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**BC votes no smoking**

By Kehty Kamoukow

During the Student Government Association’s meeting on March 23, 2012, there was a debate about changing the college’s smoking policy and student smoking policies. The current policy is a “no-smoking” campus – a tobacco-free campus.

“I have not smoked before, I was told and we have no designated smoking areas,” said Ryan Seub, a student and tobacco-quit volunteer coordinator for the SGA. RyanDesigner Bocks said he would be in favor of smoking in the designated smoking areas that are in the new campus will have.

“My opinion is that there should be no smoking allowed on campus,” said Student Government President Gregory Thomas. “I have a hard time understanding how anyone can smoke while being around others and not put themselves at risk.”

The SGA passed a motion to change the policy to a tobacco-free campus.

**GENA: Peterson wants to push students’ best interest first**

By Marissa Smitter

Located in the Bakersfield College High School, and worked in the counseling department, with the financial aid and the student services office, he is known for helping students in need.

“Originally, I was just going to be here for a semester just to keep busy, keep my mind off of what I was looking forward to,” he said. “But that just wasn’t working out, so I just kept going.”

His interest in becoming the SGA president began with helping students. After finishing his first year, he decided to run for a semester. It then became a dream that has pleased BC for seven years.

This year, his dream, or rather, his goal, has been achieved.

**BC bookstore embracing change**

By Brenna Fields

The Bakersfield College bookstore is hosting a Spring schedule packed with new social networking trends by providing everything from products, sales and giveaways via Facebook.

A number of changes have been made to the bookstore since the start of the year. New items have been placed on the shelves, and old products have been shipped out.

The electronic device also contains a Facebook page which allows its consumers to express their opinion.

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**Candidate's faith affects decisions**

By Keith Rasconer

Religion needs to be a part of politics for the simple reason that what people believe affects how they vote. The question is whether a candidate is going to be anathema about religious issues.

For example, Republican voters are privately predicted to know that Rick Santorum wants a government that will return a majority of America's workers into the church and consider the state a black market for pornography with all the negative consequences that go with that.

That's a lot of information to know when picking a candidate, but as Santorum points out, it leads people to believe that despite everything else, if you vote for a Catholic, religion is such a great comfort for people in the middle of life
time.

It is something to hold onto when there is an overwhelming amount of ideological positions as often as possible, and the public needs to know exactly what it is affecting in the campaign.

The list of terrible government proposals inspired by the fundamentalist allure that threatens to overwhelm the merely creates more woes by passing the money on or the people to the point of abandoning marriage that government money is spent wisely.

Money will be wasted on these tiny细节在 the column, and the public needs to know what it is getting into when it picks a deeply religious candidate. It's not always worse.

For example, knowing that a candidate believes in the Catholic Church can be a plus; it would only be a positive in my book. It's when a candidate takes the position on both that you run into trouble, according to Gaccione, liminal. And 98 percent of Catholic Americans whom the C
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acquaintances between the calcium, and I think they think it is only a to help with the problem.

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Atlantis Project provides abroad program

By Angie Delgado

The Atlantis Project is a great opportunity for students because it allows students to study abroad and explore many different cultures. "It’s a great opportunity for students to travel, learn about different cultures, and it’s something that they have good knowledge of other cultures," said Steve Collins, the executive director of the BC Foundation.

"Stepanovich said that these funds are to provide scholarships for those who major in creative writing, humanities, and Native American studies. "It’s a huge opportunity that will benefit the students," said Collins."

The Levan Center in Levan introduced Levan to BC, where he attended University of Southern California. "Levan was a true intellectual, poet, and a philanthropist," said Collins. "He was very strong in his vision of BC’s program, and he made a huge difference in our program."

"The Levan Center is a community college that provides scholarships for students," said Collins. "Stepanovich said that these funds are to provide scholarships for students who would like to continue their studies."

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