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For those students used to hating near the wall of the cafeteria, a trip to Wi-Fi, your prayers have been answered, as Wi-Fi is now available within the cafeteria, the general education conference rooms and the_excutive board room.

When Dean Serabian, recently appointed as dean of enrollment services, noticed students near the cafeteria wall and the Executive Board Room, he decided to offer Wi-Fi coverage to the cafeteria and executive board room. He was also the person responsible for the implementation of the Wi-Fi. SGA voted on the proposal 15-0.

By Keith Kaczmarek

Ged test no longer given on bc campus

General Education Development testing was discontinued from Bakersfield College during the last year, according to the Assessment Center, effective Dec. 31, 2010.

Citing budget concerns, Director of Community Relations Amber Chiang, said “the [GED] test is not accessible in other places in town” and mentioned that the test was no longer necessary because BC would offer the exit exam to a ged test score.

"We were told by the Chancellor’s office that the ged test no longer serves a purpose and that other tests are much more accessible to those seeking to enter college," said Amber Chiang, director of community relations.

Recent community college scholarship trends "are benefiting BC, and in turn, BC is benefiting the community," she said.

Cash Brown and Marley Ramirez share a moment together in the Bakersfield College Campus Center.

Animel Martinez has some simple advice, “When it’s coming up, you better be ready, forget and just be a Valentine.”

While some students are caught up in the pressure and the hype of the holiday, others choose to lay low and go about everyday affairs.

"I can’t deal with Valentine’s Day that are less than enthusiastic," she said. "I am an enthusiast. They question the whole thing, but tonight I’ll be going Bon-Bon’s and watching Days of Our Lives.”

By James Timothy

Students express meaning of holiday

The overall focus for Valentine’s Day is generally accepted to be about love and a little special, but for students at Bakersfield College, the meaning of the holiday tends to be diverse.

While some students are intent on keeping the chocolate away from their significant others and sometimes you need the chocolate, but this year I’ll be working.” Stating her intentions.

The event stems from an annual tradition held by the Bernard Osher Foundation. A commitment was also made to donate an additional $25 million to California’s community colleges, if the colleges obtained their share of the match within five years.

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The funds are historical. "I’m very excited about it,” said Professor Mike Stepanovich, director of community relations.

"I was a one-time deal, “he said. "It’s a big chunk of money for that. He added, "They were going to end in the campus center, but they can get the $1000 scholarships and sometimes you need the chocolate, but tonight I’ll be going Bon-Bon’s and watching Days of Our Lives.”

By Megan Luecke

Hands Across California coming to Bakersfield

In hopes of securing a $100 million scholarship endowment for California’s community colleges, Bakersfield College, along with other community colleges across the state, will literally hand out April 17 for the Five-over Hands Across California.

Intended as a fundraiser for community college scholarships, the event is estimated to consist of 1.5 million people and around 510 miles from San Diego to Sacramento and back down the coast, in a hand held connection linking California’s Community Colleges.

Each community college was asked to submit a proposal with a specific amount for the endowment to be granted on their enrollment size. According to a la, 21, 21, 11, 10 colleges the state have met their target goal, with BC’s amount at $597,922, which is second to the event.

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Hands Across California will attempt to close that gap and obtain those remaining funds.

Opening much like a walkathon, the fundraiser will rely on volunteers who will serve as student lobbyists for their involvement. The idea is, each one of those people is going to get to a pledge," said BC Foundation Director Mike Stepanovic, "If everyone of those people got $20 in pledges, we’d come close to our goal.

Donations from businesses and corporations will also be relied on to help obtain the amount.

"The annual earnings from the event, as well as the money raised in the past three years will serve to provide a match in acquiring additional scholarship funds for community college students.

"The fact of the matter is, that we are going to have 96 of these $100 scholarships, and however many more we raise for the rest of forever,” said Katrina Oltonro, legislative liaison for BC Student Government Association.

Every year we are always going to have these scholarships that we can give out to our students, so we move the more money we can give out to our students,” said Oltonro.

As far as the logistics go for the event, they remain in the planning stages, but it is anticipated that the line will travel through California State Route 58 and then down 99, but that is subject to change, officials said.

"I’m very excited about it,” said Director Mike Stepanovic, "It’s going to be historical.”
Product recalls leave buyers rather hazy

By Brian N. Willhite /Contributor

The issue of what constitutes present space and protection rates in degrees by many students who attend Bakersfield College. Some stay quiet in their own little worlds, purchasing every movie, Magazine, or book that interests them, without an ability to understand or objections and embarrassments of those around them, displaying an apparent attitude that he has no sympathy or acceptance. I don’t profess to know that the perfect way students should conduct themselves in a BC, but I’m pretty sure that one can appreciate individuals that have music through a cell phone so they walk through cars, in attempting conversations and in drill.”

When the service guy returns, he says there is a problem and he is unable to find the receipt of my purchase on their computer system and suggested that I get a copy from Best Buy and bring it back. So I did just that.

Upon returning with my bank statement, another service guy says they still can’t find my purchase in their records and my bank statement does not include what item was actually purchased.

At this point, not only did I begin questioning myself, I also started becoming suspicious about why they could find the item in computer records but not on my receipt. I figured I would do some research when I found out our computer was recorded by the manufacturer. The recalled computer would be sold at Best Buy between the months of January through May of 2009. It was March 8th, a Monday when I was in the store. I’m wondering why the service guy failed to inform me that my computer was a recalled item after asking for it on a Sony Vaio.

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For those of you who are still thinking about making an expensive purchase, I strongly suggest the next time you go to Best Buy or any other store, make sure you look at the warranty and return policies. If they are not provided in your purchase, choose not to make that purchase.

Low cell phone annoying to some

By Karen G. Ward /Staff Reporter

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