New student government to take office

By Katherine J. White
Contributing editor

Many contests of the Bakersfield College main campus either are or will be experiencing new class elections, new positions and new faces.

Not the least of which, according to Kern Community College District Project Manager Daniel Reed, will be a photovoltaic system built into a carport and located at BC's northeast parking lot near the FACE Building.

On this carport, according to Reed, BC's manager for maintenance and operations, will be photovoltaic cells below the sun, capturing the sun's rays. Power is generated through these captured rays. This desire will compensate for approximately 2,200,000 kilowatt hours of BC's math campus electrical use. Construction will begin May 6 or June and conclude around Aug. or Oct. 2010, Reed said. According to Gary Reed, BC's director of facilities, the installation was made to put the system into a parking area.

"It's good that BC is trying to save energy," said Daniel Munoz, 19, BC journalism major.

"It's a device for air conditioning through stilling and storing water," according to Gary Reed, cold water is what mass air conditioning on campus can do. This system will connect to other BC campus offices and the outside of the student center.

The cost for this installation, according to Daniel Reed, was approximately $600. Reed also mentioned that ADA accessibility was recently boosted by the addition of an automatic door push button on the outside of the student center.

"We'd like to continue our work with the student center," said Reed.

Baseball team starts streak

Above: Bakersfield College pitcher Bryan Maxwell delivers a pitch during a game against Saddleback College at BC on Apr. 2.

Left: Bakersfield College outfielder Greg Osteen attempts to beat a play at third base against Los Angeles Valley College at BC on Mar. 25.

For more baseball, please see page 18.

Photos by Gregory D. Cook

Campus under construction

By Lauren Lecia
Reporter

Bakersfield College's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program sponsored a lecture from Discovery Channel masturb engineer Deanne Bell on Mar. 23 in the Fireside Room.

The event had an audience of more than 20 and many students were interested in knowing how Bell had come so far in her life. Angela Mass, 19, said she was excited to know more about her.

"She seems very interesting, and she has come on TV and on TV and that is always exciting, even talking someone from TV in person," Mass said.

"I always know she will be on TV," Mass said.

Bell earned her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis. In 2002, she was an approach mechanical design engineer for the aerospace industry, she designed the Delta III (formerly Eastern Star) integrated system and a LADAR optical navigation system with Raytheon. She hosted PBS' "Design Squad" before becoming a science teacher on Discovery's "Smash Lab." She presented her life journey of becoming an engineer through a PowerPoint to the audience.

"I was born to be a nerd," she said.

"I decided I wanted to do engineering," she said.

"I had and have these passions, some wholly ideas sometimes, what makes me different," she said.

Once she was out of college and in the working industry, she had the opportunity to build and see things she had never seen in the classroom.

"In college you learn the theory of what you're studying and when you go to the working world, it's a different atmosphere, a better one because you get to actually work hands on with what you love, even if that means you have to try and try again until it works," Bell said.

Bell gave examples of seven friends of hers who have been working in engineering but took their passion into work, doing robotic furniture. For example, they all do different jobs, they all do different things that is in demand, and they have fun while doing it," she said.

"I had taught in a junior high school and was BELL, Page 5
Spring fling brings many festivities

Students from Emily Maddigan’s sculpture class decorate a papier-mâché bird near the fine arts building March 23.

Bakersfield College student Louise Vigil competes in a pie-eating contest during Spring Fling in the BC Free Speech Area on March 23.

Left: From left, Ronnie Skiles, Saydi Cramps and Jeanette Stoller battle in a game of tug-of-war in the Free Speech Area of Bakersfield College during Spring Fling on March 24. Participants received a $10 BC bookstore voucher upon completion.

Right: Student Government Association Senator Shawn Newsom takes a swing for the Bakersfield College SGA in a softball game against faculty March 25. The faculty won the game 13-3.

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By Mateo M. Melero
Reporter

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“Overall, I think Spring Fling went really well,” said Berbera Rice, SGA activities liaison. “We have gotten some feedback from the students. Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves.

On Tuesday, a cake walk was made available to the students. Shopping to participate between classes, students like Olivia Westley walked the circle as a ticket to win a cake. Legislative Liaison Kristen Mercer and Vice President Chris Baldwin awarded winners of the walk with three chance of lemon, German Chocolate, coconut or carrot cake.

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Large medicated papier-mâché birds were displayed all along the campus center. An assignment from Emily Maddigan’s sculpture class, students lined the area in front of the fine arts building with their projects, attracting the children from the BC child development center.

Free food was also provided to the students. Sandwiches, hot dogs, chocolate bars, and drinks were passed out throughout the week in the campus center. Students stood in long, speedy lines as Alex Gomez, Penny Loos and Desiree Utsas of BC Food Services served the treats to eager students.

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Reel Big Fish take 'on' B. Ryder's

Barbecue connoisseurs train at Crystal Palace

By Matea M. Molders Reporter

Inside the vintage setting of Buck Owens’ Crystal Palace on March 25, barbecue connoisseurs, including the judging arm of the Kansas City Barbeque Society, held a competition for the upcoming Imperial BBQ Bash. Organized by Bakersfield’s Biggest Baddest BBQ contest, the event featured a variety of teams vying for the top honors of the competition. The competition included a diverse range of competitors, from backyard grills to professional pits. The event also featured live music and food samples, making it a fun-filled day for all.

Reel Big Fish vocalist Jaret Reddix and drummer Chris W加上uum lead vocalist Cassadee Pope perform on stage.

Florida band values crowds at The Dome

By Vinous Prasad Special to The Regent

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Basketball a new challenge for deaf at BC

By Laura Liese

Bakerfield College American Sign Language (ASL) instructor Randy Alqudah, 49, predicts, "I prefer to watch it at the theater instead of a bar." The former 1980 El Camino College graduate, who is married and has two children, is a self-proclaimed "hookah junkie." "I'm an old vintage touch. It's like coming back," said Alqudah. "Along with our over authentically American business," said Alqudah. "Elxir Cafe is now located on U1e corner of Edwards Drive and Mir." Despite the fact that he is a student himself, Alqudah likes to watch the fights at the Elks Lodge. "I'm currently advertising on the local radio stations. My life's work is to raise money for the deaf community," said Alqudah.

By Ryan George

The Bakerfield Breakfast Lions Club presented their fourth annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at the Elks Lodge to raise money for multiple charities. "The Elks has purchased up to 600 980s grapples, which assist people with special needs," said Randy Alqudah, the operations supervisor of Raymond's Trophy's and Awards and member of the Lions in Elms. With around 100 Lion members and card players in attendance, the classic bar at the Elks Lodge quickly transformed into a small casino. Finishes with card tables, poker chips and dealers set to the cards by 6:30 p.m.; for the tournament cost $100 each, including a steak dinner and an open bar.

One of the dealers had previous experience. David Bailey spent six years working at the Gold Run Wine Can in Elms. Bakerfield was contacted on his education. "I went to Bakerfield College for the SUNY program and graduated for Faro High in 1966, and finally got my graduate (of Faro) in '94." Bailey dealt the final table, with another 9 players, including the entire Raymond family, Randy Sr., younger brother Randy Jr. and younger Joe, and other Lion members, attended, at the final table. At this time, blinds were at $5000 small and $10000 big. Raymond dominated coming into the final table with an estimated $100000 in chips. One by one all the other players fell, and Sherry Raymond beat out Minn with a long spade.

Edwards Cinema broadcasts UFC fight, locals gather to watch

By Milton M. M Keller

On March 27, Edwards Cinema hosted its first UFC Ultimate Fighting Championship. From the moment the doors opened, the eager, eager to view the UFC mixed-martial arts action, the audience was filled. The rowdy audience stomped on the floor before entering the arena.

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