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## President search aided by hired firm

By Patricia Rocha  
Editor in Chief

Though the search is under way for Bakersfield College's new president, the position left vacant by Greg Chamberlain will not be filled until at least December.

Chamberlain resigned from office in February of this year and was replaced by interim president Robert Jensen for the following three months.

Current interim president Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg described the on-going process to fill the vacant position, which includes help from a hired firm.

"We're working with an agency," said Gomez-Heitzeberg. "That's not unusual. In fact, we've done that in the past when we've done a presidential search."

She said the firm is especially important in the search right now because there are so many presidential positions available at the community college level.

"In order to have a focused search, we do national and state advertising and we develop a brochure," she said. "Then the company we're working with, which is specific to community college administration, they also contact and do some recruitment for us, so our pool is a large pool of qualified individuals, and also a

diverse pool."

From there, she said the candidates are invited to the first level of interviews, which will take place on Sept. 5-7.

"Out of that process, finalists will be identified," she said. "Traditionally, we have had a public forum \_\_\_\_\_

held on campus that anyone can attend. "We have a process for our asking applicants questions and then they respond in the public forum."

The final steps to this process have applicants approved by the chancellor and the board, and then a final success-

ful candidate is named.

Though she could not speak about any front-runners in the search, she did speak on her role as interim president.

"I have primary responsibility for all functions of the college, so while 'interim' is in front of my name, it doesn't feel like interim," she said. "I've been here a long time so I know about our process."

"We're moving ahead on our plans for budget reductions, our plans to increase student success, and to promote our programs and accreditation," she said. "All of those things have

been moving forward.

"There hasn't been a delay in any of those things."

She hopes the new president will continue this progress, as well as make the difficult decisions that will arise in the future.

"I hope we choose wisely, and I believe that we will," she said. "I believe they'll bring a fresh pair of eyes to look at what we do so that we can make improvements."

"We need someone at the helm who has the skills that I mentioned and has the best interest of our students and our campus community at heart."

## Miller comes back after winning award

By Luis Garcia  
Reporter

Bakersfield College student Dom Miller has returned home from the Drum Corps International World Class Championships as percussionist rookie of the year.

In late 2011, Miller auditioned and was chosen to play drum set and percussion in the front ensemble for the Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps, a competitive musical organization based out of Ohio.

Bakersfield motorists might have spotted Miller earlier this year playing his drum kit and singing over roaring engines



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Dom Miller plays a funky groove to fans in attendance at the BC football game on Sept. 1.

at various intersections around town in hopes of raising the \$2,500 touring fee cost. Through fundraising and two drum line teaching jobs at East and, his alma mater, West High School, Miller exceeded his goal and accumulated over \$4,000.

Since then he has completed

a three-month national summer tour of 13-hour practice days and grueling competitions. The Bluecoats contended at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis earlier this month showcasing their best 12-minute musical performance.

For the competitor portion of

the show, Miller said the season went well. The Bluecoats placed in the bottom of the top six and finished second in the percussion section. For Miller, it was a bittersweet end to the summer, as he believes they should have won first place.

Miller's multi-percussionist

playing caught the eye of the judges and earned him the coveted rookie of the year award, a title he was surprised and excited to receive.

"In drum corps, the percussion player doesn't get too much credit," he said. "Hearing the percussionist's role was a great experience." Please see **MILLER**, Page 4

## ACDV program to cut sections

By Merritt Holloway  
Reporter

The Academic Development Department is redesigning its curriculum with new and innovative ways to serve the almost 2,000 students scheduled to be displaced from the loss of the department's three lowest level courses in math, writing and reading, according to department chair Dr. Kimberly Van Horne.

The administration's decision to cut the sections will save several hundred thousand dollars but Van Horne feels these cuts are being taken too close to the students.

"We feel strongly that these courses are still needed and are fighting continuously to make sure that the students are still served, and that the cuts do not affect the students to the degree that this is happening right now."

Academic Development courses are critical to many Bakersfield College students' academic success.

"About 75 percent of students that enroll, who either return or are just out of high school, are in need of at least one or more remedial course," she said.

"What's going to happen is that if they can't get a course in ACDV, they're going to find themselves out there in courses that they're even less prepared for then they already are. It's just critical that we completely make a decision across campus that we're going to support these student and not just let them fail."

"Students are assigned to the Academic Development program through placement exams, but some students skip the exams and take courses they're not prepared for academically to be really

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## Protesters against circus at Rabobank

By Luis Garcia  
Reporter

Thousands of patrons attended the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus show, "Dragons," for its four-day show residence at the Rabobank Arena in downtown Bakersfield, but not everyone considered it to be the greatest show on earth.

Equipped with signs, some with graphic photos of alleged animal abuse, activists from the Bakersfield Alliance for Animals protested one hour before each show outside of the Rabobank Arena and urged circus goers to take their money elsewhere.

The group has long opposed Ringling's use of animals in its shows, disputing that both the training methods used by the circus and the manner wherein animals are housed and transported between shows amount to cruelty.

"Animals in traveling circuses

are forced to endure severe confinement, physical and social deprivation, long arduous journeys, brutal training and control methods, physical violence and mental suffering," said Stacey Augustson, BAA group affiliate.

She adds that the animals' needs are not taken into consideration.

"Tigers and lions are in cages that are so small that their only requirement is that they have to be able to stand up and turn around. The circus has also been cited for forcing ailing arthritic elephants to perform."

Last year, Feld Entertainment, which owns the circus, agreed to pay a \$275,000 fine to settle allegations that it violated federal animal-welfare laws in its handling of elephants, tigers, zebras and other exotic animals.

Two videographers were on sight documenting the demonstration. They said they were contracted by \_\_\_\_\_

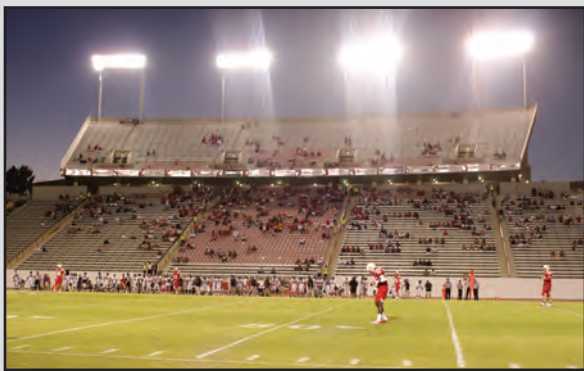
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Animal activist Stacey Augustson spoke with families in hopes of turning them away from attending the circus.

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## Plans still intact for BC's 100-year celebration

By Nashay Matthews  
Reporter

As the 100th birthday of Bakersfield College approaches, faculty members, community members and BC alumni are hard at work planning the celebration.

The BC Centennial celebration will start with a kick-off party in August of 2013 followed by scheduled events for each month of the school year until spring of 2014. Amber Chiang, who is the chair of the Bakersfield College Centennial Celebration Committee, said that she and the com-

mittee have been planning these events for over a year.

"Some of the events are pre-existing but will take on a Centennial theme," said Chiang.

"The rest of the events are especially planned for the celebration."

Some of these events include a Centennial Ball, a BC Alumni flag football game, the creation of a signature centennial rose, an opening event of the newly remodeled outdoor theater, the unveiling of a replacement Renegade Mosaic, which is being designed by the BC art department, and the 100 stars project that will

recognize 100 BC Alumni.

"My favorite among everything we are working on is the Centennial Book," said Chiang. "It's sort of like a yearbook of the past 100 years at BC and due to the nature of my job, I love to read history and see pictures of BC history, which is very vast and deep."

With budget cuts pressing down on BC, donations and fundraising will provide all of the funding necessary for the celebration.

"We can't put the school budget toward this," said Chiang. "We just can't use school and

state funds for parties, which is why we are having fundraising activities."

Fundraisers they have had in the past include having a table at the Annual BC Garden Fest, and a future fundraiser being planned is a golf tournament that will take place in the spring of 2013.

"Golf tournaments are the hardest fundraisers to plan but they make a lot of money, so we are hoping to have a good amount of seed money of funds when the celebratory year starts," said Chiang.

"Funding for the rest of the year will just take care of itself."



## Column Fashion is more than spending money

**WORTHWHILE STYLE** | The Rip's editor in chief and resident shoe addict discusses the lost art of dressing for your own style.

It's a sad fact that the fashion world often gets a bad rap.

Any culture that defends spending hundreds of dollars on a single pair of sunglasses, or thousands on a single dress, is no doubt going to be called materialistic and shallow.

Just the connotation of the word "fashion" brings to mind spoiled celebrities and over-paid super models.

What most people don't see is the artistic side, the creativity that comes with creating and wearing clothes.

A lot of people view getting dressed as a social obligation; wearing clothes is just something you do so you don't get arrested for public indecency.

To me, though, clothing is an art form. Just as an artist takes the passion inside him and channels it into a canvas, a designer does so with fabric and notions.

The greatest thing about this is that these pieces of art don't just hang on walls, they live our lives with us.

A first-date outfit, the tuxedo for the prom, a girl's first pair of high heels, a wedding dress.

I've known people who sneer at such a viewpoint, and yet still find it impossible not to cherish their child's first onesie.

Because this art plays such an important role in our everyday lives, it often saddens me when people don't embrace it.

They buy what they think will impress others, or help them to fit in, when the best clothes are actually meant to help them stand out and define themselves.

The most influential clothing designers in the world never created a collection striving for mediocrity and acceptance, so why should that be the way society views getting dressed?

There are so many endless possibilities already out there, and with your own personal spin on it, your wardrobe can be your outlet too.

Katherine Hepburn once said, "If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun."

I am a huge believer in breaking some rules to get the look you want to achieve.

There's no such thing as having to match your shoes to your bag or belt.

Red and purple can look great together.

You can wear white any day of the year, granted you're not going to someone else's wedding.

I don't think anyone should take pieces of clothing at face value either.

If you love the bottom of a dress but hate the top, cut the top off. If you love a shirt but hate the buttons, replace them.

If you love everything about a certain top but hate the color, then dye it.

Besides not wearing tights as pants, there really are no rules you have to follow.

You have control over the clothes you wear, not the mall or outlet store you bought it from.

If you want to be an active participant in how you portray yourself non-verbally to the world around you, you should at least be having a little fun while doing it.

Yes, the fashion world has been called materialistic and shallow, but every day it gives us a chance to decorate the blank canvas we've been given. Take advantage.

Get out of the mind set that you can make a fashion mistake. The only real mistake is not wearing what you love when you have the chance.



Patricia Rocha

## Car show brings families out to Kern Fairgrounds

By Martin Chang  
Opinions and Features editor

At the Carnales Unidos car show, families gathered to have fun and admire the cars on display. With 200-250 cars on display, varying from trucks and low riders to classic Bel Airs, there were many cars of all shades of color for these families to see. For the organizers and participants, there was a feeling of community at the show.

Every year the Carnales Unidos car club puts on a show. This year it was at the Kern County Fairgrounds. Every year the club helps to raise money for a charity organization, and this year they picked the Sheriff's Activities League.

According to Harvey Reyes, the president of the Carnales Unidos club, the goal of the club is to bring neighborhoods together.

"I'm from Bakersfield, I've lived all my life here," he said. "We wanted to give back to the community. We're committed to the neighborhoods."

For Javier Gonzalez, a three-year student at College of the Sequoias and member of the Wicked Customz car club, showing his car was a lifelong dream of his and his dad. They have had a plan for the car as long as his dad has had it.

"My dad's had that car for 24 years," Gonzales said. "He always envisioned having the trunk flipped suicide (trunk turned upside down) with the Virgin Mary showing out in the desert. He always liked to have that in his car."

Gonzalez is happy about where his work-in-progress car has turned out.

"It feels good," he said. "It's not 100% there, it's about 50% there, which is where my dad wants it, but I still want more than he wants."

"I feel proud because he gave me the responsibility."

The Alanis family went to the event and had two of their children competing in the show. Yodhin, 7, competed with his



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Javier Gonzalez, a third year student at College of the Sequoias, shows off his custom paint job of the Virgin Mary in the desert on his 1976 Chevrolet Caprice at the Carnales Unidos car show Aug. 26 at the Kern County Fairgrounds.

blue mini-bike and Trinidae, 8, competed with a green tri-cycle. Monica Alanis, their mother, said that she wanted her children to be able to compete in the show. She also wanted Yodhin and Trinidae to have different vehicles so they wouldn't compete.

Monica described getting ready for the show as a family effort.

"The night before, my sons washed their bikes and got everything ready and my husband washes cars and they all did it together," she said.

Trinidae enjoys competing in the show.

"I like my bike because it's green, and I won one trophy on it," said Trinidae.

Richard Martinez, the president of car club Aztec Image, wants his 1971 Rivera to make an impression on people.

"My car's a multi-color Rivera with flakes and patterns," said Martinez. "That's how I like it. If you see it, you're going to remember it."

"You can go to a car and go 'oh, that's nice.' I don't want nice. I had a car with a lot of gold, and this guy says 'that's ugly, why'd you do all that?' I'm getting the expression I want."

"You've been staring at my car for 20 minutes you don't like it, but you can't help but look at it."

Other than showing off his car, Martinez enjoyed the company of people at the car show.

"I enjoy the people looking at my car," he said. "I enjoy the people taking pictures of my car. When I was little, I envied them, and now I finally have it. So now, I want to give it back to them."



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Seven-year-old Yodhin Alanis spruces up his blue mini-bicycle for the Carnales Unidos car show at the Kern County Fairgrounds on Aug. 26. He and his brother Trinidae compete in car shows with help from his family.



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# Student gives first-person account of pageants

By **Nashay Matthews**  
Reporter

For the past 10 months I have devoted myself to preparing for what will be one of the most important days of my life so far, competing for the Miss California International pageant. Areas of competition are fun-fashion, interview, fitness wear, on-stage question and evening gown. The pageant will take place Sept. 8 in the Dore Theater at Cal State University of Bakersfield.

In November of 2011, I was crowned Miss Bakersfield 2012. I felt so accomplished considering that prior to the pageant I had successfully lost 30 pounds, completed my first half marathon, was excelling academically, and was just proud of the place I was at in my life. Winning Miss Bakersfield was just icing on the cake.

The past 10 months have been filled with various public appearances, mostly benefits for charities such as the Ronald McDonald

House, St. Jude's Children Research Center, the American Heart Association and countless others.

Of course, we have gotten to do other fun things as well, like being able to ride on a fire truck in the Christmas Parade and we have even gotten the honor to meet Mayor Harvey Hall on several occasions. And by we, I mean myself, Miss Teen Bakersfield Madison Swaim and Mrs. Bakersfield Joslynn Jarrett-Skelton.

Preparing for a pageant almost feels like a job because it involves so much work, including social networking, being on time for appearances, being dependable, making sure you are setting a good example for others, and on top of that, balancing your own personal life.

My balancing act includes working full time at RJ's Grill and Catering, taking 16 units at Bakersfield College, being a part of two running groups, playing soccer for the Bakersfield ACES, volunteering, working out, media internships, and of course, squeezing in spending time with friends and family.

My community service platform is The National Multiple

Sclerosis Society, and I have chosen this organization as my platform because important people in my life have been diagnosed with MS. I have been involved with the MS Society for three years and have done various things to support this platform, including my participation in the annual MS Walks, running in the L.A. Marathon under the Southern California and Nevada chapter of the MS Society, and also hosting a tennis tournament and donating the proceeds to the MS Society. This aspect of pageantry is the most important to me because I am so passionate about my platform, and pageantry gives me a voice to raise awareness, funds, and educate the public about MS.

Health and fitness play a huge role in pageants, of course. Generally I eat really healthy and work out really hard, but for the past six weeks I have been waking up at 5 a.m. so I could have the time to work out twice a day, and during this time I have not eaten bread carbohydrates, sugar, dairy, and have consumed very low sodium as well.

Another aspect that is difficult to prepare for is the personal interview portion of the pageant,

because it is 50 percent of what my overall score will be judged on. In pageant interviews, it is pertinent to maintain balance when answering a question to avoid offending the judge asking the question.

Pageantry is not all about who is the most beautiful, who is the thinnest and who has the biggest hair.

Pageantry is about being dedicated to a community service platform, applying good interpersonal communication skills, being more than comfortable with public speaking, taking good care of your body and putting others before yourself.

I have been participating in pageants my entire life, and I would never change that because pageantry has taught me so many life skills that I wouldn't have developed without pageantry.

I really hope I win Miss California considering the hard work I have devoted to it, but if I am not the lucky girl to be crowned I will gracefully and proudly congratulate the girl who is, because pageantry to me is not a competition against a group of beautiful and talented young women, it's a competition against myself.



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Nashay Matthews is the current Miss Bakersfield and is competing in the upcoming Miss California pageant.

# Padre hotel fixed up

By **Metiqua Eng**  
Reporter

The Padre Hotel has recently gone through an \$18 million renovation to not only restore the building architecturally but to instill a new modernized and contemporary look that will take the essence of a luxury hotel to the next level.

Robert Bunker, general manager of The Padre Hotel, has been very involved with the process of the renovations by making sure that everything that was remodeled, rebuilt or put in was the exact look and state of mind for the new appearance of the hotel.

"The first part of the renovation was the demolition and taking all of the asbestos out of the building," Bunker said. "Everything was gutted and redone and the shell of the building is the only thing existing that wasn't part of the renovation."

The Padre, which was built in 1928, has always been a luxury hotel but with new renovations done to the interior, as well as the building, has made the hotel more lavish than before. The hotel features a fine dining restaurant such as The Belvedere room and upscale sports bar, The Brimstone. Not only are there places to eat but there are also places to get coffee and sandwiches, which can be found in the Pharmacy Cafe.



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The Padre has undergone \$18 million in renovations. The bathrooms, hotel rooms and outside were renovated.

Mike Orozco, 22, who works in valet parking, has been employed by The Padre for over three years and has seen the changes in the old hotel compared to the new renovations.

"The rooftop lounge features karaoke nights every Thursday, and people can eat here Saturday and Sunday when we hold a brunch on the rooftop," Orozco said. "People rent our rooms out for meetings, and we hold weddings here at least once every week."

The Padre also gets regular business from their upscale dining rooms, club and rooftop gatherings. The Prospect Nightclub located on the first floor has been renovated and is a posh club with modernized interior that accommodates VIP tables, not only on the first floor, but on the second floor with a loft-style appearance.

"The finishes that were put

in the building were state of the art, and it was more restored to be a new and very contemporary look that you might find in the Hard Rock Café," Bunker explained. "It's a boutique-style hotel, so it's more of a lifestyle hotel."

Not only are the renovations inside the building of importance to Bunker, but also the renovations on the outside of the building in which the parking lot is being reconstructed and making space for newer and more efficient installments to further the progress of The Padre.

The renovations have not only affected workers and management in the building.

"Bakersfield partnered up with The Padre and gave us a loan for the renovations," Bunker said. "It has created 140 jobs and brought tax revenue to the city of Bakersfield."



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Yuri Curen, a manager at the Padre Hotel, waits to check in new guests.

# Armstrong inspired professors to learn

By **Omar Oseguera**  
Photo and Multimedia Editor

Bakersfield College professors reacted to astronaut Neil Armstrong's death, which occurred on Aug. 29. Armstrong was an American hero, being the first man to set foot on the moon and giving America the win in the 1960s space race.

The impact of Armstrong's landing is very memorable, as recognized by President Barack Obama in his statement, saying, "Neil was among the greatest heroes-not just of his time, but of all time."

Nick Strobel, BC astronomy professor and director of the William M Thomas Planetarium, elaborated on the impact that Armstrong made to astronomy and the world.

"Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and the rest of the astronaut crew showed that it is possible to solve some 'impossible' problems by devoting time and resources to the task and working together," said Strobel. Strobel was 4 years old at the time of Armstrong's landing, but he recognized that to those older than him, the landing was extremely inspirational.

"The Gemini and Apollo missions were key to sparking their life-long passion for, and careers in science or engineering," he said. This talk impacted Strobel's inspirations for going into astronomy. Strobel admired the ethics of Americans in the Apollo days.

"The U.S. had a real can-do

attitude to solving huge problems," he said. "We didn't look for someone else to help us solve our problems, we solved them ourselves." He believes that ethics has started to fade away with new generations. Randal Beeman, professor of history at BC, also reflected on Armstrong's legacy and his impact on America and the world. Beeman, 6 at the time of the moonwalk, had the opportunity to meet some of the astronauts back in Frankfort, Kan., and have his picture taken with them.

"It was a real honor," said Beeman.

The Apollo program gave the world the first sight of the Earth from outer space, contributing to the environmental movement and impacting professor Beeman's life and career. Beeman considers the space program to be, "in some respects the epitome of the Greatest Generation."

"They believed and acted like America could do anything," Beeman said. "It is hard to imagine us thinking this big and bold again as a country." Beeman also gave Armstrong high praise, saying that he will eventually be celebrated among Columbus or Magellan.

"His words, 'we came in peace for all mankind,' suggest a future world that is more unified and a world that devotes to its resources for positive causes, instead of a world dedicated, as it seems sometimes, to self-destruction," said Beeman.

# BBQ at Bakersfield College coming up with music and entertainment

By **Hannah Breeland**  
Reporter

Sports, barbecue, beer and old friends. It's that time of year.

Fall sports are starting up, and one of the ways to celebrate it is through Bakersfield College's 58th annual barbecue. The barbecue is also the major fundraiser for the BC Alumni Association.

Alumni association president Becki Whitson said she is expecting a big crowd.

"I am hoping for at least 1,000 this year in preparation for a larger turnout for next year's 100th anniversary," Whitson said.

Athletes and coaches from fall sports teams will be introduced, and the BC Cheer Team will be

BC BBQ
September 13
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\$15 for students

performing. Local band Mento Buro will provide entertainment.

The barbecue is taking place on the BC football practice football field Sept. 13 starting at 5:30 p.m. The dinner begins at 6 p.m., and the event will last until 8 p.m.

On the menu are steaks and chicken prepared by the culinary arts students under the direction of Pat Coyle and food services under the direction of Alex Gomez.

Dessert will be provided by a Ben and Jerry's booth. There will also be beer and wine for those of age. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students with ID, and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the BC Business Office, which is located in the same building as the bookstore.

Proceeds for the event benefit students.

"The majority of the money goes toward scholarships for BC students," said Whitson. "A portion of it goes to help athletics and other events on campus that benefit students, like Women's History Month, and Homecoming. It would help if the students of Bakersfield College would get involved and attend the BBQ."

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## Cafe a haven for art lovers

By Nashay Matthews  
Reporter

The nX Caffe Coffee Club and Art House, located on 2995 North Baker St., is an internet café and art house that provides computers, appreciation of various forms of art, free coffee and, according to the owner and operator Lisa Ann Lobasso, it is a no-red tape venue for artists of all genres.

nX Caffe was officially opened in February and is commonly referred to as the nX for short. According to Lobasso, she took half of her house and turned it into the club house that is operated solely by donations and volunteers and is based off of “Gathering of the Tribe,” located in New York City that is owned by Steve Cannon.

A second location in Bakersfield will be opening soon, tentatively a month or so from now at The Hub, where scheduled events have already begun to take place. The new location will be called nX Caffe at The Hub, which is located at 401 Sumner St. in Old Town Kern and is owned by Amber Beason.

“We are trying to create a true art community where everyone can come together and really enjoy art,” said Lobasso. “Plus, we have a really unique bean that we use for our coffee, so I truly think our coffee is the best in town so that makes us unique.”

The nX is the home to On the Fly Open Mic, ROFL Comedy Open Mic, and the Speakeasy Open Mic, which takes place the



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The nX Caffe is located on 2995 North Baker in Bakersfield. Its owner, Lisa Ann Lobasso, describes the cafe as “a true art community where everyone can come together and really enjoy art.”

first Thursday of each month, Djembe Drumming which takes place every Monday, and many ongoing healing arts functions including Guided Meditation, Sound Therapy, Reiki Drumming, Reiki Share, as well as other similar events and values that take place on selected days each month. A lot of other events also take place that are not necessarily regularly scheduled events such as “Jesus Died for All Spiders,” on Sept 8-9.

“We get so many different types of people here,” said Lobasso. “Different ages, styles, art interests, but everyone really gets along.”

Upcoming offerings scheduled to be added are plate-breaking anger release sessions, other open mic offerings, open house hours and open studio hours.

“If anything goes wrong here, the community comes together to fix it,” said Lobasso. “But we really need volunteers and are looking for a few good students who are interested in the arts. We are close to BC, so it would be really convenient for them.”



ANGEL VILLEGOMEZ / THE RIP

This is one of the many pieces of artwork displayed in the nX Caffe. The piece was created by artist Gita Loyd.

## Current college issues concern students

By Patricia Rocha  
Editor in Chief

With the school’s budget situation, financial aid rumors and the rising cost of attendance and parking fees, many students are feeling weary of their futures here at Bakersfield College.

Interim president Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg said these issues have been addressed to herself and student government officials, and she wishes there was a simple solution.

“Our resources will be limited and we will not be able to serve every student who comes to our door,” said Gomez-Heitzeberg.

“In the past, that has been our goal. To serve every student was the most important thing.”

The limitations in place are

due to budget concerns and uncertainties about the future.

“Now that we’re shifting to success, the challenge for us is, how can we help [students] be more successful in their classes so they’re able to reach their goals?” she said.

“I think it makes it more incumbent upon us to do a better job of communicating what the expectations are for students while they are with us.”

Another factor she believes impacts students heavily is external requirements for financial aid.

“They have to have their student [education] plan on file, the courses that they’re taking have to be on the ed plan,” she said.

She also stresses that students should understand that there are

differences between satisfactory academic progresses for financial aid than on BC’s own internal GPA assessment.

“What we saw this year is that we still had a good turn around time of 24 hours for the board of governor’s waiver, so registration fees were paid,” she said.

This fall semester also saw over a thousand book vouchers for Pell grant eligible students.

“In theory, registration fees were paid and book vouchers were paid, but I also recognize that a number of students count on their financial aid for living expenses,” she said. “I think those are the ones that have felt the greatest sense of urgency and frustration.”

She then addressed the issues many students seemed to have

with the new one-day parking pass cost.

“The student fees for parking is that established, semester length parking pass,” she said. “That is the student parking fee.”

Many students use the day parking pass that’s meant for everyone, but while students use it, it really isn’t designed for a student parking fee.

“I did the simple math,” she said. “If I were a student, and I had to come two times a week, it would be cheaper to get the parking fee.”

“Then it also occurred to me that, for some students it’s an issue of, I can get together a dollar on any given day, but to think I’m going to come up with 30 dollars is kind of mind boggling.

“So, I understand that even

though the math would make sense, to get a monthly pass, sometimes that’s harder to wrap your head around when you’re just trying to figure out week by week.”

She says there are things students can do to help relieve the stresses of college life, though it won’t be easy.

“I can’t say anything that would make them feel a lot better,” she said.

She then urged students to be more involved in what goes on around them.

“Students need to get their paperwork in on time and they need to be focused on their place right now in every class and doing the best they can and speaking up... so that [their] voice gets heard through that group.”

## CIRCUS: Protesters hope to end circus entertainment in town

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by “corporate structure” while pointing toward Rabobank Arena.

Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey representatives declined to comment.

The 20-strong group received a generous amount of supportive honks and thumbs up from passing motorists at the busy intersection of Truxtun Avenue and N Street.

Alternatively, others didn’t appreciate the signs and graphic photographs.

“Are these people for real?” said Celina Gallardo, while waiting in line to enter the arena.

“The circus is a lot of fun, and these people are just out

here to ruin the mood.”

Courtney Clerico, an animal rights activist who helped organized the protest, said although she can’t turn everyone away, little victories can make a major difference.

“If a kid or adult sees the pictures and starts to realize ‘hey, this may not be the best thing,’ then we’re already winning.”

Clerico remains hopeful that one day Ringling Bros. will cease to exist.

“They used to come out here every few years and now they are having to come back every single year, because more and more communities are banning the circus.

“I hope Bakersfield bans it one day as well,” she said.

## MILLER: Student’s love of music shapes his future

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sion judge say something good about me, that really boosted my confidence.

“That made my day.”

He also received a plaque by cymbal manufacturer Zildjian, which he credits to his own drum rig having a wide array of cymbals suspended atop his kit topped off with wind chimes, and a thunderous sounding bass drum and gong to match.

Playing for the Bluecoats has allowed Miller to network, and he has been offered a position to drum for Pulse Percussion, one of the top four winter percussion programs in the nation.

For the time being, Miller has a busy academic schedule, which he admits prevents him from picking up a pair of drumsticks as much as he would like.

He now utilizes a differ-

ent wooden tool to further his drumming career: a pencil.

A love for Legos and the creative process led him to major in mechanical engineering.

“I’ve always been interested in the aspect of designing something and seeing how things work,” he said.

“When I was a child I used to sit with Legos all day seeing what I could build.

“It lets me free my mind of whatever I’m thinking about.”

Miller aspires to work in the music industry designing and improving drum equipment.

“My major will allow me to continue drumming so I don’t have to necessarily get a real job,” he said.

“Music is one of my passions in life. It’s something that I’m good at, and I don’t want to give it up.”

## ACDV: Cuts in budget effect academic services

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successful in their college experience,” she said. “We’re pulling them back over to our area where we can help increase the retention and success rates, and not just in our department which is already strong, but on campus where they’re already struggling.”

Van Horne said the department redesign process involves looking at other success models, institutions, and college’s strategies to see how we can be more efficient, innovative, and effective, which will help students be more successful in achieving their academic and occupational goals.

She explained a campus-wide commitment is needed ensuring support, not only for her students, but all the students across campus.

“It’s a big concern for us, and that’s why we feel like Academic Development support is more necessary than ever before,” she said.

“I mean, we have students coming in unprepared and that’s increasing, it’s not decreasing.”

Van Horne is reaching out to other disciplines on campus including psychology, culinary arts and welding, with not only the Critical Academic Skills Workshops that are currently online, but with new links courses that support and serve students with math, writing, or reading needs in new and different type formats.

In Spring 2013, new pilot programs are due to come online, so students should check the catalog, the schedule, and their emails, or drop by the Academic Development Department to get the latest information on available classes and class support.

“I want to let students know what’s coming up and that courses that they’re used to seeing on the schedule aren’t going to be on the schedule,” she said.

“We’re working toward fixing the problem of what’s been created through budget cuts by servicing the students, just in a different way.”

The Student Success Computer Lab, Tutoring Center, and Writing Center are open regular hours, and all BC students are encouraged to come in and take advantage of the free services with professional instructors and tutors. The Critical Academic Skills Workshops are also ongoing with a schedule on the Inside BC portal.

The Academic Development Department is located on the second and third floors, on the west end of the Jerry Ludeke Learning Center in Student Services.

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## Admission specialists aid in transfers

By Daysi Meza  
Reporter

Cal State Bakersfield held an on-site admissions event Aug. 29-30 in the Fireside Room at Bakersfield College.

The main goal was to admit BC students interested in transferring to CSUB in the Winter 2012, and Fall/Spring 2013.

Denise Romero, CSUB Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics transfer specialist, coordinated the event and provided answers to questions students asked about the requirements for transferring.

One of the most helpful resources they provided was being able to notify students whether they were admitted to the four-year institution or not, right on the spot.

Usually the admission process takes about 4-5 weeks to notify students, so this event definitely provided a practical way to find out about their transfer plans.

"Many students are unsure about what they need to do in order to transfer, so it is their job to make sure they have all the necessary information when they leave," said Romero.

Some of the information specialists emphasized to the students at the event were being aware of the educational requirements they needed to meet in order to transfer.

In order to transfer to CSUB, students must have completed 60 semester units of general education classes, as well as their required classes for their specific



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CSUB Outreach Counselor Merrisa Alaniz, 25, helps students at the On-Site Admission event Aug. 30 at the Fireside Room.

major.

During the event, specialists reviewed students' transcripts, but most importantly, provided specific information about the steps they needed to take in order to accomplish their goals.

Students eligible to transfer were scheduled for an orientation and a meeting with a counselor to

discuss future educational plans.

Students who missed the event and are interested in transferring to CSUB will have the opportunity to apply for admission, as CSUB specialists will provide the on-site admissions event every semester two to three times, or an average of 4-5 times per year.

This time, the event was expected to help an average of 100-150 students during both event days.

Students who are interested in talking to a CSUB specialist are urged to schedule an appointment at the Counseling Center with matriculation specialist Marisa Marquez or Romero.

## Student gets petition passed for disabled

By Metiqua Eng  
Reporter

For disabled students at BC getting around is quite an issue in which there are particular stipulations on campus transportation and whether or not students are allowed to use the services provided.

Michele LuJan, 24, is a student at BC majoring in Human Services who took issue with the rules and guidelines that BC had for transportation on campus.

LuJan therefore took further steps to get a petition passed at BC to help others with getting around campus.

"I was struggling to get around campus, and more or less I didn't do it for me," LuJan said.

"I saw I could get around but for somebody who can't get around that was going to be an issue."

In order to use the campus carts for transportation disabled students must have a card, must be blind, or in a wheelchair.

"They were asking for medical information and medical records," LuJan said. "I was like, that's not correct and that's a violation of privacy."

This pushed LuJan towards starting a petition because she thought that other students with different disabilities would need assistance as well.

"I knew enough about politics and I did research on petitions just to see how to put them together," LuJan explained.

"So I put one together and I just went around asking people to sign."

LuJan needed only 400 signatures to get the petition to pass but she persevered to make sure people knew that this petition was about helping students on campus first and foremost.

"I had a lot of people discouraging me to do it because they told me it's not going to pass and everything is political, why try?" LuJan said.

"But as a Christian and somebody who believes in helping those less fortunate, I believe it was something I was called to do."

LuJan ended up getting 800 signatures for her petition and when she felt she was finished and had accomplished her goal, she took the petition straight to the BC president.

"I went in with the petition and the president said everyone had been talking about it and he was going to pass it," LuJan explained.

"I said 'You haven't even looked at it' and he replied 'I don't have to, enough people are complaining so I'm going to go ahead and pass it.'"

LuJan was extremely excited to get the petition passed and very happy that she made a difference here at BC and as well as helping others.

"People thank me for it," LuJan explained.

"But I thank Jesus Christ for it, because I wasn't doing it for me, I was doing it for the less fortunate."

## Stanford encourages BC students to join program

By Graham C. Wheat  
Reporter

A small slice of Stanford's Medical School was at the Bakersfield College campus Aug. 29.

Stanford's Primary Care Associate Program, a section of the school's General Medicine Disciplines, gave an informative lecture on their Physicians Assistant program and how BC students could enter their curriculum.

Approximately 70 students of various medical field majors attended the lecture in the Science and Engineering building.

Stanford's Physicians Assistant program was founded in 1971, one of the first in the country behind Duke University. It is also the least expensive Physicians Assistant program in the nation.

It is an expedited, 21-month program that prepares P.A.'s to work directly with doctors in underserved populations.

Representing Stanford was Fred M. Tovar, director of Student Affairs, assistant director of Admissions, and coordinator of the Medical College Admission Test Academy.

Tovar, who has worked for Stanford for 12 years and also held public office three times, explained the P.A. as being "the doctor's right hand man."

He conveyed the importance of competitive applicants, and he also shared his enthusiasm for students from the Kern County area and BC scholars. A BC graduate was there to help students gain a perspective on the program.

Jennifer Aleman-Ocampo, who graduated from BC's registered nursing program in 2007, is now about to graduate from the P.A. program at Stanford.

"It is a great opportunity," said Aleman-Ocampo. Aleman-Ocampo spent her



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Fred Tovar, the director of Student Affairs at Stanford University, and former BC graduate and current Stanford student Jennifer Aleman-Ocampo discuss the benefits of attending Stanford School of Medicine's Physician Assistant Program.

41 clinical weeks in an "underserved" community in Bakersfield, working in a mobile Medical-Surgical-Telemetry unit as a nurse.

"I have only good things to say about BC. It helped me a lot to establish good study techniques and I met great professors," she said.

She also reiterated that although the course is hard, it is definitely "do-able."

When asked to give a word to prospective students for the course, Aleman-Ocampo was encouraging.

"It has taken a lot of work, but don't give up. If you have a passion for medicine, actively pursue it."

Students considering entering the program need prerequisites in anatomy, physiology, microbiology and GPA's must be above 3.0 to be competitive, said Tovar, again stressing the need to be an aggressive applicant.

As well as high marks in the prerequisites, students must also

have 1.5 years of "direct patient care," such as an EMT or registered nurse to even be considered.

"When you get to Stanford, be prepared to work," said Tovar.

Although technically the course is a satellite through Foothill College located near the Stanford campus, all teaching is done at Stanford University and the degree earned is from there, too.

After 21 weeks of didactic study, students then complete 41 weeks of clinical study. Ranging from four weeks of inpatient treatment and four weeks in surgery to 1-2 weeks of psychology.

While in the course, students are also encouraged to get a master's in Medical Science from San Jose State University, which Tovar assured is workable.

Students interested in more information on the program can contact BC professor Joe Saldivar in his office at SE 49B or at 395-4099.

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Column

# Life's joy can be a simple process

**As my brain explodes** | One man's take on culture and life.

In the quick day-to-day pace, it can be easy to forget what is important in life.

I had slept in before my class. I was naturally stressed and worried about getting to my class on time. But as I was walking briskly to class I began to notice the stillness of the morning. Walking from the library to the classroom for just the smallest time there was no one around.

In this fleeting moment of stillness, I began to feel a sense of peace. I could feel the air around me as the world was waking up. I noticed the beauty of the trees and the bushes around me. Every leaf and every blade of grass seemed like a painting meant for me to appreciate. In that moment everything felt right.

The stress of getting to class on time seemed meaningless inside of this moment. I realized that this was a special moment and walked slowly. It gave me inner-strength, my stress slipped away. Months of anger just disappeared.

Songs I had written about the beauty of nature, the magic of sublime moments like this, suddenly came back to me, songs that I had forgotten. Not just the words, but the feeling behind the words, behind the notes. Suddenly these songs were playing strong in my head. The songs were as loud as earphones in my ear. All at once I remembered why I had written them. As a creative person and as a human being it was inspiring.

You don't have to be a writer or painter to appreciate moments like this. It's moments like these that make life good and worth living. The time that passed for my moment was maybe a minute at most. These moments are easy to find as long as you open your mind to them. So I encourage people to find these moments. The stress and pace of a new school year at times seem so busy, so full of stress. It can be easy to lose yourself in it and make yourself miserable.

Yet these moments can make life livable at these hectic times. I only can guess what these moments can be for others. Perhaps it's a loving moment between a child or a significant other. Perhaps you garden or meditate. Maybe you can find it in the adrenaline of playing your favorite sport. Wherever you can find it, find it. Life overflows with these moments but you have to search, to look. It only takes seconds, but these small moments can make life so much richer.



Martin Chang

# Book on Paterno ignores scandal

By Jason Reed  
Reporter

I have a very strong opinion about Joe Paterno and his role in the Penn State scandal, but I'm not going to share that. What I will talk about is the recently released book, "Paterno," written by Joe Posnanski.

After reading this book, it was very clear to me that Posnanski is trying to preserve the name of Joe Paterno.

Posnanski, a former senior columnist for Sports Illustrated, currently writes on his personal blog, Joe Blog.

In the book he talks about how Joe Paterno and Jerry Sandusky didn't get along and how the two Penn State coaches "despised each other", according to the new biography of Paterno.

I find it very hard to believe Posnanski when he says that "the book is not a defense of Joe Paterno."

It is a defense of Paterno. Paterno had his entire life to write

a book about his life, the type of things he experienced, and what it took to get where he was, with his football career. He knew what most people would think about him in his final days.

So Paterno asked Posnanski to write this pointless book about him so that we believe that Paterno was this guy who would never let such a horrible thing happen to destroy everything he worked so many decades for. He obviously knew Paterno well enough to trust him with this information.

If you read this book you would find it hard to believe that Paterno would let such things happen.

You'll also find in this book that Paterno would get enraged about the smallest things. In the book it mentions that Paterno and his family were out eating dinner one night.

Joe's sister took food from someone else's plate and Paterno lost his temper. He got so upset that he left the restaurant.

Posnanski added these small details in the book for a reason. He is basically trying to say that, if Paterno would get upset about

something as small as his sister taking a little piece of food off another's plate; there is no way he would let such a horrible thing happen to destroy everything he worked so many decades for.

Now I understand that what I'm saying is not very popular to a lot of people.

I have nothing against Posnanski. But it's very clear to me what he tried to do while writing this book.

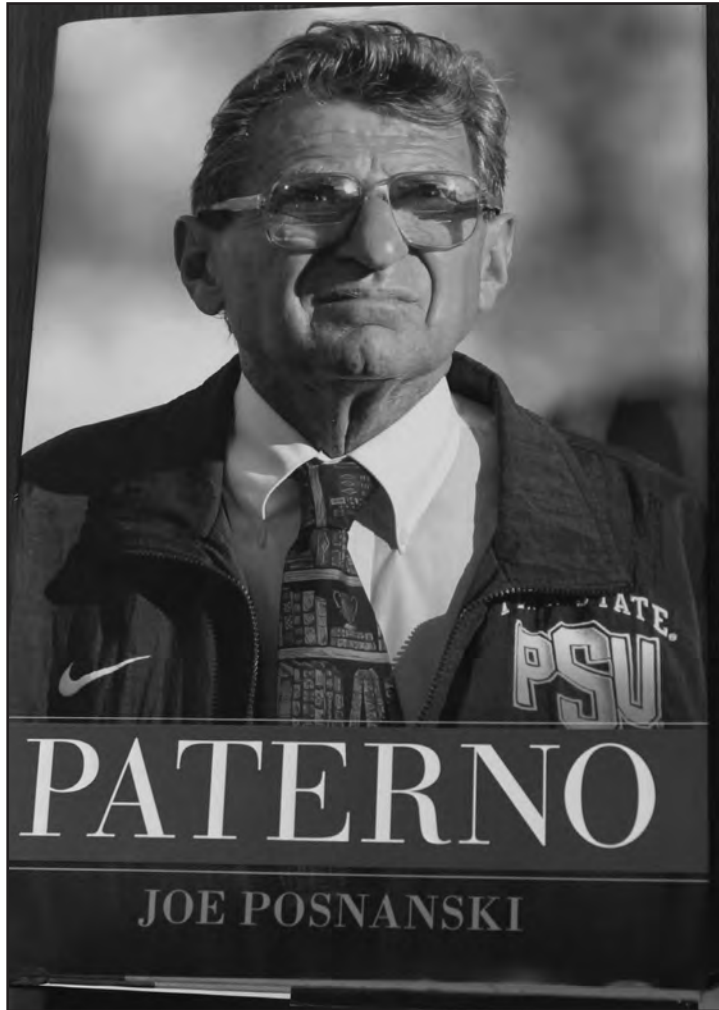
Paterno was one of the most respected men at Penn State. His list of accomplishments just blows me away.

He started at Penn State as an assistant from 1950-1965. He then became the head coach in 1966 and, of course, that ended in 2011.

He had a coaching record of 298 wins and 136 lost, 111 of those wins were vacated due to his role in the scandal. He won 18 bowl games and six of those were vacated as well.

He also won two national championships and a Big Ten Conference championship, and his list of personal awards goes on and on.

And last but not least, he was



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**Joe Posnanski's book "Paterno" fails to ask the tough questions about Joe Paterno's infamous scandal.**

inducted into the college football Hall of Fame in 2007. After winning and being respected for doing everything he did, he didn't want the first thing people would remember about him, was that he savored his own legacy and only cared about football.

If you're interested in knowing why Joe Paterno did nothing to stop Jerry Sandusky, don't read this book, you won't find it. But if you want to know about Paterno's life and what it took for him to make it as a football coach, this is your book.

Letter to the Editor

# A Bakersfield College custodian's humorous take on campus trash



OMAR OSEGUERA / THE RIP

**This example of a student picking up and recycling cans and bottles would surely make the Dirtminator happy.**

Editor:

There is a new superhero on campus, so move over Terminator. The Dirtminator is here.

This superhero does not fight crime. Instead, he fights dirt and grime.

So think twice before you throw that piece of paper on the ground, for the Dirtminator will snap that paper in the air before it hits the ground.

So think twice before you graffiti, for the Dirtminator watches it all, and he will snap that pen off

your hand before it reaches the wall. So, if I were you, I would be aware for the Dirtminator is on your dirty trail.

So, if you want a clean slate from the math department, don't mess around with the Dirtminator.

Help him keep this department and all departments clean and safe, and you will be helping yourself to a cleaner and safer environmental way.

Ruben Rosales  
Custodian

# Todd Akin's 'legitimate rape' comments are ignorant

By Metiqua Eng  
Reporter

Just when I thought chivalry wasn't dead and that America was getting back to "serving the people," another politician comes along with snide remarks and an inconsiderate attitude toward women.

Todd Akin's remarks on abortion and claims that women can't get pregnant from rape unless it's "legitimate rape", is completely naïve and beyond ignorant.

What's the difference between rape and "legitimate rape?" Any action in which somebody is being forced to do anything they don't want to do sexually is rape.

His statements are a complete example of a chauvinistic mentality and the reason why women in this day and age still feel halted by the hand of men, constantly slapping them down.

The topic of abortion is already a fragile subject to be discussing, let alone throwing the topic of rape on top of it. It's a slap to rape survivors in which Akin lacks any evidentiary support to provide reasoning for his malicious commentary.

It amazes me the amount of ignorance that spews from the mouth of men in politics concerning abortion and the concept of telling a woman what she can and can't do with her body.

Are we really in a position to make history repeat itself and suppress the voice of the American woman?

Although it has been about 90 years since the 19th Amendment was passed, where women gained a right to vote and to have a voice



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**Todd Akin's statements about sexual assault and reproductive issues were oblivious and offensive.**

within politics, the shallow-minded men of our own government continue to be oblivious to women's rights.

As far as I'm concerned, I believe that his comments shouldn't be accepted.

Not only has he offended women of this country, but most importantly women of this country who have been molested and raped.

There is no coming back from such an ignorant comment, especially when you're a politician and in the public eye.

Even though it has been proven that the percentage of women

getting pregnant from rape is low, it still happens and it should completely be a woman's decision on how to handle a situation that deals with her own body.

It sounds like he needs a deeper respect for women rape victims, and needs to instill within himself some education on a topic he wants to discuss publicly.

I'm pretty sure that Akin has a mother who is a female and that if his own family were victims of a violent rape he wouldn't be so quick to spill ignorance out of his own lips.

Moral of the story: think before you speak.



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Staff editorial

# Students unhappy with unsettling times

In the process of creating this newspaper, our staff generally asks, “What’s going on around campus?”

Now it seems that this question has spread campus-wide as students wonder about the state of this new semester.

Parking fees and cafeteria food prices have risen, our student government officials have changed, and talks of budget cuts leave many wondering what their future holds here at Bakers-

field College.

The average student here at BC has to put so much trust in the administration to help them improve their educational success, but what many don’t realize is that the school relies just as much on us students. If students can keep programs’ classes full and graduate or transfer with a major in that program, it only helps keep that program alive. In the past, when programs have seen little to no graduates, those

programs’ classes have been cut.

Helping others to help ourselves, however, isn’t the simple solution we all wish it could be.

With over 16,000 students all trying to fit their schedules into one semester, the administration acknowledges it cannot accommodate everyone’s requests. Getting into necessary classes recently seemed like an impossible challenge, and those of us who did manage to get into classes are lucky to find an affordable

parking spot.

With administration and students each trying to rely on each other, our campus is in somewhat of an awkward, blindfolded, three-legged race, with overall success being the finish line.

A large factor in how this race proceeds is the Governor’s tax initiative, proposition 30. If it passes, BC can continue to make due with what we currently have. However, if the proposition fails, it is projected that many more

classes will be cut and more educators will be laid off.

When the college itself seems to be stretching itself too thin with multiple vacant and interim positions, it’s an extremely uncomfortable time trying to individually plan an educational future here at BC.

As students, we’re urged to make our voices heard by voting in student government elections and being a part of our campus community.

How can this happen effectively if the members we’ve voted in have been replaced by the time school begins?

Too much effort is put into these elections by the candidates as well as students for the results not to matter.

Then again, the administration can’t be putting too much importance on leadership roles such as SGA president, if the college itself, after six months, still cannot find its own.



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Counter-Strike: Global Offensive is the first Counter-Strike game in six years. It features new weapons and improved matchmaking. It was released on Aug. 21 and is available on the Xbox 360, Playstation 3, and personal computer.

## CS: GO adds graphics and guns

By Robin Shin  
Photographer

It has been almost eight years since the release of “Counter-Strike: Source” in November of 2004. Valve Corporation on Aug. 21 brought it back with “Counter-Strike: Global Offensive.”

PC players, who are a fan of first-person shooters, have been expecting this game for quite a while, and a lucky few had the chance to test out the beta version after they were able to receive the online keys at the Penny Arcade Expo, Eurogamer Expo or by doing a survey.

I wasn’t able to get the Beta until I pre-ordered the official copy on Steam, not that I gave the Beta a go. I waited until the week of the release and got my chance to get an insight on what had changed in the game. Let me tell you right now that there wasn’t much change in the game.

The list will start off with

the changes, which I noticed from the start. Valve has yet to disappoint me with their graphics when it came to their games’ sequels, such as “Half-Life 2”, “Team Fortress 2”, and “Left 4 Dead 2”.

So the jump within the graphic change was a huge difference, unlike “CS:Source”, where the players were rather edgy and not smooth to look at. “CS:GO” was able to come back with much more realistic and smoother looking graphics.

Now don’t get me wrong, you can still change the level of your graphics through the option setting, but with an old graphics card in your PC, you won’t get far into a mission. You’ll most likely die without getting a kill.

With the addition to their update on graphics, they also updated their environmental outfits. In “CS:Source”, there were less environmental outfits, such as being in a cold environment and the players were wearing short sleeve shirts and shorts. In “CS:GO”, Valve changed this so that the outfits will now match the settings the players are on.

There was also the upgrade

in which many of us anticipators were waiting for: updates in guns. The current game has, from what I see, is a good 25% increase in different guns.

Another thing that changed and is welcomed by many “CS” players out there are the fast and accurate matchmaking servers. Previously in their copy of “CS:Source”, the players would have to match and hope to get the server they want, and one way or another be happy or disappointed. “CS:GO” on the other hand, allows you to specifically pick which types of game you want, which narrows the search down from, as an example, 100 to 30.

A feature of change that I liked was that campers now can be forced to get moving with an incendiary grenade (to the terrorists it would be the molotov cocktail). The flame burns the camper or the enemy and keeps burning for a while.

The last of the updates ends with two official additions to the gameplay family: “Demolition” and “Arms Race.” In “Demolition,” Counter-Terrorists’ mission is to defuse the bomb that the terrorists set up, and the ter-

rorists’ mission is to set the bomb and prevent the counter-terrorists from defusing it. In the “Arms Race,” your mission is to kill the enemy with all the level of weapons you are given. Each time you kill, your weapon changes, and the last weapon you have to use is a knife. The catch of the “Arms Race” is that if you are killed with a regular knife and not the leveled up knife, you will go back to the previous weapon you were wielding, which technically means that you have been set back to the previous level you were on.

It may be a more difficult and more realistic game to play than the “Call of Duty” franchise, but added content to “CS:GO” is far greater than Call of Duty, and for budget minded gamers “CS:GO’s” \$15 price point is much more attractive than “CoD’s” \$60 price. Overall, my thoughts are that if you already have “CS:Source” and have the cash to spend \$14.99 on a graphic boosted and slightly upgraded game. Then I say that it is worth it. “CS:GO” is available online through Steam, X-Box 360, and PS3.

## RNC should focus on ideas not insults

By Martin Chang  
Opinions and Features Editor

Watching the Republican National Convention was the first time I ever turned off the television in anger.

I started watching on the first full day on Aug. 28. At first it seemed OK, Mia Love compassionately spoke about the American Dream, about how her parents grew up as immigrants and “didn’t look to Washington, but looked within.”

A great way to state the small government versus big government conflict that is at the core of the fight between the two parties.

But Reince Priebus before her, and almost all the speakers after her, started saying something odd, something insulting to all democrats and especially Barack Obama.

They insinuated both subtlety and in plain words that Obama didn’t believe in the American Dream.

I didn’t know about the “you didn’t build that” quote so whenever a speaker would hurl that insult I was confused. The serious accusation of not believing in America seemed to come out of nowhere.

After Love, the speakers started to blend, each one had the same story of building a small business, not relying on the government, and then suggesting that this story of making something out of yourself is somehow exclusively Republican.

After hearing things like “an all-out assault on free enterprise,” I figured there was a good reason behind this attack. “Why are all the speakers saying this?” I wondered to myself. Then I saw the political ad that explained it.

It showed, once again, another small business owner telling his rags to riches story while playing the ‘you didn’t build that’ quote. I could even tell in the ad that the quote was taken wildly out of context.

This is what they were bas-

ing their entire convention on? They were attacking him again and again for one quote? This is what makes Obama anti-American? I was incredulous.

Then my incredulity turned to anger as I heard Kelly Ayotte tell the same story of “the sleepless nights” of the “hard work and sacrifice” of owning a small business. It was clear that the Republicans wanted to tell this story, but how many times do you have to hear it?

Then Jack Gilchrist and Mary Fallin told their nearly identical story of small business and how Obama doesn’t believe in it.

Their accusations just made me more and more angry, as now I knew that their insults were based on nothing more than a misplaced word and the simple difference between Republicans and Democrats and their views.

Then, I saw a second ad that featured the same quote and the same, now cliché, story about small business. That’s when I turned off the television in disgust.

It’s too bad because when they focused on the actual ideas of being a conservative and Republican, they actually were quite effective.

Chris Christie told the compelling story of how Republican ideas turned the state of New Jersey around.

When Paul Ryan tells out-of-work college graduates that the Republican way can get them a job, it could speak to that famously liberal group. When Romney and others speak of the sky-high debt and worsening economy, they make a sensible argument of using their conservative ideas of deregulation and tax cuts to tackle these problems.

But every time the right says that Obama doesn’t believe in America, they are focusing on anger and hate not ideas.

To me, that is what currently defines the Republican party, and they proved to me in Florida that is still a big part of what they are going to be.

## ‘Our House’ showcases lyrical talents, impressive featured artists and good beats

By Esteban Ramirez  
Sports Editor

The very anticipated, “Welcome to: Our House,” second album of rap group Slaughterhouse is finally out. It was officially released on Aug. 28 through Shady Records.

For all those who don’t know who Slaughterhouse is, they are rap group that consists of Joe Budden, Royce da 5’9”, Joell Ortiz and Crooked I. They joined together to make this supergroup about four years ago, and released their first album in 2009. The success of their first album and being featured on other songs led to them being signed to Shady Records in 2011.

I’ve been waiting for this al-

bum to come out, especially when they came out with a really good mixtape a week before. I was actually pleasantly satisfied with this album, aside from the song “Throw That” which had Eminem as the featured artist who is also the executive producer of the album.

I just hated that the song was such a dumb mainstream song, and a song that was so beneath Slaughterhouse. I expected that they would have at least one song like this when they signed with Shady Records.

Other than that song, I thought it was another good album by Slaughterhouse, and they kept that killer rap style that they’re known for. I loved that they still showcased the thing that no other group can match. That’s that lyric for lyric no group is better. They had some nice metaphors. The album also had good beats even though they sounded like they

were beats picked by Eminem. I also liked that they had good featured artists.

Some of the artists are Skylar Grey, Busta Rhymes, Eminem, Swizz Beatz, Ceelo Green and B.O.B.

Some of the songs that had me listening over and over again were “Our Way,” “Frat House,” “Rescue Me,” and “Goodbye.” On these songs, I just loved the combination of a good beat with good lyrics, not just having one or the other.

I really liked the lyrics in “Rescue Me” especially Joe Budden’s verse when he says, “To you it’s a dream, and to me it’s labor. These aren’t monsters, these are my neighbors, and we watch each other’s back. I guess it’s a favor for a favor. Sometimes they even save me when my wrist is to that razor.”

I also liked Joell Ortiz’s verse on “Our Way” when he says,



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Slaughterhouse’s first major label release “Welcome to: Our House” features the talents of Joe Budden, Royce da 5’9” and others. It showcases the strong lyrics of the group.

“I’m here for the duration, and you’re here for reputation. Slide them ‘Dre’s’ over your shit; prepare your ears for devastation.”

This is definitely a good al-

bum that only has one mistake in it, and that was a horribly bad mainstream song, but other than that it has to be one of the best rap albums to have come out this

year.

I definitely recommend getting this album because it is a must get for any rap fan or just a music fan in general.





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**Brian Burrell returns as the starting quarterback for BC. Last year he had 525 passing yards in two games.**

## BC quarterback comes back after injury

**By Esteban Ramirez**  
*Sports Editor*

Last year, Bakersfield College's starting quarterback, Brian Burrell, was named the starter, but broke his collarbone during a week 3 game against Antelope Valley College.

That made him sit out for the rest of the season, but now that he is 100 percent he wants to help the team bounce back from a 4-6 season.

"I remember hearing it crack when I hurt it, and that it was so painful," said Burrell. "I also remember when I was on the sidelines, they were trying to take the shoulder pads off, but they

couldn't do it because when you break your collarbone you can't lift your arm, so they just eventually cut my shoulder pads off."

Burrell graduated from Bakersfield High School in 2010 and after deciding to go to BC, he then won the starting quarterback position and threw for 525 yards and three touchdowns in his first two games, but in the beginning of the game against Antelope Valley, Burrell hurt his collarbone when he was sacked. After Burrell was hurt, BC went 2-5 for the rest of the year.

He added that what he was most upset about was not getting to play.

"They put a plate and four pins

in there, and then I had to wait for that to heal," he said. "Then I started to do some rehab like build muscle around it. It was tough having to sit out the whole season especially when we struggled last year.

"It just motivated me and made me realize how much I want to play football and do well in football. I'm so anxious to get back out there.

"I've wanted to get back out there ever since my collarbone healed up, so it has been like eight months that I've waited to get back out there.

"I just want to get back out there and help the team to prove that we're better than a 4-6

team.

"We're better as a team, it's not just me. We're all good friends out there and love playing together, and we're really focused this year."

BC football coach Jeff Chudy commented on Burrell's progression, and what his return means to the team.

"Brian has worked extremely hard, and he is right back on track to be as good as we have had," said Chudy. "He is the catalyst of our football team. I think Brian is blessed to have very good athletic skills combined with a great work ethic that you need to be a successful quarterback. Brian has a bright future."

## Changes are best for BC

Column

**Renegade pass** | Taking on every issue with BC athletics

A lot of people at the Bakersfield College season opening football game were against all the changes that were made at Memorial Stadium.

Some didn't like messing with the tradition by switching sides and others didn't like all the parking and tailgating changes, but when I first heard about it, the parking wasn't that big of a deal, and them switching sides to where the press box is at is just better because now I don't have to go all the way on the other side of the field to talk to the coaches.

I still wondered though, why the change now? But after hearing that it was to benefit the coaches in the press box to communicate better and to not give away their signals, I knew that it was a good reason behind the change. Sure, you'll have some traditionalists that don't want to see anything change because they like it how it is, but if it helps the team in anyway shape or form we should welcome the change.

Change is going to happen and if it helps us, why be in denial about it? Just accept it. And really, how many people really were watching the game and saying 'I don't care if we're winning I want it to be back how it used to be,' I know I wasn't.

Call me crazy, but when I go to a game I'm usually paying attention to the game not complaining about which side I'm on.

As far as the parking, it's not something that should be a big annoyance, but after the first couple of games, I think people will get used to it and just act like it's always been that way.

Getting VIP parking is actually not a bad idea. It's not something they needed, but it's a cool idea to give people who paid a little extra a parking spot closer to the stadium.

All these changes can make it a little bit of a hassle especially on the first home games, but these changes are for the better.

So far, I think BC's athletics director Ryan Beckwith has done a good job accessing what needed to be changed for the better of BC sports.

When change comes to BC I think we can live with these changes, and I don't think these changes harm our tradition in any way.

If anything, these changes are going to benefit the coaches, and that means the players will also benefit from it.

## Fans worried for change in BC tradition

**By Esteban Ramirez**  
*Sports Editor*

After hearing about the changing of the football stadium's home side and the parking changes, some people weren't happy about it and some afraid to see tradition changed.

Dave Manning, 61, who has been going to BC games for over 50 years, commented on what he thought about the stadium changes.

"I have no problem with them switching sides, but I have a problem if the administration did it for any unknown reason and didn't consult the coaching staff," said Manning. He added that he thought the parking changes and the tailgating were a bigger problem.

"I've been tailgating here for 30 years and the way they got this parking set up, I mean, they got this section roped off and we couldn't actually park in so we have to use two parking spots," he said.

"They got 40 feet for people to just turn into the parking area, it's just ridiculous. They put these barricades five feet inside then we get too deep. They tried to put regulations on tailgating eight years ago and people quit coming. They quit coming because they were saying 'this is ridiculous.'

"Are you going to cater to 30 people here and then get 300-500 people ticked off? That's

stupid and poor policy."

Barbie Hobbs, 59, who is a retired BC athletics secretary and has been going to games for over 45 years, gave her thoughts about the changes that were made.

"I'm not really excited," Hobbs said. "You're changing the home side as a traditional side to another side."

"I think it will work in the end, but I prefer the home side to be the side closer to the school and I think that should go back."

Beckwith explained the reasons behind all the changes beginning with the side change.

"I sat down with the coaches and it was a logistical thing for our team number one, and being in proximity to the coaches in the press box," said Beckwith. "That was a big issue for us, being so far away that our coaches couldn't get down and because in the stadium our headphones would give out when we were over there.

"Also, we film from the top of the press box and we're giving away all of our signals when we send people our game tape.

"After analyzing all these things, the coaches wanted to change them and even coaches before them wanted to change sides."

He added that tailgating wasn't changed that much and also explained the reason behind the VIP parking.

"It actually wasn't changed at all really for the tailgating, and



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**The home side switching was one of the changes made to Memorial Stadium.**

really they were just changed 10 feet back so there's still plenty of room out there," he said. "As far as VIP parking, a lot of times people were coming up and complaining that there was no room for parking and they were afraid they weren't going to have park-

ing, so we just set it up that they would have a little area up here that guarantees you a spot if you pay for it. I think as soon as everyone sees the functionality of how everything goes, I think in the long run people will see that it's a better thing for us."

Beckwith also added that they are looking to make more changes to the stadium, like working on the landscape, putting a new surface on the track and the field that allows better function, but also that will allow more events to come into the stadium.

## BC volleyball sweeps first home match

**By Nestor Fernandez**  
*Reporter*

In the opening match of the volleyball season, Bakersfield College served up a crushing, three-set home victory over Ventura on Aug. 29.

The final numbers read 25-10, 25-17 and 25-11. The Renegades ended up with an outstanding .464 percent kill rate, while winning in convincing fashion.

Leading them in scoring was Caitlin Bernardin, with 18 points on 14 kills and four service aces. To showcase her overall game, she also had 22 digs.

Samantha Whittington led the team with 38 set assists.

BC coach Carl Ferreira was very pleased with the way his squad performed in the season opener.

"In the beginning, it's just taking care of everything you've been working on, just doing the things you do," he said.

"I was really pleased from that perspective, to be able to not really worry about the opponent. So it's actually kind of good at the beginning of the year to just focus on everything you've been working on and not be distracted by who you play against."

BC is scheduled to play at Grossmont College in the Grossmont Quad on Sept. 8.



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**Editza Urias hits the ball over the net during the season opener of the Bakersfield College volleyball season against Ventura College on Aug. 29. BC won the match by taking all three sets.**

## Wrestling ready for new season

**By Jason Reed**  
*Reporter*

After a rough season filled with injuries and wrestlers unable to perform due to ineligibility, coach Bill Kalivas and the BC wrestling team are back this year to redeem themselves and have bigger goals in mind.

After finishing 10th in the state last season short-handed on wrestlers, Kalivas believes his team can surpass what they accomplished last season and he has his mind set on achieving more this season.

"I'd like to think we can challenge for the conference this year and have a winning overall dual meet record," said Kalivas.

"For the state, we finished 10th last year, and I'd like to crack the top five this year."

If they are going to be a top-five state team this year and want to get back to their winning ways, they're going to have to make sure what happens academically in the classroom doesn't affect what the coach believes the team can do this season.

"Well, I think we kind of covered that with our work studies," Kalivas said when asked if there was anything he can do to make sure wrestlers grades don't affect the team.

The wrestling season hasn't kicked off yet, but there is excitement around the team with this year's wrestlers at full strength. "We've only had a couple of losing seasons since I've been here," Kalivas also added.

"I say, we have a balanced lineup, with a good mix of youth and experience."

Kalivas also mentioned four key players when asked about players fans should watch for this year.

"Lance Castaneda, returning All American, Quinn Moore, who was ineligible last year, Max Ramirez, who was a state high school placement at Bakersfield High School, and Ryan Steiber who was a state qualifier two years ago," he said.

The Renegades will start their season on Sept. 22 at the Mt. SAC duals.

### Volleyball Schedule

Opponent	Date	Location
Grossmont Quad	Sept. 8	Grossmont College
San Diego Mesa	Sept. 14-15	San Diego Mesa
Santa Barbara City	Sept. 19	Santa Barbara City
L.A. Pierce	Sept. 21-22	L.A. Pierce
Cuesta College	Sept. 26	Bakersfield
West L.A. College	Sept. 28	Bakersfield



# Renegades win season opener 36-19

By Esteban Ramirez  
Sports Editor

After a first half that went back and forth, the Bakersfield College football team was able to take a touchdown lead into halftime. The Renegades managed to pull away thanks to a big third quarter and the performance by starting quarterback Brian Burrell as BC beat Santa Ana 36-19 on Sept. 1 at Memorial Stadium.

The Renegades came up big in the third quarter when they out-scored the Dons 14-0 and also held their offense without a first down for the whole quarter.

BC also outgained the Dons 500-395 yards for the game.

BC head coach Jeff Chudy commented on the game.

"I thought we did outstanding and did great for our first game," he said. "We have a lot of freshmen running around like deer in the head lights and I thought Burrell did a nice job managing the game. His poise gives us a lot of confidence."

"I thought defensively we were a little on our heels the first half, but we did a great job and I thought our coaches did a nice job making some adjustments, and most importantly the players executed those adjustments. I was proud how our guys responded because Santa Ana is a good football team, so it's a good win."

BC got a big performance from Burrell, who threw for 370 yards on 26 of 38 and also had four touchdowns. The Renegades also got good performances from wide receivers Brock Martin and Chaz Adams. Martin had eight receptions, 120 yards and one

touchdown and Adams had five receptions, 126 yards and two touchdowns.

BC started the game off fast with a fumble recovery on the very first play for the Dons offense, and that led to a BC field goal. After a quick three-and-out by Santa Ana, BC got the ball back and took it in for a touchdown. Santa Ana was able to respond by scoring 10 straight points of their own.

BC broke the tie with a 48-yard touchdown pass from Burrell to Martin that capped off a 75-yard drive.

With 2:41 left, Santa Ana tried to score to tie the game before the half, but on third-and-goal Santa Ana quarterback Hayden Gavett's throw was tipped and then intercepted by BC linebacker Ozzy Sombo.

That defensive stop helped the Renegades get some momentum going into the half, and they took advantage in the third quarter. In the second play of the second half, BC running back Curtis McGregor broke a tackle at the scrimmage line and then reversed the field and took it for 48 yards to the Santa Ana 14-yard line to set up another score for BC.

BC scored that touchdown on an unusual play, and this time it was Burrell's pass being tipped in the air by his own receiver, and into the hands of a wide-open BC receiver, Adams, in the back of the end zone.

"We got some lucky plays, but you know it works and they still count the same," said Burrell.

The Renegades defense was able to get another quick three-and-out, and it led to another Burrell touchdown. Only this



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Bakersfield College linebacker Josh Ringer gets his helmet knocked off during the win over Santa Ana on Sept. 1. BC won 36-19 in the season opener.

time they chose to do it the conventional way with a 64-yard touchdown pass from Burrell to Adams. That touchdown gave the Renegades the cushion they needed.

Burrell commented on his first game since injuring his collarbone last year and on how the team did.

"It went good," said Burrell. "We got the win so I'm happy about that. It's fun to be back out there and I think everyone else was enjoying it as much me."

"I thought we did good, but we still have a lot of improvements to make. We got to start the first half better, and I'll put that on me. I didn't do very well in the beginning, but we got a lot of room to improve on all areas of the game."

Chudy added that he told the

team after the first half to just keep its composure and to just to take a step back to make some adjustments.

"They did some things we didn't see off film," he said. "They did some things defensively that we were surprised by and offensively they play in a hurry-up offense and we hadn't played them since 1973, so we had to make some adjustments."

"We just took a step back and had the guys be in the right spots, and that helped us in those first two drives in the third quarter."

He added that he still wants the team to improve on every area specifically on returning the ball and doing a better job blocking during field goals.

BC is scheduled to play at Mt. SAC on Sept. 8.



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BC wide receiver Brock Martin runs after catching the ball during the game against Santa Ana. Martin compiled eight receptions, 120 yards and a touchdown for the game.

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# Bike Bakersfield promotes the benefits of cycling

By Merritt Holloway  
Reporter

Bike Bakersfield's mission is to promote bicycling as a safe, fun and environmentally friendly means of everyday transportation. They also advocate for bicyclist and pedestrian rights at the local, state and national level.

Since 2006, they have been raising the awareness of bicycling as a transportation choice to Kern County.

With the new school year in process, advocates are actively at work educating Bakersfield elementary and junior high schools about bicycle and pedestrian safety. In addition, they started bike clubs at Bakersfield and Independence high schools.

"Our mission is try and get that particular age group of students to form bike clubs in the high schools, so that they can start looking at transportation differently," said Tina Chapa, executive director of Bike Bakersfield. "It's a choice that you make; instead of being in a car, you get on a bike. Of course the younger that you can teach that, and you can get those younger kids to start practicing that, the more likely they're going to keep that."

Their regular membership is \$25. A \$10 membership was started this year to introduce the community to who Bike Bakersfield is.

"It says 'I ride a bike. I want to be a part of someone who's making a difference in the community,'" she said. "People always say, 'What do you get for that?' You get representation. You get the representation of Bike Bakersfield's staff going to the city council meetings, and the supervisor meetings, and advocating for the fact that, here in the city of Bakersfield, we need more bike lanes, more bike paths, safer streets for people who walk, like sidewalks and street lights. You know, in any community, the power is in the number of people who are working toward a particular goal."

"And the more members that we have is just more power as an organization to go to the city council meetings and say 'You know I have 500 constituents who are saying to us, we need this or this.' That's what the membership brings you. Representation."

"It's always in our future to get more involved with the people in our government who make decisions, who make the policy changes happen," she said. "We work very diligently with them,

to kind of point out areas that we'd like to see more bike lanes and more bicycle infrastructure.

"The belief is, the more infrastructure you have, if you have places for people to park and lock their bike, if you have places for them to store, if you have the right bike lanes, if you have all of that in place, the more people will ride their bike."

"When Bike Bakersfield opened, I was downtown, on my bike," said Bakersfield native Aaron Eaton. I passed by there, and I turned around and went back in." Although it took Eaton a while to become really involved, he's been involved with the group for some time now, and on countless occasions he has brought in one or more of his over 20 custom Schwinn bikes to custom build or "flavor up." Other times, he'll just volunteer and help out wherever he's needed.

A bike mechanic himself, he enjoys the atmosphere and advocacy that Bike Bakersfield is.

"I could work on my bikes at home, but I like going down there, because there's more people there to communicate with that have bikes also," he said.

Olivia Snider is majoring in business administration and economics at Bakersfield College and is a dedicated cyclist, sometimes riding a hundred miles in a week. She is also the great granddaughter of George Snider, who founded Snider's Cyclery in 1904.

"I love riding," said Snider. "I work around bicycles all the time."

She first heard of Bike Bakersfield while in high school, and on numerous occasions has been a part of the full moon rides, and other events.

"It's cool," she said. "It's getting everyone involved. It's a real easy ride. Anyone can come, and you don't have to be a serious rider."

She said Snider's has, through the years, ordered parts and referred numerous clients to BB.

Diane Ellison had known about the BB Full Moon rides for some time, but being apprehensive about keeping up, she was hesitant to go.

On Aug. 1 she finally attended the ride where she met Century Mile Cyclist, Thomas Lemay.

"It was my first time, and I loved it, and I kept up," said Ellison.

"It was so wonderful, and I met Thomas, and I've been biking everyday ever since."

Former BC history professor Rich Partain and his wife Mimi were first-time full moon riders.



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Membership and Communications Coordinator, Brad Swanlund, prepares for the Bike Bakersfield Full Moon Ride on Aug. 31 at Beach Park.



Richard Guerrero stands next to his bike Aug. 31 at Beach Park.

They only recently joined the club, though they've been hearing about them for some time and wanted to do something to get involved.

"The way they presented it, just about anybody who has any interest in it [bicycling], can do it," Partain said.

One of the best ways to find out what Bike Bakersfield is about is to visit their website at [bikebakersfield.org](http://bikebakersfield.org).



A group of cyclists prepare for the Bike Bakersfield Full Moon Ride at Beach Park. Bike Bakersfield promoted cycling as a safe and environmentally friendly means of everyday transportation.

## Riverbend brings cyclists new gear



Riverbend Bikes, Boards & Bites is a new store located on 2437 Oak St. The shop celebrated its grand opening on Aug. 30. The Riverbend employees include mechanic George Maragrrell and BMX specialist Matt Splat. The shop is known for The Roadrunner Solar Powered Multi-person Bicycle, which is a bike designed and manufactured in the Bakersfield location. Riverbend sells bicycles of various kinds, skateboards, longboards, safety and maintenance equipment, and a small selection of food items. The new shop is located right off the bike trail, which gives opportunity for local cyclists on the trail to stop by and visit.

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