Veterans Center opens its doors on BC campus

By Keith Kaczmarek

Bakersfield College unveiled its new Veterans Center in the Campus Center on Sept. 17. Speakers for the event included BC President Martha Keown, BC Veteran Club president Bonnie Wilson, and representatives of local politicians such as California State Assembly Member Ricardo F. Don Miguel, Congressman Kevin McCarthy, and Senator Joan Huffman. Also speaking was Cpt. David S. Shaw from the California National Guard.

After the speeches, coffee and doughnuts were handed out to the crowd, and veterans were invited to place pins on a map of the world to show where in the world they served. The room was bright and inviting, with plenty of past and present photographs from the veterans, and a tour of the center was given to the BC veteran community.

The room was staffed by veteran volunteers who were stationed at various stations throughout the room, and a Collegetown center for veteran issues, with Epstein and Butterworth, was also present in the Collegetown center.

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Students and tutors interact in the Tutoring Center located in the Student Services Building Sept. 15.

Tutoring Center scale back due to budget

By America Garza

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‘Faust’ brings storybook feel

By Chrystal Forrester

Faust gave his soul to the devil.

Goethe’s ‘Faust’ is an old German legend that has many different versions from the story. This particular play is scary but humorous and can touch many messages of morality, religion, and mythology.

The play was focused on Dr. Johann Georg Faust, who was a learned scholar who was unsatisfied with all his knowledge and wanted more happiness and worldly pleasures.

Faust was so involved that he wanted to kill himself with poison, but he has some sort of spiritual connection that stops him in the moment of killing himself. Mephistopheles is a character that represented himself.

Mephistopheles becomes one of the main characters as he makes a deal to give Faust his happiness.

The deal was Mephistopheles would give Faust happiness if Faust gave his soul to the devil and in return, Mephistopheles would give him happiness.

Faust was debating whether to take the deal or not, but he ended up with his soul to the devil because he thinks he can achieve happiness through the devil.

When Mephistopheles comes in and proposes to be (Faust’s) servant, he said, "I want you to believe that you will actually gain more from this." So, Faust takes the deal and is one of the characters.

"The really ironic thing is, even with the devil’s help, the devil always kind of sort of gives him what he wants, but it also ends up failing in the end. He is a very tragic character in that way," he said.

Mephistopheles was able to give Faust happiness through the few of cheerful, humorous, and sarcastic Gretchen.

"Gretchen is a young woman who is expanded in the perfect fairy and in society, struggles with temptations just like all of us," said Jessica Bale, who portrayed Gretchen.

Despite the deal through a great deal of trouble to tempt Faust, he still took the deal, and Gretchen was so upset about it that she went back and told him that he doesn’t belong to her anymore. Once Gretchen and Faust came back together, they went through many tragedies.

Despite all the tragedy throughout the play, there were many humorous parts especially because of the violence and humor that Mephistopheles has.

The beginning of the story was humorous until the story would turn out humorously.

But as the story developed, there was a strong change in the mood with a lot of tragedy especially in part two of the play where it became serious and sinister.

The uniqueness of the play is not only in the variety of the story, but also the tonal transition was also in the spiritual characters were shown in the play.

I chose to have the spiritual characters in the style of German expressionism, which is that really tense, expressive faces and putting themselves in very strange positions," said Cody Ginger, one of the directors of the play.

Above: Members of the cast of “Faust” pose before their opening-night performance at The Empty Space on Sept. 29.

Features Editor

Goethe’s ‘Faust’ has free admission for BC students and will be playing at 8 p.m. on Oct. 5, 6, 7, and 8 at The Empty Space.

Native Americans get new representation on BC campus with club

By Martin Chang

When Matthew Garrett, a history professor at Bakersfield College, started teaching at BC, he found a “mystery outsole” that there was a Native American Cultural Awareness Club at BC, as he named it.

Garrett descripts the club’s social group, an advocate group. It helps create awareness for people that don’t think about American Indians.

This club was started in the spring of 2011 by Richard Langdeaux Jr., a Lakota Native American and the president of NACAC.

Despite being a new club, Langdeaux believes that the club has already accomplished its goal of sharing cultures.

He said, “People are getting the idea of the general education about where each person comes from, and how each of us are part of history."

April Martinez, another member of NACAC, also feels that there is a sharing of ideas. She said, “We learn of each other, from different perspectives.”

“Our president teaches us a lot about the Lakota traditions and culture and beingApaches. I like him teach things that (he was not aware of)," she said.

“We are all just learning off of each other. It is all an exchange of information and traditions.”

Before every NACAC meeting, the members participate in creating a Native American tradition.

The club also describes smudging as a ‘cleansing’.

“Smudging is the purification of some our herbs, way to the most common. There are other plants that we use. It’s meant to cleanse the air of negative energy, of negative feelings. People often notice, they smell the sage. It is important to Langdeaux for the meetings to have a positive atmosphere.

He said, “We do not want to have meetings that are before the meeting. We do things kind of.”

Everyone has a consensus when we agree on something. We really don’t like the idea of someone getting voted on.”

When it comes to voting, at least 10 percent have to agree if the other 20 percent doesn’t agree we can work something out.

Last spring, the club participated in the on campus Pow-Wow.

Langdeaux describes the Pow-Wow as an important part of the club.

He said, “In it is a learning experience of how today’s Native can operate in society, to keep both worlds, going as school, working a job, and keeping spiritual.”

Both Garrett and Langdeaux describe awareness as an important goal of the club.

“Cultural funding,” said Garrett, “Our goal is awareness for students in the club and awareness for students outside of the club.”

“Getting the activities so we can learn about Native American culture and history, you bring that knowledge to students on campus through activities.”

The group plans to visit museums and other places to learn about Native American culture.

The NACAC is planning several events, although none have been announced yet, which in November. They also have restart like a fry bread sale planned.
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By Patricia Roche

Usually a place where friends and family go to keep in touch, Facebook was now a window into the changes in its users’ lives and also a place to make the social networking interactive.

“People are still saying it’s the place where they are now,” said computer science major Aaron Acosta, 17. “I think we’re going to be more on it than ever, not just little by little,” said criminal justice major Socorro Gomez.

“A lot of people really appreciate it,” said Facebook with exercises.

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