am
11:40 am and 12:10 pm	Mon., May 11 from noon-1:50 pm
12:50 pm and 1:50 pm	Wed., May 13 from noon-1:50 pm
2 pm and 3 pm	Mon., May 11 from 2-3:50 pm
3:10 pm and 4:50 pm	Wed., May 13 from 2-3:50 pm
5 pm and 6 pm	Mon., May 11 from 4-5:50 pm
Only on Mon. between	Mon., May 11 from 6-7:50 pm
5:30 pm and 6:20 pm	Mon., May 11 from 6-7:50 pm
Only on Wed. between	Wed., May 13 from 6-7:50 pm
5:30 pm and 6:20 pm	Wed., May 13 from 6-7:50 pm
6:35 pm and 7:45 pm	Wed., May 13 from 6:30-8:20 pm

For classes meeting TR, T, or R	YOUR FINAL IS ON:
7 am and 7:40 am	Tues., May 12 from 8-9:50 am
7:50 am and 9:10 am	Thurs., May 14 from 8-9:50 am
9:20 am and 10:20 am	Tues., May 12 from 10:00-11:50 am
10:30 am and 11:30 am	Thurs., May 14 from 10-11:50 am
11:40 am and 12:10 pm	Tues., May 12 from noon-1:50 pm
12:50 pm and 1:50 pm	Thurs., May 14 from noon-1:50 pm
2 pm and 3 pm	Tues., May 12 from 2-3:50 pm
3:10 pm and 4:50 pm	Thurs., May 14 from 2-3:50 pm
5 pm and 6 pm	Tues., May 12 from 6-7:50 pm
Only on Tues. between	Tues., May 12 from 6-7:50 pm
5:30 pm and 6:20 pm	Tues., May 12 from 6-7:50 pm
Only on Thurs. between	Thurs., May 14 from 6-7:50 pm
5:30 pm and 6:20 pm	Thurs., May 14 from 6-7:50 pm
6:35 pm and 7:45 pm	Thurs., May 14 from 6:30-8:20 pm

* Friday, May 15 from 8-9:50 or 10-11:50 will be reserved for one day per week classes that conflict with the above schedule.

WITCH HUNT: Rally for rights

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attend jury duty and make sure they know all of the evidence and can make their own decisions and not be persuaded by others. She also expressed the need for "a real and competitive" election with two candidates, since Jagels ran unopposed for district attorney at the last election.

"Nobody's mad at the people of Bakersfield, just the authorities," said Stoll.

Los Angeles attorney Jorge Gonzalez was also present at the rally and emphasized the fourth amendment, which protects U.S. citizens from unreasonable searches and seizures.

"Have any of you ever heard of the fourth amendment? Because these people basically ripped it to shreds. And somehow, someday they need to be held accountable," said Gonzalez.

"These are the people who are supposed to represent law enforcement, and truth, and justice, and fairness in our society. And they knew ... they deliberately were violating the law when they did the things they did."

At the rally, all of the families involved in the wrongful convictions spoke and told their stories and

Nachman announced the new organization, Committee for Legislation Education and Reform, or CLEAR.

Nachman said that if there was a group in the '80s like what they hope CLEAR will become, these people's lives would have turned out quite different.

"When you remain silent when they come to pick up your neighbor and they take your neighbors away, there will be no one to speak for you, when they come for you," said Kathleen Faulkner, a local lawyer and civil rights activist, who is helping CLEAR get started.

Before the rally ended and the crowd moved to the Fox Theater to see the documentary, Penn spoke about how great it was to see so many people interested in changing the system that did these people wrong and that "nothing changes it like participation."

"Those of you have seen [the film], and those who will see it, will see the people who suffered the abuse of power in this case are kind, intelligent, humble people. Beyond that, our system is meant to serve all of us," Penn said.

BUDGET: BC reduces costs in various ways

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Chamberlain said that budget reductions for the campus have been made and no programs have been eliminated. There is a decrease in summer and fall class sections, which will create a longer waitlist than before with more classes.

Chamberlain said that the college plans on decreasing some advertising, but not all. Although

BC will be hiring more faculty, the number of faculty members will not increase because of those retiring.

This will increase some savings because newer staff members are not as high up on a pay salary as those who will be retiring.

As far as the 2009-2010 budget goes, there will be uncertainty until the governor's May budget

revelation, which will follow the special election. The biggest concern for Chamberlain is the students. "We want to make as little impact on students and faculty as possible," Chamberlain said.

Voting for the propositions will take place on May 19 and the governor's revise will be out May 28.

California state budget special election propositions 2009-2010

Proposition 1A – State finance: Creates a spending cap based on a rolling average of the previous 10 years. Additional funds would be deposited into a special Rainy Day fund.

Proposition 1B – Education finance: Would repay K-14 \$9.3 billion over a seven year period beginning in 2011-12.

Proposition 1F – State officer pay: Forbids California Citizens Compensation Commission from raising legislators' and state officers' salaries when the state is running a deficit.

Proposition 1C – California lottery: Allows state to borrow \$5 billion for the general fund expenditures based on future profits from the state lottery.

Proposition 1D – Child services: Shifts a portion of the cigarette tax dedicated for First 5 California Children and Families Program to fund general fund expenditures.

Proposition 1E – Mental health: Amends the "millionaires tax" for mental health services from 2004's Proposition 63 to fund some mental health programs funded from the general fund.

BC students prepare to graduate

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This spring, numerous students will be graduating with their Associate of Arts degree from Bakersfield College on May 15.

Students were in charge and the initiators of their graduation process except for the actual ceremony, proceedings and application process. They do have to come to the counselors and say that they have enough credits and meet the requirements.

Sandra Sierra, the department chair of counseling, said that the counseling department only handles the preliminary checks. Students would have to go to Admissions and Records.

"Students just bring the graduation application, and we go through it with them to check to see if they meet the requirements, like required credits and grades," Sierra said.

Sue Vaughn, director of enrollment services at BC, said that students could choose to participate in the ceremony or just get their

degree. There is only one ceremony given per fiscal year, so that means that everyone who graduated during the summer, spring and fall months are able to attend the commencement.

"We sent out a letter around April 1 to tell students exactly what they need to do for things like caps and gowns. The packet also includes final details for ceremony," Vaughn said.

Students who qualify for awards and honors will wear gold tassels instead of the traditional black and white and gold tassels. Students can either purchase caps and gowns for \$45 or borrow them for a \$20 deposit that will be refunded if the gowns and caps or brought back before the two-week expiration date.

The ceremony will be preceded by an honor brunch hosted by the Bakersfield College Foundation at 7 a.m. on May 15 for the honorees. The graduation ceremony will take place at 7 p.m., with students receiving their diplomas from BC President Greg Chamberlain. There will not be a practice for the commencement.

Davis said, "I want to teach either high school or junior high once I graduate from Cal State."

Other students had different opinions and views about how they felt about BC as an overall experience.

Students have the choice of whether they want to have their pictures taken with the president as they graduate, or have portraits taken on Tuesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the bookstore. Students spoke about their experiences during their time at BC and what they were going to do after they graduate.

Clay Davis is a 20-year-old physical education and kinesiology graduate who has been attending BC since he graduated from high school. "The environment was more mature and helped you prepare for life because you have to get up and come to class," Davis said. "They don't make you do that like a high school. But BC is still like a high school that smokes in some ways."

Davis is going to attend Cal State-Bakersfield after BC, and he is joining the Apple Grant Program to become a teacher.

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Other students had different opinions and views about how they felt about BC as an overall experience.

Brandon Reeves, 22, formerly a communication major and now a business major, said that the learning process is great, and overall, he liked the environment except for the occasional construction during class.

"The people here are OK, and the instructors are educated in their field and craft and efficiently teach the subjects," Reeves said.

After BC, Reeves is going to attend Cal State-Bakersfield but is going to try to get as many lower-division classes at BC as he can due to the lower tuition costs before attending the business program Cal State Bakersfield offers. Reeves talked about his major goals after school in general.

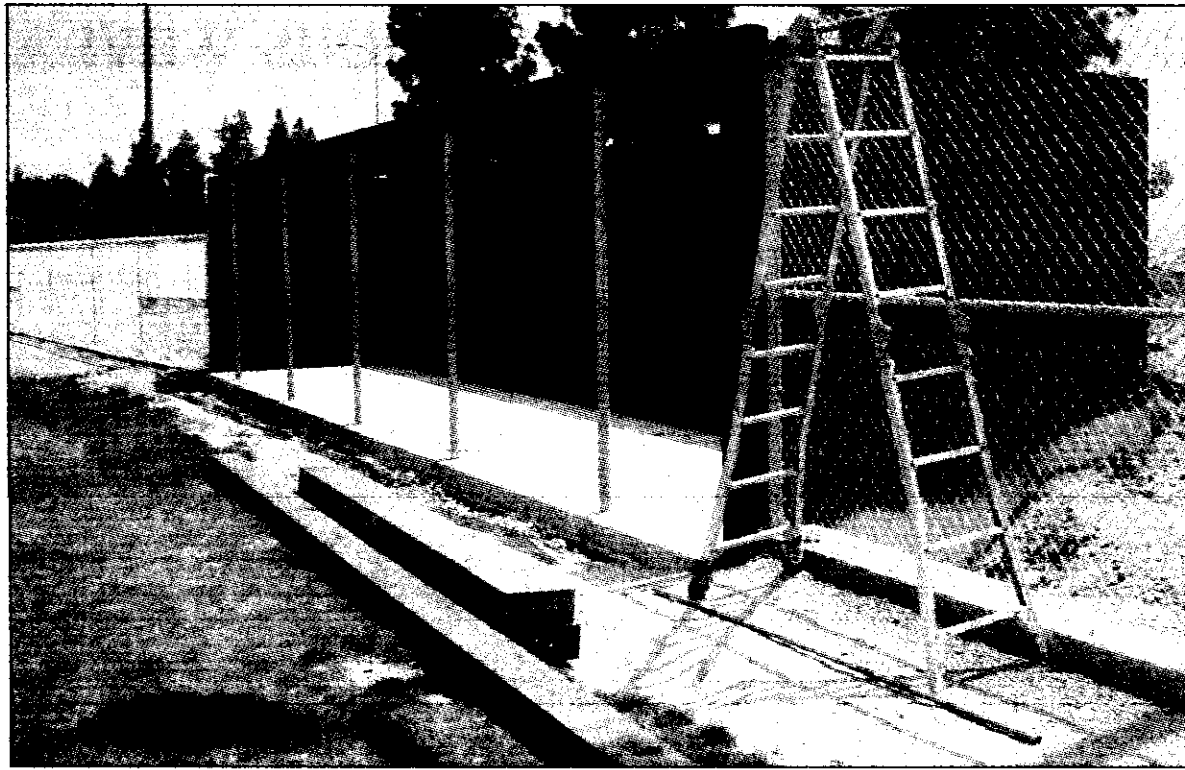
"I want to be a business mogul that is capable of communicating on an effective level for people to understand and to have a career that I can comfortably support myself and my family," Reeves said.

He encouraged students to join the Communication Department at BC because almost every future employer looks for communication skills.



High school students in Delano prepare to register for the fall semester at the Bakersfield College Delano Blitz event on the Delano campus Friday May 1.

NEWS



JULIE JOHNSON / THE RIP

The estimate for completion of the new softball field has been pushed back to August of 2009

Softball fields not done

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The Bakersfield College softball field construction continues to have delay problems. BC Athletic Director Jan Stuebbe said, "It will tentatively be done in August. We're hoping sooner in June."

According to Stuebbe, "It's being delayed due to further problems with the bleachers and the design."

The baseball field construction has been completed, and the Renegades have played their last 10 games at home.

Landscaping around the Dean and Adah Gay Sports Complex is still in the process and will be added in the near future.

A part of the plan that has been cut out completely was the new concession stand and the updated restroom facility due to the budget.

In May of 2007, 91-year-old Dean Gay donated \$250,000 to the BC athletic department.

This money was set aside to remodel the field as part of a plan to update the campus.

Since then, construction has been delayed several times on the construction of the fields.

The remodel made the complex

the nicest facility in the state and also meets the requirements of the American Disability Act.

"We've gotten rave reviews from the community and opposing teams on how beautiful it is," Stuebbe said.

Due to the stress and chaos of the construction, the baseball team played almost every game away, and the softball team has played their home games at the Dave Frye Softball Field. But they have kept the season going.

"I want to commend Tim Painton and Sandi Taylor for maintaining outstanding programs throughout a difficult year. They've shown great leadership," Stuebbe said.

"The trees are just there, and nobody knows who they are for, so we needed something there," said Anallely Vega, M.E.Ch.A. president.

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"We as individuals had things going on in our life, but at the last minute, we all came together," said Vega. "It turned out very well."

Swine flu scare just a scare

Some researchers say the level two virus is no more harmful than any other flu; others say it's still dangerous.

By **ANDREW J. ANSOLABEHRE**
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The public's feelings toward the H1N1 virus or swine flu are now matching those of the government. The official stance on the H1N1 virus is that it is no more than a basic flu virus.

According to research done by the Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., the H1N1 virus is not a serious threat.

Assistant Research Biologist Katherine Schaad said that through their government-funded research, it has been determined that the flu is a level two virus and no more dangerous than any other flu.

Schaad claims that the scientific community cannot believe the response to the virus.

She believes that instead of calming fears, the government has only

contributed to creating the panic that ensued after the discovery of the virus.

"There may have been some heightened feelings among the public, but the department is keeping the same stance it has had since late April," said John Nilon, director of the Kern County Department of Public Health. He feels the hype made about the severity of the H1N1 virus sent the general public into an unnecessary frenzy.

"Nationally and internationally, I don't think there is any backing away from the seriousness of it," said Nilon. The department has known the seriousness of the situation since the virus appeared in late April.

Although the virus is not as threatening as it was made out to be, Nilon said the best thing people can do is still take precautionary actions to avoid getting the virus.

"At this point in Kern County, there is no confirmed case of swine flu. We do not suggest shutting down schools or events."

"If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home. If the symptoms get worse, call your doctor's office or

clinic and find out what they can do for you," remarked Nilon.

Don Clark, BC agriculture major, said people know how to be safe and that the same basic steps that have been followed for many years to avoid getting the common flu, such as washing your hands, etc., should be followed.

Regarding the possible evacuation and closure of all BC's campuses in the event of a confirmed case of H1N1, Clark said that the administration is overreacting.

"If we run a blood test on every student in this campus, I'm sure we will find diseases much worse than the swine flu, and yet we wouldn't be closing down campus," Clark said.

Omead Pour, accounting major, said that the media is making a bigger issue of the flu than it really is. "They are making it seem like the world is gonna end," said Pour.

Still, Pour wouldn't be upset if BC had to close even during finals. "I think my health is more important than any finals," said Pour, who mentioned that he wouldn't be comfortable in class knowing that someone is carrying the virus.

Knudson leaves BC for Moorpark

By **AMBER TROUPE**
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Rip staff writers

Ed Knudson, president of Student Services, served his last day at Bakersfield College on Thursday, April 30.

Knudson has been an employee at Bakersfield College since Jan. 1, 2002 and said that he doesn't know who is going to replace him, but he hopes that whoever it is will help to give worth to work he has at done at BC.

"I took this new job because it reflects professional growth and new and exciting learning challenges for me," Knudson said.

Knudson was honored for his time at BC with a continental breakfast with administrators and staff in his working area and lunch with staff and faculty in the horticulture lab area. He has been getting personal visits all week from his fellow co-workers.

"The thing I think I will miss most about BC is the people that I have worked with over the years," Knudson said.

Knudson's new job is executive vice president at Moorpark College

in the Ventura County College District. This position is a combination of vice president of academic affairs and vice president of student services.

Knudson said it was a "wonderful opportunity" to have worked at BC, and he is very proud to have been a part of the BC staff.

"I have been given the opportunity to grow and develop in ways I did not imagine," Knudson said. "And the opportunity to be of service to the college community and the city of Bakersfield has been truly one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

Knudson said he is very fortunate to have special people in his life who support him and his decision to leave BC.

There are other administrators making changes. Doris Givens has been hired as the new vice chancellor of educational services, effective Sept. 1. For the past eight months, Givens has been the interim vice chancellor of educational services. She has over 30 years of experience in community colleges in many different positions. Givens was dean at Palomar College from 1992 to 2000, president of Spokane Community College from June

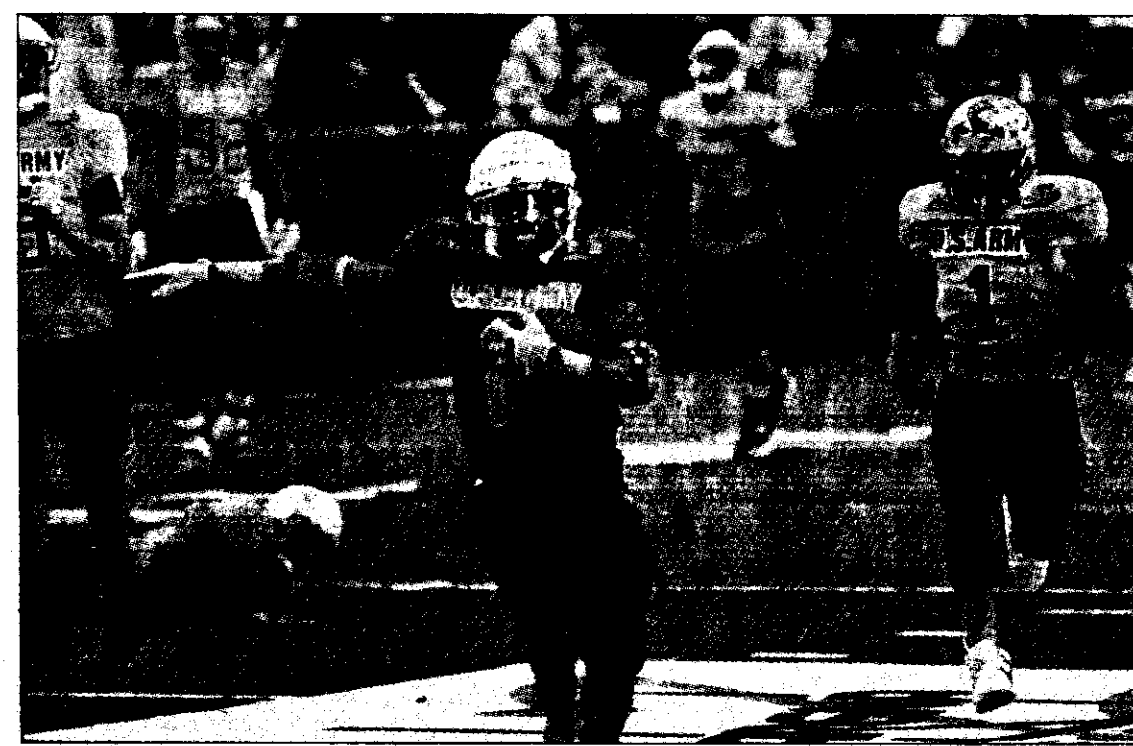
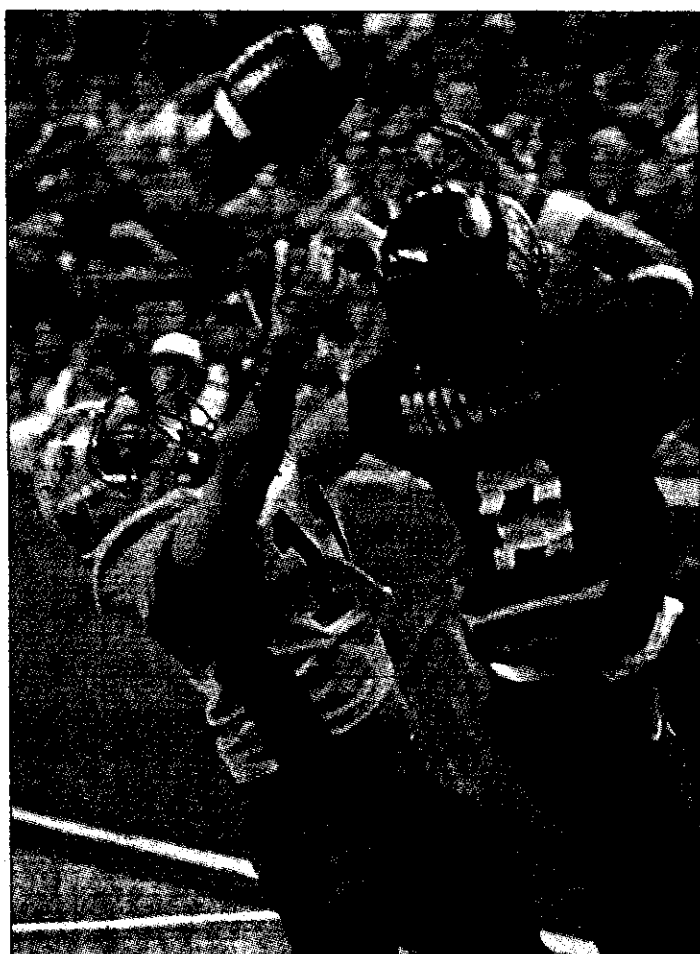
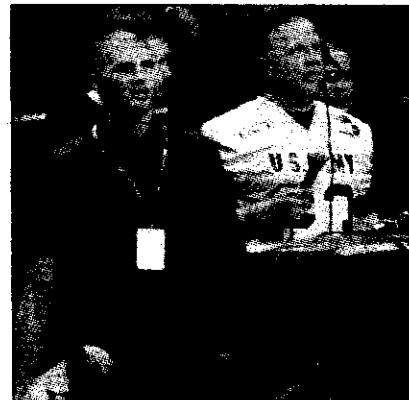
Clarification

An article in the April 22 edition of The Rip needed a clarification regarding students who can be served by Cynthia Quiñanilla, who assists students from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Industrial Technology Building, Room 205. She is available to see career technical education students, which includes business/computer studies, child development, culinary arts, human services, public safety programs, engineering & industrial technology programs, agriculture programs, digital arts and allied health programs. These services are offered through the Career Development and Workforce Preparation Project.

Athletes score

Below: New York Giants' quarterback and Stockdale High School graduate, David Carr watches the U.S. Army's Arena Bowl VIII at the Rabobank Arena on May 1. Right: Centennial's Brett Wallace (left) fights for control of a pass while Bakersfield High School's Alex Mitchell defends. Bottom: Golden Valley's Byron Newman directs blockers as he returns a kick.

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Lawrence headlines Women's Business Conference

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Actress Vicki Lawrence delivers the keynote speech during the Women's Business Conference held at the Rabobank Convention Center on April 23.

"Life is too serious to be taken seriously," was the recurring theme of keynote speaker Vicki Lawrence's speech at the 20th annual Women's Business Conference on April 23, at the Rabobank Convention Center. The multi-talented actress and singer, best known for her roles on "The Carol Burnett Show" and "Mama's Family," spoke on a variety of subjects as she told the over 1,400 conference attendees about the ups and downs of her more than 40 years in show business.

The goal of the Women's Business Conference is to provide information, skills development and encouragement to women in the workplace, giving them the tools they need to grow and succeed in their careers.

In a press conference before her speech, Lawrence stated that although things have gotten better for women, she thought it was still very much a man's world.

"It's not so mind-boggling when a woman succeeds now," she said. "But it's still harder for women, and I think women are not always as good at supporting their own as they should be."

Lawrence said that events like the Women's Business Conference give women a chance to come together and support each

other. "I think it's great that the gals get together and laugh about how screwed-up our lives are," she joked. "Men should do it. It would be so good for them."

Melody Heald, a conference attendee and accounts payable administrator, echoed those sentiments. "The conference is a good source of positive reinforcement," Heald said. "It gives us a chance to share resources and make connections."

This year's conference offered 40 different educational workshops on a variety of topics for women in the workplace. Conference goers were able to attend seminars on topics such as maximizing potential, networking, health and fitness and starting and managing businesses in today's troubled economy.

"I'm gathering some great information," Dalma Chambers, a BC outreach ambassador and full-time student, said. "There is a lot of good information and networking going on." Chambers said she plans to use much of what she learned at the conference to further her career goals.

In addition to the workshops, over 70 exhibitors and vendors were on hand, displaying products and services geared toward today's career-minded women. Exhibitors offered clothing, legal advice, educational opportunities and more.

One exhibitor, the Realizing Options for Student Excellence (ROSE) mentor-

ing program, is sponsored by State Farm Insurance and works to connect high school girls with professional business women who act as mentors.

"We try to help them prepare as they progress into the professional world," Larura Stein, a ROSE mentor, said.

Along with Chevron, Aera Energy, State Farm Insurance and others, the Bakersfield College Foundation is a primary sponsor of the event.

"The Women's Business Conference has an account with the Foundation, so we invest and manage their funds," said donor relations coordinator Hannah Egland of the BC Foundation.

There is a strong historical connection between Bakersfield College and the Women's Business Conference. The original concept for the conference is credited to Phyllis Hullett, who was, at the time, director of student services at the college. She, along with Cynthia Icaro of the Junior League of Bakersfield, co-chaired the first conference in April of 1990.

Egland said it is fitting that the BC Foundation is involved with sponsorship of the event.

"The conference is here to educate and empower women, and the role of the foundation is to raise money to educate and empower our students, she said. "So, we both kind of have the same mission that way."

Cesar Chavez tree receives a plaque

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Bakersfield College's M.E.Ch.A. (Movimiento estudiantil de chicanos/chicanas de Aztlan) dedicated a plaque for Cesar E. Chavez on March 31.

In 2005, two trees were planted between the business and humanities buildings dedicated to Dolores Huerta and Chavez. "The trees are just there, and nobody knows who they are for, so we needed something there," said Anallely Vega, M.E.Ch.A. president.

Since early Fall 2008, the group has been trying to get an approval from the custodians and grounds to get the plaque framed on the ground and has been approved. Because

it has been taking so long, the members decided to have a ceremony still on said date.

"Around the summer, we are hoping to have it framed," said Vega. The event ceremony involved a speech by Camilla Chavez, the granddaughter of Chavez and folkloric dancers. The original location for the event was on the college's Campus Center but because of construction, they had to move it to the free speech area. Pablo Zavala, criminal justice major and M.E.Ch.A. member, said the event started at noon and ended shortly after. Though it ended shortly, members believed it was a successful event.

"We as individuals had things going on in our life, but at the last minute, we all came together," said Vega. "It turned out very well."

"We had some malfunctions but it all came together," said Zavala. The group requested the BC sound system but only got a microphone stand and a speaker. According to Vega, the rest of their sound equipment and speakers came from other M.E.Ch.A. members and the folkloric dancers.

M.E.Ch.A. is currently supporting the DQ University and assisting the South Central Farms. DQU is the only indigenous school in California and is about to get closed. Members go to the university to avoid closure. The South Central Farms are a group of Los Angeles residents who come to Shafter to pick up vegetables. These vegetables are pesticide-free and are sold back to the Los Angeles residents. For more information, e-mail bc_mecha_california@yahoo.com.



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Maxica Tiahui dancers perform for a Cesar Chavez ceremony on March 31.

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Obesity expo a success

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"Stay in shape, eat right and live well," is a motto that everyone should take to heart every day of their lives. The Kern County Public Health held its first annual Obesity Summit at the Bakersfield Marriott on April 30. "The idea of this summit is a call to action and to build a foundation for a healthy Kern County," said Diane Lungross, a speaker at the expo.

This year's annual obesity report gives the United States an "F" for its efforts to get healthier. Since last year's report, obesity got worse in 31 states, and the other 19 states did nothing to improve. "This report is a devastating indictment. We are still treating obesity like a mere inconvenience rather than the emergency it is," said Dr. James S. Marks, director of the health group at the Robert Wood Foundation. According to Marks, no one is exercising, they are eating fatty foods and zoning out in

front of the TV instead of going for a walk and eating better. The right amount of vegetables and fruits every day makes all the difference.

The keynote speaker of this year's expo was Gwen Foster, the "Health czar," who challenged the city of Philadelphia to lose 76 tons of weight in 76 days. In the year 2000, Philadelphia was ranked the fattest and most unfit city in the nation. She challenged the city, and by January 2008, Philadelphia was ranked one of the ten fittest cities.

"I wanted to throw the gauntlet down for Philadelphia to see if they could do it, and they did greatly," said Foster.

Around 150 doctors, nurses and medical personnel from Kern County showed up to the first annual obese summit.

"I came here to find out how to eat healthy and stay in shape," said Bruce Tamano, a local resident. "I was concerned about the swine flu. I wanted to know how to prevent it," said Joann Huff, a nurse at San Jo-

quin Hospital. The main focus was childhood obesity and the swine flu and also how to stay fit and in shape. "Faulty genes may load the gun, but lifestyle pulls the trigger," said Foster.

She said the most important thing to know about staying in shape is balancing fruits, vegetables and grains. Also cut out all the trans fats and sugars in one's diet will help a lot with weight and energy levels. Drinking water is also essential for the body. Drink at least eight glasses a day. Foster gave some good tips on how to prevent it from occurring.

"Wash your hands frequently with hot water and soap, always cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough and it wouldn't hurt to get your flu shot," said Foster.

"I think this first annual summit was a good success. We definitely got the word around the community about obesity and the swine flu. I'm sure next year's summit will be even better," said Foster.



Gwen Foster gives a presentation about obesity on April 30.

Health fair on campus

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This year's Health and Wellness fair is the tenth annual and is being put on by Debra Strong, registered nurse at the Bakersfield College Student Health Center, and partners including Mercy and Memorial hospitals.

On May 6, at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., booths are going to be set up from different health and medical organizations such as California Family Health Council, HealthSouth, Medical Board of California and National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Strong said that the fair is to promote healthy lifestyles and healthy choices by educating people. Strong also said that she was a strong advocate for educating about physical and mental health because mental health problems are on the rise here at BC and in Kern County.

"There was a coordinator here before me that put on the fair, but I have been doing it since I arrived here in '99," Strong said. The booths that will be set up in the grassy area in front of the Campus Center will be giving away free literature on different topics, and there will be free blood pressure, blood sugar, glucose and cholesterol tests.

Bakersfield Police Department will be there with goggles that gives the feeling of driving and being under the influence. BPD worked in association with STEP Inc. DUI prevention.

In-Shape Health Clubs will be on campus giving free body fat and body mass measuring along with giving away free towels and sunscreen. Students will be offered free skin tests by the Mercy Plaza Respiratory.

were Kern County Fire Department, Healthy Smiles, The Girl Scouts of America, Kern Family Health Care, Terrio Health and Harmony, Links for Life, Houchin Blood Bank, and Kern Medical Reserve Corps.

"We are here to inform people of our program and sign them up to be volunteers in the event of a disaster," said Barbara Swanson, director of the Kern Medical Reserve Corps. "We need medical people, non-medical people and mental health professionals, and we work within the scope of the emergency operations plan for the County of Kern, so if there was a disaster and local health care needed more personnel, which is the expectation, then we would provide medical, non-medical, and mental health volunteers."

After the end of the fair, there was a clown there named "Chuck Oh! The Clown," who making balloon hats for the kids.

blood sugar and cholesterol checked at the fair.

"There are tons of information out there, and programs that people can be put into," Miller said. "And now it is so important with the economy the way it is. People do not have access to health care, so we have organizations out here, so people can get the care they need."

There was also a vendor there to give people fresh fruits and vegetables. Most of the people there were gathered around the dunk tank.

"We have the dunk tank, so if you want to get back at your doctor for all those nasty shots you got over the years, you can come take your shot," Miller said. "Our mission has been to serve the community, and this is an extension of that."

Some of the companies that were there



Chuck Oh! The Clown attends the Health Fair on April 25.

Sagebrush Medical Center hosts event

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The 2009 Health Fair, held in the parking lot on April 25 at Sagebrush Medical Center, was put on by Kern Medical Center and Sagebrush and was free to the public.

There were over 35 different companies at the event to inform people of the many different resources out there for them.

Some of the nurses and doctors of Sagebrush and KMC put the fair together, and they were on hand to inform the public, too.

One of the doctors, Paul Miller, said, "Basically, we are just trying to get people out here to learn about different healthcare like screenings."

Many people had their blood pressure,

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BC show to 'wow' audience

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Steven Chase (left) and Beigher Taylor (right) portray son and father during the Bakersfield College's production of "Brighton Beach Memoirs" on April 29.

He's a horny Jewish teenager, and he wants to be a baseball player or a professional writer.

It's 1937 in Brooklyn, N.Y., and the country is still in the grip of the Depression and on the brink of war.

In dealing with chaotic times and chaotic hormones, life is not easy for 15-year-old Eugene Jerome, who has family concerns in the Neil Simon play "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

The Bakersfield College production runs from April 30-May 9. All 8 p.m. performances will be held in BC's Indoor Theater, and BC theater professor Jennifer Sampson directs the play.

"This is a coming-of-age story," said Nick Ono, 19, undeclared BC student. "Everybody's been a kid. It's very funny, and it's not depressing. You get to see this kid with lots of energy who wants to join the Yankees grow throughout the play," he said.

During a rehearsal, Sampson coached Ono to keep incorporating various ball tricks into his performance and added, "If you drop it, we'll be in trouble" as Ono caught the ball backhanded several times over.

After working with Ono, Hatzman and Cormack on various stage movements, Sampson soon remarked that the greatest challenge of working on "Memoirs" was the Brooklyn accent.

"We worked for four weeks on the accent," Sampson said. "The Brooklyn accent has a very specific sound."

away the \$17 the family needs each week and is planning to enlist in the Army so he won't have to face his father with the truth.

Eugene feels like an indentured servant with his loving but commanding mother sending him to the grocery all the time. Eugene's father Jack (Beigher Taylor) is juggling two jobs and recently suffered a heart attack.

"The character of Jack, the father, was challenging for Beigher Taylor, a local actor who was a member of Major League Improv in Bakersfield and also works at Klassen Corporation, an architectural and construction business, also in Bakersfield.

"Jack is grounded, and I have to rein back my energy," Taylor said. Speaking of Laurie, Katy Michelle Lewis, 18, BC psychology and communications major, says that her bookish character is supposed to be about 13 but is made to feel much younger and is pampered. According to Valerie Cormack, 19, BC mathematics major, her Nora is a recalcitrant teen, but the character yearns for warmth from her mother.

Steven Chase, 18, BC undeclared, called his Stanley a "disappointment child." Jenny Hatzman said her character Blanche is a "pivotal" character who must grab her chance to take care of herself and her daughters.

Tickets for "Brighton Beach Memoirs" are \$5 for students, seniors and BC staff and \$8 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

The actors had definite perceptions of their characters. Of Kate, Jaclyn

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Cultures come together

Right: Selam Hababo plays guitar during the Bakersfield College's talent show held at Bakersfield College. Left: Belly-dancer Andrea Johnson performs April 30.

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Evening of art held at BC

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The arts came together on the first annual "A Knight With the Arts" event on April 30. Bakersfield College's students and staff listened to music and performances given by the BC drumline, jazz band, the orchestra, chamber singers, choir and the concert band. The event ended with the play "Brighton Beach Memoirs" in the Indoor Theatre.

The event started at 5:30 p.m. with an art exhibit in Fine Arts 30 and food provided by BC's culinary arts department. Though the event was free, wine was being sold to adults. According to Hannah Eglund from the BC Foundation, all the profits made from the wine sales will be going to support the drumline. "This is the first ever event, and we hope it's the first of many," said Eglund.

The food provided was fruits, snacks, small cakes, small burgers, quesadillas and ice tea. As adults, students and children ate their food, the drumline began to play and included a solo by Chris Drummer.

The drumline and the jazz band gave the performances outside of the Outside Theatre. The crowd then moved to the Outside Theatre as Ron Kean gave a speech about the music department. The choir performed songs like "Black Bird" and "Sweet Dreams."

"I really enjoyed 'Black Bird,'" said Mitchell Bettes music major. "I love how music is free flowing and how it can move with anything."

The Blues Brothers, the Rolling Stones and Beatles were bands that were also covered.

In the art exhibit, students had charcoal, oil pastels and pencil art. The exhibit also included sculptures and models. "Some of this art caught my eye," said Bettes. "I like the color since it all flows together, and the detail is just really good."

Since last fall, the Foundation Office has met up with the arts in a monthly basis to make this event. Approximately 250 people attended the event and is considered a huge success.

"We accomplished our goal. This is our way of showing the community at large what we have to offer [at BC]," said Eglund.

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Two BC clubs join for water conservation

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Water is unquestionably the world's most precious resource. It is the one thing that no living being can survive without.

That is why the Bakersfield College geology club and MESA have joined together to inform students of water conservation.

"Odyssey: The Journey of Water" is a project that the two clubs have designed to educate the students and

faculty of Bakersfield College about water's past and its future.

"We just want to get information out about where water comes from and our conservation efforts for it. We want to raise information about bottled water and how that affects our environment," said Chris Ballard, geology major and member of the geology club.

"Because plastic takes so long to break down and with the increase of bottled water, if everyone drinks one bottle of water a day, we're filling up our land space and killing our land-

fills with all the plastic."

Michelle Vallejos, also a geology major, said that all bottled water is simply purified tap water with added minerals.

"A lot of people get confused because they think that the mountains or pictures on the bottles that brands such as Aquafina and Dasani define that the water comes from a spring or natural source. In reality, all it is, is purified tap water," she said. "The FDA controls how bottled water is controlled and the levels of minerals in it, but the EPA controls the levels

of minerals in tap water, and they are actually much stricter than the FDA's regulations. So, in reality, tap water is better for you."

According to Natalie Burszyn, geology club adviser, the clubs began this project in the middle of last semester, and they have sent letters and brochures to local schools to inform and educate them about the water crisis.

With the help of BC digital art students, they have also created a website <http://www2.bakersfieldcollege.edu/mesa20/> where anyone

can look up information concerning the water cycle, water conservation tips, Kern River history and can also download any posters, brochures as well as the presentations and lesson plans that the geology club has created. Ballard said that if he could get any point across to students it would be to "think about what they are doing. Make a conscious effort to really think about what you are doing to the environment."

According to Vallejos, the simple tips are the best ones. There are things that students can do that they usually

don't think about doing, but doing these things can save water in the long run. "A lot of students keep the water on while brushing their teeth. It's a hard habit to break. I know, and even though it's something that most of us do not even think about, turning off the faucet will save a lot of water."

If anyone is interested in helping out, they can visit the Web site or the geology club's Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=27375030846> for more information, said Burszyn.

Drumline ready for competition

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It had been almost 13 years since Bakersfield College has heard the beat of a drum... line, that is.

The Bakersfield College drumline restarted three years ago, performing at BC football games with the help of Liberty and Bakersfield high schools' drumline coach Dave Ellis.

"A few years ago we were discussing the possibility of getting a marching band going again at BC, and out of that idea came the drumline," said Ellis. "The community has been wanting a marching band back at BC for awhile, but since the approval is still being waited on from the school, there isn't one yet."

Although BC hasn't approved a marching band yet, they did approve the indoor group of the drumline, so they have been able to perform at BC sporting events, particularly the football games.

"We love coming to the football games and watching the drumline perform. They are not only good musicians, but they're also comedians. Anytime they play, they just have a lot of fun with it and keep the atmosphere really light and fun," said BC supporters Bill and Cyndee Hluza.

Typically, the BC drumline practices once a week on Sunday from 12-6 p.m. in the gym. Occasionally, they may have sectionals where particular members of the group will get together for a Friday night rehearsal.

"We had to learn the entire show at a much faster rate than most other drumlines so sometimes sectionals were needed," said Liberty High School and BC drumline member Christian Lucas.

Their first full show this year was titled, "Colors of Our Lives," which featured the players in colored shirts of either green, orange, red and blue. "All the songs are named around a color, so we knew the show should be titled with colors in it," said Ellis.

When it comes to performing, all of the members agree that it's all about the fun.

"We have a lot of fun. Everyone is here to have a good time, but we do know we have a high standard of excellence to maintain," said BC drumline member and student Eric Wastafiero.

The BC drumline has performed in the Independent categories for PPAACC competitions held at local high schools this year.

"Earlier this year, we also went to a WGI competition in Temecula where we competed against San Diego State University, Alternative Percussion, and three other groups. We finished third out of five," said BC and Liberty High School drumline member Rommel Gotico.

"It was a good experience because at that particular show, we had just started playing together, so we really didn't know the whole show yet," added BC and Liberty High School drumline member Christopher Lucas.



Next year, the drumline is planning for a better season. "We will be more prepared and serious about this group next season," said Wastafiero.

He admitted that this season was more fun than anything. "A lot of our players coach and play for other drumlines, so when we play, it's more for fun than for competition," Wastafiero said.

"I think this group overall is good for the community, and we have an extremely talented line, but there's always room for improvement," says Ellis.

As for the marching band, Ellis said it could be a great program that could be in effect as soon as this fall, but until then, the focus will be on getting the BC drumline to a championship level.



The Bakersfield College Drumline performs as part of the Pep and Pageantry Arts Association of Central California Drumline finals at Golden Valley High School on April 25.

Former CSUB professor speaks about religious terrorism

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Religion can be used to justify war and is often a disguise for nationalism.

So says retired Cal State Bakersfield professor Gary Kessler, who taught the philosophy of religion and other philosophy courses at CSUB from 1970 to 2004.

Kessler, who currently resides in Bellingham, Washington and is the author of several books including "Eastern Ways of Being Religious," "Voices of Wisdom: A Multicultural Philosophy Reader" as well as others, spoke to a group of Bakersfield College professors and students in the Executive Boardroom in C04 April 23. Kessler, in his talk, delved into the paradox of religion: religion can be a potent force for either good or evil. Violence cannot be divorced

from religion, he said in this talk. That violence in religion often takes the form of sacrifice, and sacrifice is found in most religions. Irony of religion is that violence through the sacrificial act of scapegoating is meant to purify a community of its violence. Kessler said that he derives a lot of inspiration from fellow scholar and writer, UC Berkeley professor Rene Girard, who wrote "Violence and the Sacred," which first came out in French in 1972.

Kessler's lecture brought up the question of whether or not religious terrorism is really religious and whether the so-called "holy wars" are actually nationalistic movements.

Kessler believes that often in these alleged "holy wars," religious language is used as a means of justifying a cause. Often religious rhetoric and religious terrorism are used as tools to force people to conform to certain policies. Religious terrorism is a tactic

to frighten people into behaving in certain ways. Kessler cited the example of the "pious, poorly educated Zealots" of Christ's time who wanted to overthrow the brutal Roman government. He also noted that the so-called "Crusaders" were supposedly driven to reclaim Palestine for religious reasons when overpopulation was the real instigating factor.

"The goal of religious terrorism is political and economical although religious terrorists give religious reasons for it," Kessler said.

Kessler also cited a study by scholar Jessica Stern, a Harvard lecturer on public policy, who wrote that religious zeal is often used as a weapon to monopolize natural resources and political power. Kessler cited political science scholar Robert A. Pape's book "Dying to Win," which states that the suicide terrorism occurring in the Middle East is really nationalist based and is not truly connected

with Islam or religion.

"Islam terrorists are a new breed of anarchists," Kessler quoted scholar James Galvan. Often, those recruited for suicide bombing are the unemployed who feel that they have no future. Often religious terror is nothing more than an elaborate performance, a theatrical statement and the concern is upon that rather than on what is accomplished, said Kessler. This is not "strategic" terrorism, according to Kessler. Of course, religious terrorists must dehumanize the opposition. Religious terrorists must call innocents of the opposition such

as women and children evil, and this qualifies the killing of them. Islamic terrorists have to label the opposition "infidels" because it justifies the political cause and the consequence of murdering innocents.

"Evil is a religious concept," said Kessler. "Anything evil doesn't deserve to exist, and once you're labeled 'evil,' there's nothing good that can be associated with you." According to Kessler, religious terrorism won't acknowledge human complexity or the gray area between good and evil in human character. To acknowledge this would not be a justification for

the random killing that terrorists think they must engage in. Some lecture attendees commented on the way religion is often a disguise for political agendas. "The IRA always says this: 'Let's say that we're doing this for the pope and to liberate Ireland,'" said retired BC philosophy professor Jack Hernandez of the infamous organization. "This is for God. We're oppressed, but we're doing this for God."

"There seems to be a religious element under much racist rhetoric," said Nick Strobel, BC astronomy professor.

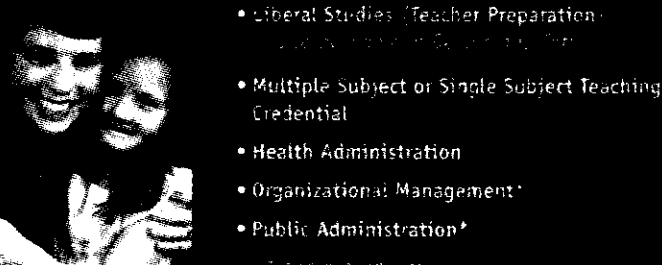
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FEATURES

Brews for charity

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The smell of beer and food and the sound of music filled the air at the 17th annual Festival of Beers at Stramler Park on April 25.

All the money raised went back into the community for children's charities. The Active 20/30 Club International started back in 1922, according to their Web site. Two young men, in two widely separated communities of the United States, saw the need for a service club for young men.

"The local Active 20-30 Club of Bakersfield was founded in 1928. Our chapter is geared toward men in their 20s and 30s. The club's objective is to serve the community while building lasting relationships and rendering service to youth," said Nicky Stobaugh, who is co-chair of the 20/30 Club.

The Festival of Beers has been providing a charitable event for 17 years. The Fire House Restaurant was the presenting sponsor. "One-hundred percent of our proceeds do go to charity," Stobaugh said. "We are just a bunch of guys, young professionals that came together and put this event on. We don't make any money on this. It is just our way of giving back to the community."

Two-hundred plus vendors gave their beer, wine or food away, and each of them had a charity that the money was going to.

There were more than 3,000 people at the event listening to music, drinking beverages and eating food. There was even a VIP area for people



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Above: Jim Kelley, former President of Active 20/30 Club of Bakersfield, at the Festival of Beers on April 25. Right: Pink Venom, a local roller derby player, utilizes free stickers at the festival. Below: Jeremy, Israel and Patsy Carter enter the event.

who paid extra money for wristbands who got all the beer, wine and food they wanted for free.

"I was the president of the 20/30 Club back in 1968, and I am probably the oldest bastard here. I am a Bakersfield College graduate, too: class of '58," said Jim Kelley. "I was a member of this club for 12 years, and they do wonders for the community."

The Active 20/30 Club also has the Child Spree and Christmas Experience for children of the community. There were over \$50,000 raised in sponsorship with \$4,000 from Trout's and AWI and \$8,000 from the presenting sponsor.

The bands that played were Dub Seed, Volorio and The After Party. There was also a DJ by Sound Choice.

There was also plenty of food like sandwiches, salads and pizza to eat provided by Champs Barbeque, BJ's and Cataldo's Pizzeria. Advanced Beverage sponsored free cab rides.



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Music, fireworks for Jazz Festival

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CSUB will be kicking off their 23rd annual Jazz Festival in the CSUB Amphitheater on the Golden West Casino Stage, Friday, May 8th.

Darren Gholston, Kyle Eastwood (Clint Eastwood's son), and the Bob Mintzer Big Band are scheduled to start the big event at 7 p.m. On Saturday, the Kern County Honor Jazz Band, the Bakersfield Jazz Workshop Orchestra, the CSUB Jazz Singers, the Tim Davies Big Band, Alison Brown, Brian Bromberg, and Cecilia Noel and the Wild Clams are set to perform. In addition to all the music on Saturday, there will also be a fireworks show.

Although the festival's main focus are the featured artists and performers, CSUB is also making time between performances on Friday and Saturday to recognize students who have achieved academic success in the music programs on their campus. In fact, all of the proceeds made from the event go towards student scholarships, which have been given away

every year. Among over forty scholarships given are major corporation donations from Fox Sports Radio, Brighthouse Networks, and many more.

The Dwayne Lee Gholston and Bill Burton scholarships were the first scholarships to ever be presented to not only CSUB music students but also Bakersfield College students.

"I really want everyone to take away just a little touch of joy," said Doug Davis, CSUB director and organizer of the festival. "This is such a celebration of the human spirit."

Advance tickets to the annual event cost \$23 for students and \$32 for general admission. Saturday advance tickets are \$25 for students and \$35 for general admission. All kids under 12 are admitted free. You can get tickets at any Valitix outlets, Stockdale Music, California Keyboards, Russo's at the Marketplace and Front Porch Music. If you buy two-day festival tickets, which are \$35 for students and \$55 for general admission, you can save money.

Book drive boxes at BC

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The Bakersfield College Intercultural Club has placed box drop boxes at various locations around campus as part of the Book Drives for Better Lives program.

The locations are in the library, bookstore, counseling office, cafeteria and the science and engineering building.

The drop boxes will be in place from now until the end of the semester. The Intercultural Club encourages students and staff alike to donate textbooks.

"Many professors have textbooks

that they receive that are just sitting on their shelves in their offices," Emmet Habebo, president of the BC Intercultural Club said. "This will give them a chance to help people out and clear up some of that space those books take up."

Books donated to the Book Drives for Better Lives will be sent to Africa to promote literacy. The drop boxes are exclusively for textbooks that are no older than five years or newer although older textbooks will be donated to the Salvation Army.

"As the saying goes, 'If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day, but if you teach a man to fish, you feed him for life,'" Habebo said. "That is our philosophy with literacy."



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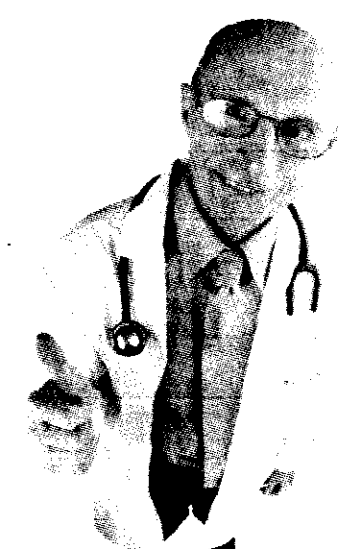
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STAFF EDITORIAL

SGA's representation, communication falls short

Just like in real government, here at Bakersfield College, it is important to know who represents you. Student Government Association of Officers were elected last spring to do just that: represent BC students. The Renegade Rip editorial board feels it is necessary to evaluate these officials and the job that they have done this past school year. We feel there are many places where SGA has done wrong by the students it represents.

The SGA claims they are available for all BC students, and that anyone can drop by their offices to talk to them. We have seen firsthand, time and time again, how untrue this is. The SGA has refused to talk to The Renegade Rip for many articles this semester, even when they were the best source for the articles. This refusal may or may not be due to an

article printed in The Renegade Rip last semester about three SGA officers being kicked out of a conference and then SGA itself because of drinking alcohol at said conference.

Regardless of any hard feelings over the article, the SGA is not only refusing to talk to us as a newspaper but also as students. We are students just like everyone else, and, supposedly, we are invited to come talk to our elected officials about any problems or upcoming events. Two Rip staff members even had a meeting with SGA to discuss their avoidance. No good came of this meeting.

What SGA apparently fails to realize is that if they don't talk to The Renegade Rip, no one on campus is going to know what the SGA is up to, which, as will be mentioned later, isn't much. The Renegade Rip pro-

vides BC students with information on what the SGA is doing. When they refuse to talk to us, they are essentially refusing to talk to the entire student body.

Spring this year was a joke. SGA gave us a DJ and bands that hardly anyone listened to, a teacup ride that very few people rode (maybe because of the waiver they had to sign to ride?) and some nonsensical "caterpillar decoration" in the Campus Center that served zero purpose. For all this, the SGA spent \$9,000, including \$3,800 for the teacup ride alone. Throughout all this, SGA was nowhere to be seen. Apparently even they did not enjoy the "festivities" of Spring Fling. The Delano Campus SGA, on the other hand, did a lot more with a lot less funds. They had a cakewalk, a chess tournament, an

inflatable boxing ring, a dunk tank and even a pie-a-teacher event and all with \$2,500. BC's homecoming activities last semester were equally ridiculous. The standout where the expensive tent where a movie was shown. SGA claimed to not know how many students utilized the tent. Maybe there were so few students that SGA was embarrassed by the turnout.

What many BC students don't know is that the SGA gets paid for all this ... by the students they "represent." That \$1 extra fee when students register goes straight to the SGA. There's also the automatically checked optional \$15 fee for the SGA card, which does have some benefits but not enough. This may not be much individually, but it adds up. SGA officials get paid in the hundreds each

month, all from the pockets of BC students. They spent \$28,000 going to a conference in Chicago, again, with our money. And what are we seeing from this? How is all this spending helping or representing us? We understand that the conferences they go to most likely teach them new things to do for their school. But we don't know any of this, and we're certainly not seeing any change. For all we know, they're just partying and getting drunk at those conferences ... oh, wait ... Anyway, that \$1 fee is for our student representation, but we don't feel very represented.

All of this would be more excusable if the SGA was actually doing something for us, but they're not. SGA President Lyne Mugema promised many things when she was elected. One of these promises was a

greener campus with recycling bins next to each trashcan all over campus. The school year has passed, and those recycling bins are nowhere to be seen. Mugema also promised The New York Times would return to the racks where they once could be found. Again, SGA never made good on this promise. There have been no obvious changes since the new SGA has taken office, and it's reasonable to believe there have been no subtle changes either.

Though we believe this SGA has been very disappointing, we have high hopes for the newly elected officers. Hopefully, they will do more for the student body than this past SGA. The Renegade Rip looks forward to establishing a better relationship with the new SGA than the one this SGA has forced us to have.

Less kids, better values

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They're the perfect family: perfect son, perfect daughter, perfect mother, perfect father. After reading "The Duggars: 20 and Counting!" that is how I would describe The Duggar family, with one exception. They have 18 children, so their perfect son and daughter are perfect sons and daughters.

I had never heard of the Duggars because I don't have cable, and even if I did, I wouldn't watch TV much. So when my friend told me of the family with 18 children who have their own show on The Learning Channel, I was completely in shock. It baffled me how a couple could have 18 children without entering a mental institution. What's more is that they intend to reproduce even more. The book, written by the two parents, Jim Bob and Michelle, is a 227-page autobiography on the start of their family and how they raise 18 children. But after reading the book and watching a couple of their shows on The Learning Channel, their family felt like something I would zone in an episode of "The Twilight Zone."

According to their book, Jim Bob and Michelle married right out of high school and had their first child in 1988. Twenty-one years later, the family now has an overabundance of children and more than a peculiar set of values. All of their children are home schooled because their main goal is to educate their children about God. "We teach them that any kind of vocation is a way to minister to others," they said.

Being a Catholic myself, I am not saying that being raised with a set of moral religious values is a bad thing, but I feel they take it far beyond what God would want for His people. In educating their children, they only let them read books from Christian authors whom they respect. I have more

than one problem with this: First, their children will lack the power to think for themselves and the power to challenge thought. Second, it's putting their children in a nice, perfect little bubble where no harm or evil doings occur.

This is bogus. They are setting their children up for failure or disappointment. The world isn't nice, and it's far from being kind. They also have four computers with Internet access, but they are only allowed "seventy-some Web sites that the kids can visit." If they want to go anywhere else, they have to have their mother, or oldest sister type in a password, then they will stand behind the child and monitor the access. It's a whole new level of censorship.

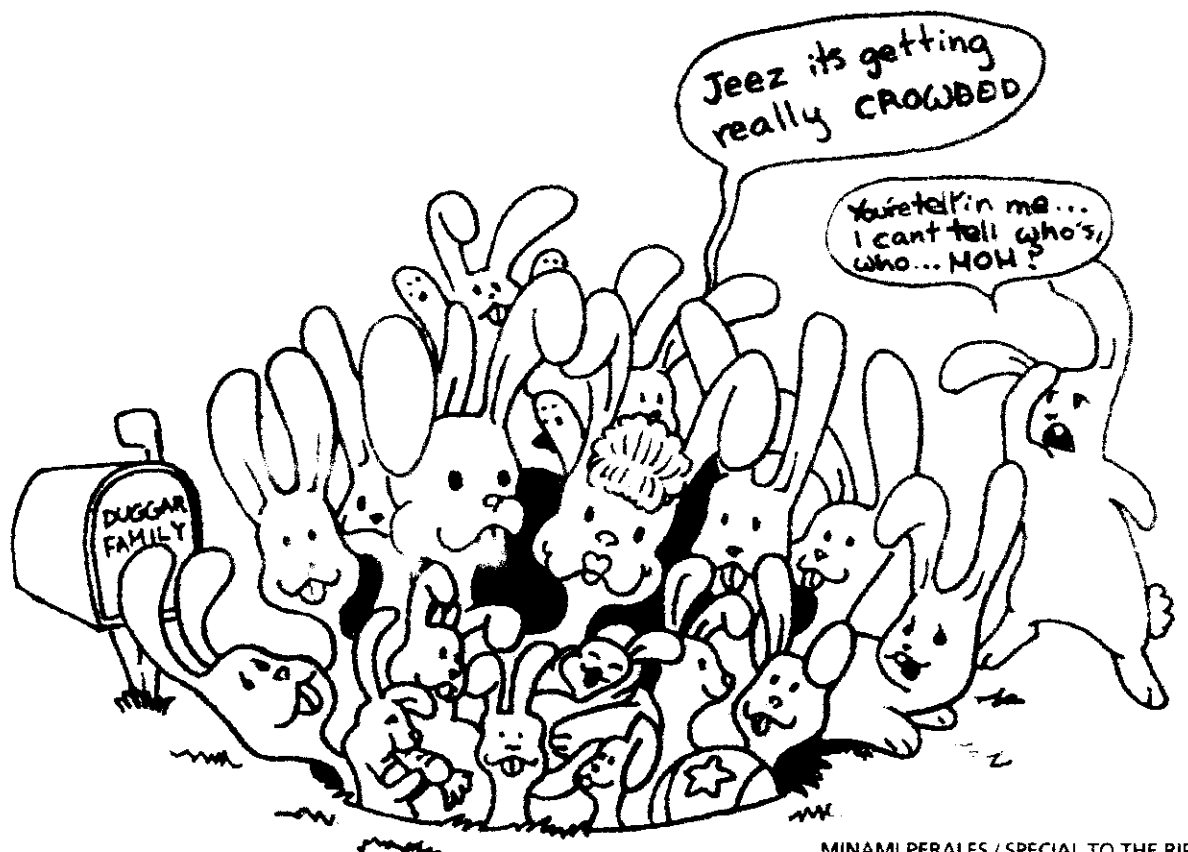
The Duggars raise their daughters to have no desire for anything other than to raise a family of their own and reproduce with the perfect Christian man. In an e-mail to the Duggars, Jana, the eldest daughter, was asked if she ever gets tired of raising the family. Her response was disappointing to the future of women's rights. "I love working with children, and I especially love being around new babies ... I have lots of other interests too, including sewing, cooking and playing the piano, violin and harp. I also love doing friends' and family

members' hair."

This comment upsets me because it is frustrating to hear that my great-grandma fought so hard for the 19th Amendment to be passed. I feel it's chauvinistic and an insult to every hard-working woman in the world.

To make sure the young children obey their parents, they made up what they call a "Yes, Ma'am" chant and then the "obedience game" to follow. Anytime the children call their parents "sir" or "ma'am," they get a penny. A whole whopping cent! And let's not forget the fact that a 5-year-old calling his/her mother or father "sir" or "ma'am" is awkward and unnatural. The name of the "game" alone sounds like a way to train a dog and not a way to raise a child.

I think it is also ironic how the family claims to be non-materialistic and how everything they do is with the intentions of God but to reward their children for a job well done, they give them money. Also, they sold their family to TV and are now making money so that cameras can invade their personal lives and time for people across America to watch. They even say in the book that the Discovery Channel paid for parts of their home. I understand that it has to be expensive to raise that many children, but don't act like you don't care



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Suicide: The easy but stupid way out

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As I was looking through Google and MSN searches to find articles on the most recent suicides reported, I was expecting to find reports from a week to maybe two weeks ago.

Instead, what I found were articles written as recently as nine hours ago, 23 hours ago and even the day before. I guess this should not be very shocking, considering the latest suicide rate has increased. Although there's no exact number yet, calls to suicide prevention lines went up by 36% in 2008.

This is also difficult to understand because we only hear about the big cases that make headlines. For example, on April 22, financial officer of Freddie Mac, David Kellerman hung himself to death. A couple days before that, a man in New York killed his wife and two daughters before slashing himself to death.

On April 18, an Orange County man walked into the hospital where he used to work and killed two people and then killed himself. And of course, who can forget the Los Angeles man who, as result of both him and his wife losing their jobs, took it upon himself to shoot to death his wife and three children?

Some experts are attributing the recent spike in suicides to the economic crisis we are facing right now.

I say anyone who commits suicide or attempts to commit suicide is just plain stupid no matter what the situation is. I understand some people are struggling emotionally, physically or especially financially more than others, but it's not the end of the world.

Things are bad, but everyone is experiencing it. Does that give us an excuse to take our own lives?

"Things are bad, but everyone is experiencing it. Does that give us an excuse to take our own lives?"

No, because the fact of the matter is there is no excuse for suicide. The way I see it, it's just a coward's way out of life. It takes more courage to live.

And as far as all the murder-suicide acts go, one should take for example the man who killed people in an immigrant center and then killed himself, or the guy who shot up the elderly home or even the dude who killed the Virginia Tech students and then committed suicide: I think it's time for people to get over themselves. I'm tired of turning on the news and seeing some breaking story about a guy who has gone on a shooting rampage and killing spree.

But more than that, I absolutely hate it when they cause all of this chaos with their killings and then end everything by killing themselves.

I think they have it so backward. They should do the murder-suicide act in reverse: They should shoot themselves first and then try shooting other people. I guarantee this approach won't have the same tragic effects, which would be a great thing.

Personally, I've never understood how someone could be so unhappy with his or her life that he or she feels it necessary to take out anger on innocent people. Life is always going to be full of tough times and disappointments, but that goes for everyone. If someone is feeling depressed, upset or feeling like life is not worth it, that person should get help, or hope or both because there's always another option.

'GADE FEEDBACK

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What is your favorite Disneyland ride?



Stephanie Monclow, child development: "Space Mountain, that one is fun."



Alex Ortiz, criminal justice: "I don't go to Disneyland."



Erica Garcia, business administration: "A Small World."



Josh Brooks, art: "Pirates of the Caribbean."



Johnny Kulka, undeclared: "Never been."



Stephanie Hartfield, English: "Indiana Jones."



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REVIEWS

Not all toilet papers equal

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Frappuccinos, iPhones and "boss" rims are things that people can definitely do without. There is a point, however, where a line must be drawn. This line is at your bathroom door. Toilet paper is not, at least in this country, a luxury. It is a necessity.

The bathroom tissue section of Vons is astounding. With upwards of 20 types of rolls to choose from, it's hard to determine which is worth wiping with.

So the final choice came down to four types of paper: Charmin Ultra Soft, Quilted Northern Ultra Plush, Bright Green and Basic Red. All of these bathroom buddies vary in price, ply number and quality.

Trying to embrace the environmentalist within, this test started with Bright Green. Made completely of recycled paper, this is the choice for the hybrid Volvo-driving hipster that you know.

The price is one of the better to be found at \$3.99 after discount for a six-pack, the smallest discount available for this nature-friendly brand.

Comfort wasn't the main point of Bright Green bathroom tissue, apparently. Although I didn't come away bleeding, there is as much comfort to be found in this "green" paper as the jumbo rolls found in elementary schools nationwide.

There's a great chance that the other five rolls in the pack will be sitting in my cupboard as a last resort.

Thankfully, good ol' Charmin was there to come to the rescue. At \$4.49 a four-pack with no Vons Club discount available, the price isn't bad, but a cheaper purchase can definitely be made.

Making my trip to the bathroom something special, these two layers of paper heaven made me think that there was no other way to go. But, oh, I was wrong.

Competition entered the field under the name of Mr. Quilted Northern.

ern. These papers, with a discounted price of \$4.29 a four-pack, put a shit-eating grin on my face. Well, a shit-wiping grin, I suppose. Not being a scientist, I couldn't tell if the extra third layer "for added absorbency" really worked or not, but there was no nasty residue left behind, so let's assume that this extra paper layer did its job.

It seemed that this could have been the most satisfying article I would ever write until Basic Red came into play.

Rip photographer Gregory D. Cook thought of an old saying that fits this brand like a pair of booty shorts. It's John Wayne paper: it's rough, it's tough and it doesn't take shit off of anybody.

If you're on a budget and have no four-pack in your checks, this \$1.19 four-pack may be what you're looking for. Check the prices on sandpaper at Home Depot because you may get a better deal with the same amount of pain.

It's possible this paper may be produced solely for late-night middle school pranks.

Of course, replacing somebody's plush roll with this monstrosity may actually be a better trick than making it look like a snow day in your neighbor's yard, but I don't think anyone is that cruel.

When it comes down to it, Bright Green is the best choice for your cash flow is low. It's cheap, it helps the environment and, although "comfy" doesn't come to mind when using it, it is leaps and bounds ahead of Satan's brand, Basic Red.

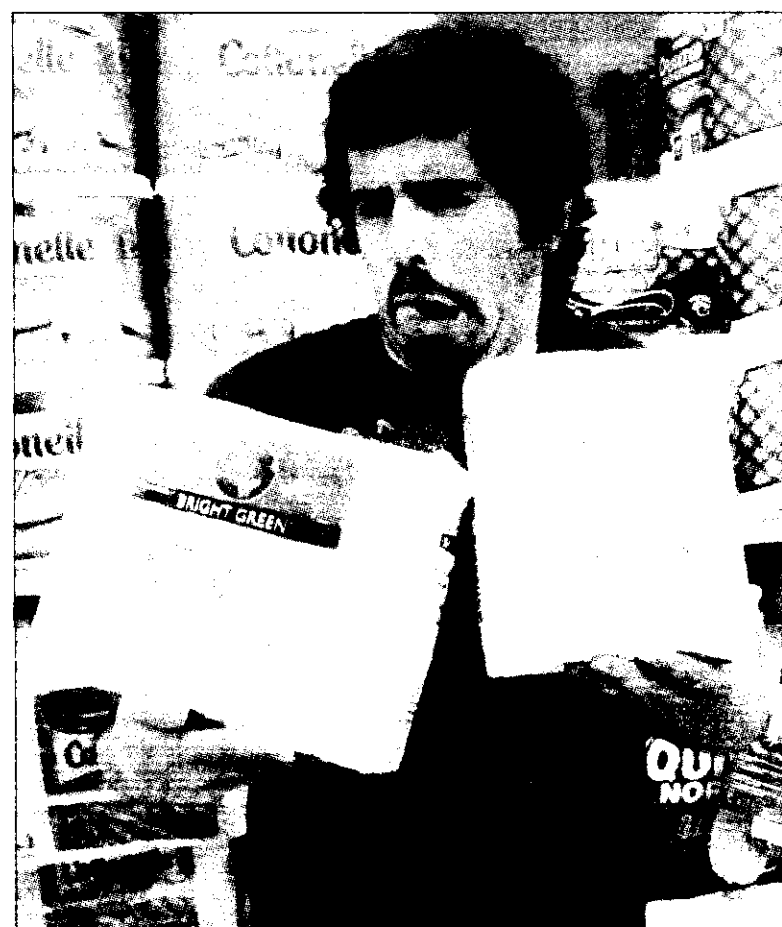
If comfort is the selling point for you, go with Quilted Northern. Although both it and Charmin give the same amount of satisfaction, the paper sewn together by little old ladies on its advertisements can be bought for a slightly lower price.

After sitting on it all day, treat your backside kindly and stay away from these super low-end rolls. The price isn't worth the bowlegged walk they give you.



JULIE JOHNSON / THE RIP

Online editor Andrew J. Ansolabehere expresses his love for his favorite toilet papers, Charmin Ultra Soft and Quilted Northern Ultra Plush toilet papers.



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Ansolabehere shows his distaste for his least favorite toilet papers, Bright Green and Basic Red toilet papers. He found that not all toilet papers are the same; they each have their own qualities.

New X-Men movie does not disappoint

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I have been a fan of comic books since I could read at 5 years old, and I am just one of the many "superhero" junkies, who are exuberated about the fact that Hollywood has decided make the comics into movies. Over the last decade or so, special effects and the creative world and graphics of cinema and technology have allowed me to really get to see my favorite heroes in action. The Hulk, Fantastic Four and similar cartoons, but the best one so far has been the series of the X-Men movies.

The first and second movies were made in 2000 and 2003, with Bryan Singer directing them. The first movie basically introduced the main characters Professor Xavier, Wolverine, Rogue, Storm and Magneto. The second introduced a few more of the extensive list of Marvel Comic mutants. The third was made in 2005 and directed by Brett Ratner.

The latest installment of the X-Men phenomenon is "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," which opened May 1. Starring Hugh Jackman, of course, as Wolverine, the movie centers around how he transformed from Logan to Wolverine. Wolverine is my all-time favorite X-Men hero. Storm is second and then comes Gambit the Louisiana card slinger, who just now debuted in an X-Men movie.

The movie covers how Wolverine gets his metal claws and even faster healing ability from the experiment that Stryker tricked him into getting. I was totally on the edge of my seat, wishing that I were a mutant with special powers during the fight scenes.

I do have to say that I was not at all a fan of Wolverine's best friend and army brother, Victor, also known as Sabertooth, played by Liev Schreiber, until he showed his devotion to Wolverine as a friend of his since childhood.

Since I am somewhat of a comic-book freak, I was upset to see that the storyline was not as accurate to the comics but very similar to it. The characters, such as Sabertooth, had a chance to be introduced and should have left the spot open for a hero who has yet to be mentioned in the film versions of these popular cartoons beginning during the 1900s.

In the comics, Wolverine was captured by mad scientists and tortured to find out his capabilities, and there he acquired his metal exoskeleton and claws. The movie veers away from the forced capture of Wolverine in the comic books and cartoons and has him willing to be experimented on.

The movie completely changes the storyline of Wolverine's childhood and his relationship to Sabertooth. The story that he and Sabertooth became friends and left Canada was not in the original comics.

The way the filmmakers introduced Gambit into the X-Men trilogy was slightly parallel with the comics but is altered to fit him into the storyline of the previous movies. As a total comic fanatic, I saw this movie as an opportunity to clarify who Gambit is and where he came from. There were numerous other small details that I noticed about the movie but not big enough for me to point out unless everyone is a diehard fan of superheroes like myself. I also need to take into account that the very first X-Men movie was a combination of the long-running comic book series and so has every movie thereafter. So, based on the director's decision to combine the comics to make these movies possible, "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" is pretty accurate.

If you're not a fan of X-Men in particular, but like action and exceptional special effects, then you would definitely enjoy this film.

'Fast Times' still funny years later

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The 1980s brought a lot of great things alive like mousse and shoulder pads, but nothing more spectacular than 1982's "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," directed by Amy Heckerling and written by Hecckerling and written by Hecckerling and written by Hecckerling.

CLASSIC REVIEW

★★★★★

High," directed by Amy Heckerling and written by Hecckerling and written by Hecckerling and written by Hecckerling.

Like most coming of age movies in the '80s, there were lots of oversex-driven teens with no outlet to let it go. This was made extremely known just by the beginning of the movie when one of the young stars is put into the situation of waiting on a hot older gentleman.

Even though sex seemed to be the main thing on most of the characters' minds, it wasn't the only thing. There was the obvious relationship and money troubles going on that came along with the sex. There was also no lack of drug use.

Sean Penn's character Spicoli would set the stereotypes of most Californians: The stoner surfer who always had the last curler line.

Penn's character would take this movie to the whole next level with just the drama that he brought in, such as being late to class to wrecking the star athlete's fancy car.

The movie did very well at the time that it was released; it was just starting off the whole idea of teen dramas.

It was a first of its kind. The movie was released in 1982 and made \$27 million at the box office, which was more than triple of what it cost to make the movie.

This movie had something in it for everyone to enjoy from nice love scenes to heavy partying and back again.

There was never a dull moment in this movie.

It was a roller coaster that just kept going up and is now considered a classic movie to watch.

Jimano's does Chicago-style pizza well

■ Jimano's Pizzeria is a new pizzeria located on Hageman Road. It offers more than pizza, but all is delicious.

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There is a reason that Chicago is well known for its pizza. I recently visited Chi-town and can say that in my 18 years of pizza eating, it was by far the best I had ever had.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

★★★★★

Since having authentic Chicago-style stuffed pizza, I now know the greatest pizza ever made and now consider myself a pizza know-it-all.

A friend told me about Jimano's, a new pizza place with Chicago-style pizza and with my newfound expert knowledge of pizza, I had to try it.

Located on Calloway and Hageman at 9510 Hageman Road, Jimano's pizzeria offers a variety of Italian-style foods. The menu is large and varies from pastas to pizzas to salads and ribs. They also offer a daily special menu.

The restaurant is set up as an order and then seat yourself cafeteria style and could be described as a bachelor's pad if his girlfriend had decorated it. With three flat screen TVs placed throughout the room, half was painted espresso color and the other half a dull red. The walls were filled with black picture frames that held numerous pictures of Chicago and other things that were fun to look at.

I went with two friends, and we pondered over the menu for about five minutes before ordering 10 pieces of hot wings, jalapeno poppers and a 14-inch deep-dish ham and pineapple pizza.

The man who took our order was very friendly and informative. He was definitely knowledgeable about the menu and answered all of our questions without getting annoyed and was able to give us recommendations.

After ordering we had a short wait until our cream cheese-filled jalapeno poppers came out. Served with a spicy ranch dipping sauce, these were pretty good.

However, they were a bit over greasy, and I personally prefer the cheddar cheese-filled poppers.

Shortly after, the buffalo wings came out. They were awesome; they had the perfect amount of sauce and although the skin seemed a bit fatty, they were not overcooked as so many restaurants serve their wings today.

Then came the main course. The pizza was served and looked delectable. And it was.

Although it wasn't completely Chicago style with a crust all the way around the pizza, the pizza was undeniably delicious. The cheese was layered over the toppings, and the crust was fluffy but crisp. It was the perfect combination. There was not too much sauce or too little, and the sauce was not so overpowering with spices that it took over the flavor of the pizza.

After stuffing ourselves full of pizza, we decided to get a dessert.

Provided by the Cheesecake Factory.



JULIE JOHNSON / THE RIP

Jimano's Pizzeria is located at 9510 Hageman Rd. They offer many appetizers like hot wings and jalapeno poppers, in addition to Chicago-style pizza.

ry, we ordered a white chocolate raspberry cheesecake. This was the ending to all endings: This is how every meal should end. The cheesecake was a delightful blend of flavors and if I had not been stuffed already, I could have eaten another piece by myself.

The prices were more expensive than your average Pizza Hut or Domino's but far worth the extra money. Our

pizza with appetizers, drinks and pizza included cost about \$45 altogether but was worth every cent.

My experience with Jimano's Pizzeria was an excellent one. The service was friendly, and the food great.

Although the pizza we had wasn't as amazing as the pizza in Chicago, save yourself the \$300 plane ticket and drive to Jimano's.

BC BRAINS

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

Who is Yusuf Islam?



Derrek Bryan, art: "Is it more of a philosopher of Islam?"



Daniel Bewley, political science: "A terrorist? I have no idea."



Harinder Sumner, business administration: "Some politician in the Middle East?"



Monica Bruhl, undeclared: "Isn't it Cat Stevens?"



Kailynn Ritchie, undeclared: "Hopefully not a student here."



Adam Farver, nursing: "Yeah, that's Cat Stevens, man. Rock on."

CORRECT ANSWER: Folk singer Cat Stevens, who converted to Islam and changed his name in 1978

BATTLE of the SeXes

Featuring: The campout

Editor's note: Battle of the SeXes pits both genders against each other. A challenge will be made testing them physically, emotionally and mentally.

Women prepare themselves for camping challenge

By KELLY ARDIS
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We won. This was the challenge to end all challenges, and we won it. We talked up our game for weeks on end and after all that, we had to win. Our challenge was to go on a two-day camping excursion completing other challenges along the way. Pitching a tent, preparedness, making a fire and cooking were the four things we were ready to beat the boys at. We got to the Cedar Creek Campgrounds near Shirley Meadows at sundown on Thursday, April 23 and left early Saturday morning. To the guys, the challenge started when we left for the campsite; for us, the challenge started nearly two weeks before we left.

We went to the campsite the weekend before, which the guys try to say gives us an advantage. What they fail to mention is that going the weekend before was part of the plan, the guys just flaked out at the last minute. That's not our fault, and we refuse to be penalized for that.

Our strategy beyond the actual challenges was to not complain in front of the boys. We wanted to maintain a good attitude, so we wouldn't give the boys an opportunity to say anything bad about us. It seemed like the guys were trying to do the same thing, but they didn't last. At least we won our own challenge already.

We came up with a list of the things we assumed would be necessary for our trip. We thought it through and kept adding things, up until the day of the challenge.

We went out and bought all of our food items as well as some other camping gear that we didn't already have. Before we left, we established a "no-no" list that we would adhere to for the campout. This list included no electronics, no prepared food and no junk food.

Packing was simple. We had one big bag filled with our cooking utensils, a lantern, a camping shovel, a tarp, a camping knife and more. We also packed two flannel-lined sleeping bags. The boys apparently didn't think about the cold mountain weather and did not even take sleeping bags. One of the boys didn't pack a sweatshirt, either. We clearly won the challenge of being prepared.

Although the boys did not think it was a fair fight because of the size of our tent, we won the tent-pitching challenge. It's true: Our tent was a lot smaller and possibly easier to put up, but this was a part of us being prepared. We knew this would be a challenge, and we knew that a complicated tent would take a lot longer to put up. The guys clearly did not think this way. We also believe the boys lied about our setup time in an attempt to make themselves look better.

The next challenge was starting a fire. Boys, we commend you for trying the good ol' stick-rubbing method, but we could have told you from the start that it would not work. We think our fire was better. We'll admit that we

used the wood that the boys gathered, but our method was more efficient. We stacked our wood in a teepee form, then stuck parts of a magazine in the middle and lit it on fire with a match.

Although the boys did not help us maintain our fire for the night, and we started it on our own, the guys won this challenge simply because they used their own resources, and we used some of their wood findings.

The boys did not, however, keep their fire going all night with the twigs and branches they found, as they claimed. They kept it going with the firewood they brought from home.

The next day, our challenge was cooking. Based on our preparedness, we knew we already had won this. For breakfast, we made eggs and bacon. One of the boys indulged in our success of frying bacon over a campfire and had more than a few pieces. We also cooked hot dogs and made the traditional campfire treat s'mores.

The guys tried to prepare for s'mores, but you can't make a s'more without a graham cracker, so they had to use a pack of ours. While we're on the subject, the boys had to pick up their marshmallows and chocolate at a gas station before we got to the campsite. After the day was done, and the food was cooked, we won this challenge.

Three out of the four challenges won isn't a bad record. Especially since this was the last challenge of the semester. The guys may have won more challenges throughout the semester, but the camping challenge was all or nothing, and we definitely won. Just like we knew we would.



Top left: Staff writers Jimmy Laurent (left) and Gabino Vega Rosario (right) attempt to start a fire using WD-40 and old issues of The Renegade Rip. Top middle: Seggan Moore (left) and Kelly Ardis (right) watch their fire start to burn. Far right: Jimmy Laurent jumps in the air with a large branch in an attempt to break the branch, making it smaller and easier to burn. Bottom right: Gabino Vega Rosario keeps his hands warm by the girls' fire.

Photos courtesy of Rip staff writers

Men unprepared for camping

By GABINO VEGA ROSARIO
and JIMMY LAURENT
Rip staff writers

Having a lot of supplies for a camping trip does not make the trip a challenge. On April 23, two Rip girls (yes, we called them "girls" not "women") and men traveled to Cedar Creek Campground and participated in the last Battle of the SeXes. Who could set up the tents quicker, who was more prepared and who could make a fire were the challenges.

Honestly this "challenge" was not worthy to be considered a challenge. Setting up a tent in the dark, having only five items and keeping a fire ignited all day would have been a challenge.

Each challenge gave the girls the upper hand, and if they want to claim this challenge as their victory, wait until you analyze all the facts.

The men arrived at the campsite unfamiliar with the site, but the girls had previously visited the site. There is nothing wrong with that, but they had an idea what to expect as far as the weather and environment.

When we all got there, we decided to start with the first challenge and set up our tent. The girls set up their six-foot tent in 11 minutes, and Rosario timed it. The men set up their 12-foot tent in unknown time.

The girls took the time but failed to give a time (technology fails), and they claim it a win.

Rosario has never been camping, but Laurent had some experience and shared the knowledge. Their gear was not epic but was enough to survive two nights in the mountains. Food and water was a requirement, but the men brought a flashlight, pots, utensils, a hammer, a screwdriver, cups, a towel, an ice chest, matches, firewood (just in case we fail) and some blankets. The girls were prepared and well equipped and were able to sleep at night. Because the men did not have sleeping bags, the men were unable to sleep during the evening's cold weather.

The same night we arrived, the men had their challenge first: making a fire. The men took their flashlight and searched for any nearby wood that could help in this challenge.

Small twigs and arm-length branches were found and were able to keep a fire for a long time, with the help of one match, a current edition of the Renegade Rip and some WD-40 grease. We were up and warm for the night in front of the campfire, and the girls gave compliments.

The next day, Rosario and Laurent searched around the area for more firewood. The men took their F-150 truck and brought back enormous

firewood that would certainly last all night. The men smashed the huge firewood into sharp boulders that were nearby and successfully created firewood for everybody.

The girls used our firewood during their challenge and used more matches and more magazine paper. "That looks like a really good fire, huh, guys?" said one of the girls, but we were thinking, "Yeah, with our wood."

The men brought sandwich material along with hot dogs and plenty of water. Laurent also brought sunflower seeds to subside their hunger during the day (the girls brought seeds as well but did so after getting the idea from the men).

One of the discussed challenges was to see who could make the best s'more. One of the girls admitted that Laurent had, in fact, made the best-looking s'more. According to Laurent, it tasted just as good as it looked.

Laurent admitted to eating a couple pieces of the girls' bacon, but, to his credit, he helped cook the bacon. Not only did he help cook it, but also it was his idea to use the bacon grease as fuel to the fire.

Girls, you think that you won the challenge. Well, go ahead and think that, but you know very well that you needed the men's help to survive.

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SPORTS

First-year player Martin ties BC home run record

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Designated hitter Jarret Martin tied BC's home run record of 11 in one season in the fourth inning against Citrus April 30 in the Renegades' final game of the season at the Dean and Adah Gay Sports Complex.

Martin went 5-for-6, with two doubles and two singles with three RBIs, as BC (13-27-1, 11-17 in Western State Conference) rolled 16-3 over second-place Citrus.

BC head coach Tim Panton was proud of Martin's progression in his first season with the Renegades and the record-tying home run. "It's a big accomplishment. He put together a really solid second half of the season offensively. His first half wasn't very good. He made some adjustments offensively, and he's a kid with [an] awful lot of power, and we're happy for him. That's not an easy record to go after and tie," Sean Barker was the last Renegade to tie the BC home run record in 2000, and G.W. Keller set the record in 1988.

Martin said about his home run. "It was nice. I had kind of a monkey on my back past few games kind of thinking about it. When I hit it, I personally didn't think it was going to go out. It was high, and it got up in the air and blew out. I was happy."

Martin noted that Jeremy Gonzales was fatigued prior to the game but pitched his last start for the Renegades.

"He had a sore hamstring today and still went out there and did pretty good. He's very consistent. We're going to miss him out here."

Gonzales threw six innings against Citrus, struck out three and gave up only one run on four hits.

Gonzales said about his last outing against Citrus, "I feel pretty good. I calmed down a little bit, started to throw more strikes, started to find the zone. It was my last start, so I was a little hopped up."

The BC sophomore reflected about his time at BC.

"I'm glad I came here. It's probably the best thing I did. Coach Panton did a good job. [I] learned a lot."

Gonzales is in talks with UC Santa Barbara and other schools to transfer to and pitch for.

BC first baseman Art Charles went 3-for-6 with a two-run home run, two RBIs and was walked three times. BC had a total of 22 hits and zero errors.

Panton was happy with the game as he said, "We had 22 hits, and we didn't let them breathe. You don't give an opponent much opportunity to get back into a game. I thought our hitters did a great job, up and down the line-up. There were a lot of guys that contributed to the offense."

Panton added about defeating playoff-bound Citrus, "You don't look at opponents. We just look at how we perform. I think our players should be happy or proud ... at one point in the season in the season it didn't look like we were going to get off the mat. If you win five out of your last six games, regardless of opponent or who it is, you [have] played well."

BC defeated Citrus 12-1 on March 28. BC designated hitter Jarret Martin went 2-for-5 with two RBIs but also struck out twice in the sixth and seventh innings.

Joe Ramirez had four RBIs, and Joey Walker pinch-hit for Sam Westendorf and had a RBI-double. Greg Fowler went 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

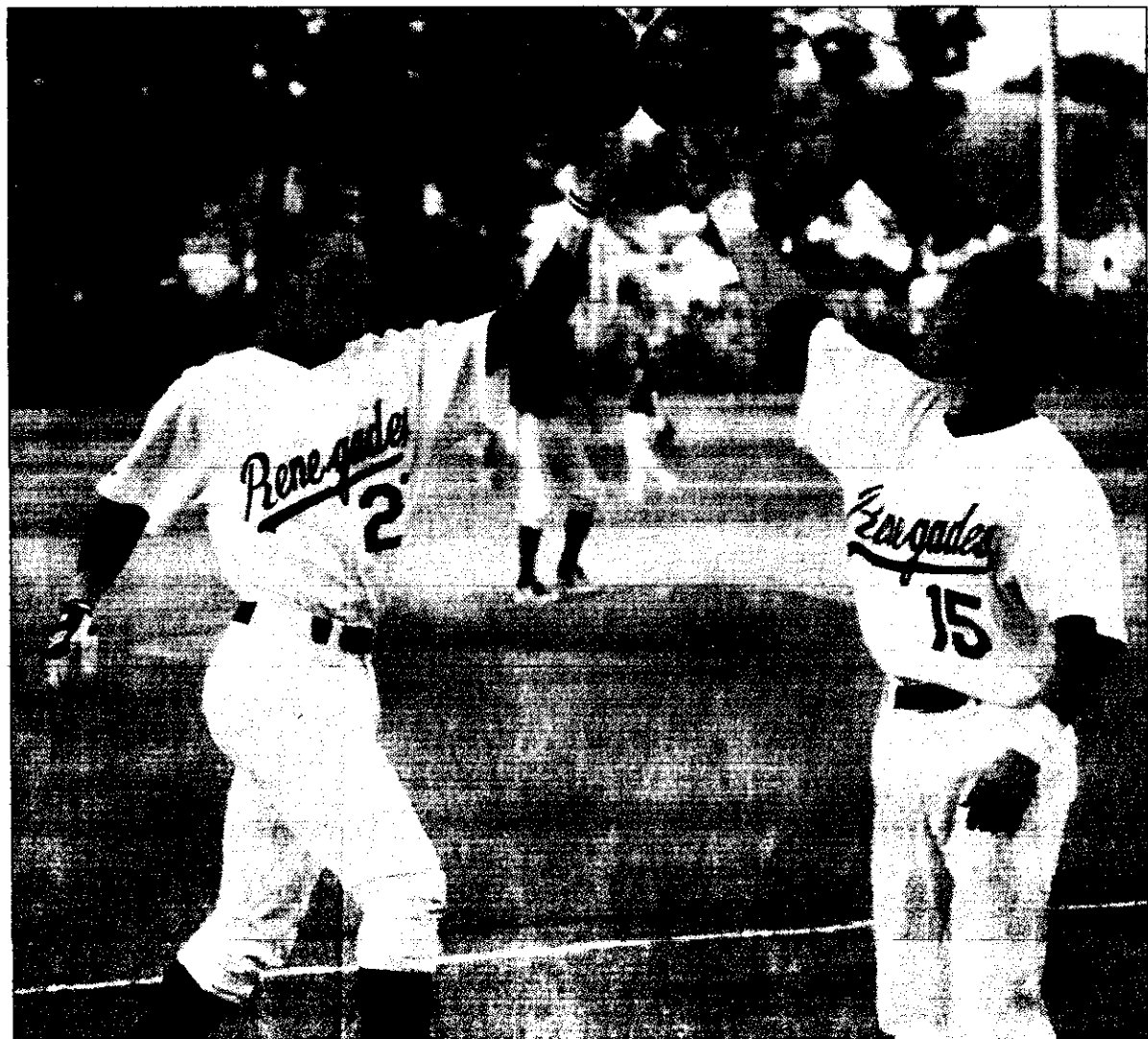
Panton added about how the game showed BC's true offensive colors. "I feel like we're playing the way I thought we would play all year," said Panton.

"What the last couple weeks has really shown me is what this team is capable of doing. There are a lot of people returning, so hopefully they look at it the same way, and it's something to build on," added Panton.

When asked about the season, Panton responded when the team faced a tougher season since he took the head position 13 years ago.

"Never. This is the first time we've been through anything like this. You take from the season the positives that you can from it and try and build on it. We finished playing well toward the end of the season and try and take those things and build on those things and get to next year," said Panton.

The last time BC had a defeated season was in 1987 when the Renegades finished with a record of 5-31.



BC designated hitter Jarret Martin (left) celebrates with teammate and catcher A.J. Day after hitting his sixth home run of the season at BC against L.A. Pierce College on April 4.

Panton talked about BC players entering the Major League Baseball draft in June.

"My best guess is [Jarret] Martin will be drafted somewhere and [Marcos] Reyna will be drafted somewhere. I'm willing to bet that those two guys are drafted."

Martin said about his decision between the MLB draft or returning to BC, "I don't know. We'll see how it goes. I'd love to come back here and play for BC, but you never know what happens in the draft."

Martin added about his baseball offers and BC baseball.

"I had a scholarship at [Cal State] Fullerton last year out of high school, but I decided that going to BC was the best choice for me. To work with Coach Panton and the great program here I've always watched. I wanted to be here. It's been a great experience. I've really gained a lot of confidence and grew up here. Coach Panton definitely helped me a lot. We'll see how it goes next year."

Martin was originally drafted as a pitcher by the Baltimore Orioles in the 2008 MLB draft in the nineteenth round but did not sign with the organization.

BC defeated L.A. Valley April 25, 8-5 and April 23, 13-4.

Martin hit two home runs in the April 23 game, which were his ninth and tenth on the season.

Martin said about the home runs. "The first one was nice. In the first inning to get something started is a good start for us. The second one, I had a guy on third base and the infield came in, and all I was trying to do was just get a fly ball for a sac (fly), and I hit it a little bit off the hands, and the wind kept going over and it worked out for us."

Martin added about Day's future progression to play again.

"He's got to go through rehab and try to get some range of motion. That's the first part of the deal: to rehab. We'll just have to see how long it takes to get him back to where he can throw baseball."

The Renegades' season ending record is 12-29 and 7-14 in the WSC.

College of the Canyons 4-0. BC's Greg Sanders pitched eight innings and struck out five, but BC.

Panton was pleased with the MRI results from BC catcher A.J. Day's injury against West L.A. April 16 and was sympathetic for the BC sophomore catcher as he updated his injury.

"We got the results on the MRI, and there's nothing torn, so that's a positive thing. It's unfortunate that as a sophomore, he ended up missing the last games."

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Finishing on a high note

■ BC softball finishes season with a 7-6 win over Glendale in final game and awaits new stadium in fall.

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The Bakersfield College softball team ended the season on a high note with a win.

The Renegades beat Glendale 7-6 with eight hits in a come from behind victory.

Myranda Sawyer pitched two innings and had two strikeouts allowing two hits and six runs. Joni Lagerstrom got the win striking out one and only giving up five hits.

The Renegades got three runs in the first inning. They were behind 6-3, and in the fourth they added one and in the seventh added three more for the win.

With all that was going on with the construction of the softball field, the Renegades had a productive season playing their home games at Dave Frye Field.

The Renegades did not make it to the post-season like they had done in previous seasons. With a young team this season, they will have a lot of improving to do for next season.

"I do think that there is a reason for everything," BC head coach Sandi Taylor said. "I just hope that we have learned how to better handle adversity and work harder when times are tough."

The overall team ended up with 41 games played, a .263 average, 286 hits and 154 runs. The overall pitcher's standings are as follows: Lagerstrom 2.2 had an ERA of 2.82, Sawyer 5.10 had an ERA of 3.40, Hanna Grisham 3.8 had an ERA of 3.12, and Liz Chabolla 3.8 had an ERA of 5.02.

"Seasons like this remind us of the importance of humility and make you appreciate the good years even more," Taylor said.

The Renegades' season ending record is 12-29 and 7-14 in the WSC.

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