Trees beautify BC Campus

By Michelle De Leon Reporter

Former NASA astronaut Jose Hernandez captivated a packed audience as he shared his life in the lunar excursion on March 19 as part of the STEM, or Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics, speaker series.

Growing up in a migrant farming family in the central valley, Hernandez overcame adversity to achieve his dreams. In fact, he wasn’t proficient in English until the age of 12. In his presentation, he began by noting what he wanted to achieve his goal: First was identifying his goal; second was recognizing how he could achieve his goal; third was drawing up a plan to land on the moon in 1972 when he was nine years old on a black and white television.

He then eagerly watched Apollo 11 land on the moon on July 20, 1969. It was the first time he saw a man on the moon in color on the screen.

He recalled eagerly watching Apollo 17 land on the moon on July 21, 1972 when he was nine years old on a black and white television.

He then said, "I always dreamed and memorized," he said. "What I wanted to share with you is thinking, ‘What can I do so I’ll have a great opportunity to help plant trees and teach life lessons to the future?’"

He decided that he needed to know about plants. When he first told his father about his ambition, he was nervous because his father was "very strict," he said. "I think he then invited him to the kitchen, which further increased his anxiety.

"The kitchen was where I did my homework and where we got dinner," he recalled. However, his father then shared a message that surprised him.

"I know, I think you can do it," his father said to him, according to Hernandez.

His father gave him five steps to achieve his goal. First was identifying his goal; second was reviewing how far he was from his goal; third was drawing up a plan with no distractions; fourth was getting an education and, finally, fifth was applying his work ethic from the fields to achieve his goal.

From his experiences, he believed that parents play a valuable role in any child’s success.

"My parents gave me the license to dream," he said. "They became an advocate for you if you share your dreams with them." With his father’s word, he went on to pursue an undergraduate degree in engineering from the University of the Pacific, and a master’s degree from the University of Santa Barbara. In his career, he achieved numerous honors and distinctions.

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"The sixth step of perseverance is a must," he shared. "The best thing you can do is to study your comprehension. Navigate your way through it. [Thinking] ‘What do I do so I’ll have」「Please see HERNANDEZ, Page 9"

Astronaut at Levant center

By Patricia Rocha Reporter

As their opening night quickly approaches, the cast of Bakersfield College’s production of “The Birds” are ecstatically rehearsing. Director Kevin Bethany-Clay decided to turn the Ancient Greek play in the first of his musicals with musical numbers, compelling characters and unique setting.

“The year is coming together as an ensemble and I’m really happy with the result so far,” Clay said.

The students agree. Theater sophomore Matt Martinez feels the play and has really connected with their parts. As a part of the cast, Martinez is excited for the upcoming debut as a hummingbird. A character who is known for his agility and fame, and it would definitely say that’s me,” said Martinez. “This is my first ever theater performance. I’m really, really excited about it. I’m really, really excited about it. It’s really emotional when I think about the fact that I’m feeling this is like this is really real.”

Theater major Jose Acosta shares how his character Professor Fickeln is the perfect role for him: “I haven’t had a chance to play yet. ‘I’m really lucky because I came out of this different process. This is the first production that I’ve done a part where it is such a different character and really, really like the fact that I’m being the lead character to have those reactions and stuff that the birds give. It really helps support my character and really gives him that ultimate power.”

Acosta, who is known for his dancing TP, particularly special for him because he’s THE BIRDS. Page 9
A view of the half mile track is shown from the top of the officials’ stands. The Kern County Raceway is slated to open April 20, but some delays may push it to an unknown date.

By Adam Cree, reporter

Features

A new racetrack is coming to Bakersfield this year, and it will be holding NASCAR events. The Kern County Raceway is scheduled to open April 20 and the track will be sanctioned for NASCAR events.

The track will be host to “all comers,” according to Steven Blakesley, the director of Marketing and Communications for the track. The track will pit “drivers from different tracks” from all over California, said Blakesley.

The track will host pro-late model racing, or stock cars, to race fans, with about 650 horsepower, every Saturday.

The track will be a half-mile of pavement and the entire track has been sanctioned by NASCAR for their events.

It puts the track in an “elite status, among tracks,” Blakesley said. Only 118 tracks in the US have been sanctioned for NASCAR events.

The racetrack will have seating for 5,000, said Blakesley. He also added that another 500 could sit in the suites.

Starting next year, the track plans on hosting races for NASCAR K&N West Pro Series and these races will be televised on “SPEED.”

A media event is scheduled for April 13 before the track opens a week later.

The track is at 13500 Raceway Boulevard on Interstate 5 and Enos Lane.

The first race is scheduled to start April 20, but the track is still waiting for a permit from Caltrans to widen Enos Lane by a lane of traffic in each direction. Without that, the track’s first race will be delayed until construction is finished.

The state of the permit was unknown.

The little punk rock gym with international appeal

On their rise to fame, Danish punk rock band Iceage gave Munoz Gym and their fans something to scream about.

Elias Bender Rønnenfelt, lead singer of Iceage, shows the fans of Bakersfield what a taste of Danish punk rock is like.

Iceage have been gaining fame from noted music press magazines such as Pitchfork and Alternative Press.

Left: Adrian Pillado, right, of Sea Lions is accompanied by a percussionist during a set at Munoz Gym.

Right: Elias of Iceage tries his best to sing in the packed crowd. Iceage is promoting their new album “You’re Nothing.”

Right: Milk Music lead singer and guitarist, Alex Conen, left, plays with brother Joe Rutter on drums, right.
A new type of music has hit Bakersfield and it's been a huge hit with local artists associated with the DRFTRS group. These musicians held their first show at Riley's Tavern last week, which attracted a packed-house.

Omar Oseguera, a local musician and DRFTRS founder, organized the event and wanted the venue to showcase the kinds of multi-cian and DRFTRS founder, or -. 

The show was held in a separate room from the back room and bustle of the main bar. With video projections on stage and the Internet with over 7,000 people tuning in, they were worried that the spice might have been laced or mixed with other substances.
The Bakersfield Museum of Art is now on display at the Bakersfield Museum of Art.

Randall Stout's model of the Art Museum's Carolina Virginia is now on display at the Bakersfield Museum of Art.

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Top: Stout also displays his work-in-progress models at the museum.
Bottom: Vicky Cruz, Bakersfield Museum of Art curator, puts together the exhibitions.

Singing up a storm as 50 people compete

By Martin Chang
Editor in Chief

From confidence building and making friends to expressing yourself, the contestant at a Prime Cut restaurant karaoke competition all get something different from their performance.

Over the month of March, 50 aspiring singers competed in the yearly karaoke competition. The Prime Cut restaurant has an annual karaoke contest where people compete in singing, and there are winners. There is a winner's prize for the grand prize winner, and second place runner-up prize. For karaoke is a way to build confidence and to get back to a lifelong passion.

Villagran has been a musician her whole life. She started singing at age 2 and had her first piano lesson at age 5. As she grew up, she became more serious by competing around town, in yearly karaoke competitions, and in singing gigs in local the acoustic sound of her piano major set back.

She started singing again. She was surprised to win runner-up prize. For karaoke is a way to build confidence and to get back to a lifelong passion. Villagran had found her voice, voice. Villagran said that I had an influential voice. She was really encouraged, but I think that my voice is real. It's a way to build confidence and to get back to a lifelong passion. Villagran said that I had an influential voice. She was really encouraged, but I think that my voice is real.

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By Robin Shan
Online Editor

The author Andrew Hussie is known for the web-comic titled “Homestuck.” According to the website, “Homestuck” ranks as No. 5 on the top 50 fandoms of 2012. Those within the fandom call themselves “Homestuck,” and they range from the estimation of millions to an early count of maybe 50k and only.

“Four game kids play. Four kids. That’s 15 people. And two girls,” answered Mollie Paella, 19, a BC psychology major, when asked what “Homestuck” was. “The game ends the same world…universe shenanigans, young man standing in his bed-room the comic is as he quoted, “a whole world.”

Those within the fandom call it an interactive web-comic. The creator, known as Andrew Hussie, has a web series where they can watch and read the comic. The comic is a group effort. Another author, Justin McInnes, has 13 years of experience being a comic artist. He found out about “Homestuck” through a friend. “I thought it’s so big [Homestuck] because it’s so relatable,” said Justin McInnes. 18, a BC computer science major.

There are one or two characters that three of the authors have stuck to their names. Sebastian only began reading the comic for just a little over a year now and found out through his friends. She also stated that the likelihood on how they react is easy to follow. “An example would be how a character, Trolls” explosion occurs. The comic goes to show that there are ways to a head in order for the scene to be sexual reproduction to progress. The characters are picked up by droids to be taken to a Mother or Trolls so they can produce a larvae which will later come out.

“Trolls” is an interactive web-comic and stuck to its investigation.

McInnes was asked if he reads the comic for a little over a year now and found out that he, the comic as he quoted, “a young man standing in his bedroom.” McInnes then quoted, “Four kids play a game and blow up the world. Universe shenanigans, levities. Chums, Children, all sorts of things — who even knows anymore?”

“Homestuck” is a really big webcomic that involves a group of kids and they go on a really amazing journey. This awesome journey comes with Trolls and bunch of other things,” stated Alex Delgado, 21, a BC psychology major. Delgado was happy about the readers by posting questions on the forums as to what a character should do or how the future storylines should be planned out.

As of date, “Homestuck” has updated 990,000 pages so far and painters can get that which you can watch while reading the comic. Hussie likes to interact with the readers by posting questions on the forums as to what a character should do or how the future storylines should be planned out.

On September 4, 2012, Hussie announced a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for a “Homestuck” video game. The game is planned to start in development this year, and is expected to be completed by 2014. Some fans stated that Hussie didn’t expect so much, but reached his goal of $3,000,000 within 32 hours of announcement.

They then exceeded their goal by raising more than $5,000.000. This estimation excludes the donations it received through PayPal donations. One person who donated $10,000 was a soldier who’s deceased in Afghanistan. He donated due to the fact that he said that “Homestuck” update was something he always looked forward to.

Instead of using the money for something for himself, the soldier declared that he would do something for the fandom he enjoys.

There were incidents when Homestuck got into trouble as conventions because the fan’s size was too big and it started conflict with other fandoms attending the event.

There were also incidents that happened between Homestuck such as one throwing a bucket at another’s head and supposedly causing a concussion. There are even times when the Homestucks receive death threats from other fandoms due to certain conflicts they face online, over movies or animations. As a fandom filled with mass variation of fans, Homestuck go far as to reaching out to those who aren’t also part of the fandom. Last year, a charity project was started by a small group of BC Homestuck fans speak of their fandom

Hussie created the many characters of “Homestuck.” of Homestuck called The Can Project, which was formed to help in order to help local communities by distributing canned foods collected by those who participated.

Bakersfield College choir spring concert

The Bakersfield College choir sang many songs at their spring concert, including a piece of an a capella song. The Concert was held at the First Congregational Church on March 17.

New steps are being taken to ban smoking on campus

By Graham C. Wheat

The proposed smoking policy at Bakersfield College has taken yet another step as they move towards the Board of Trustees and campus-wide. A campus-wide, informal, informal electronic poll, student Government Gend- er, członk Nick Acosta, and his meeting with Faculty and Department Chairs on March 12 went well, gaining approval from the committee.

Acosta was happy about the questions raised by the meeting. “They are my Extension of possi- bilities. Some of the questions asked were ones that need to be asked now as opposed to later,” stated Acosta.

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BC students and fan of Homestuck

For many people, taxes bring stress, especially when they are due. The problem is especially bad for people who have part-time jobs shared their per- spectives. According to Huchins, she was able to receive a $300 dollar re- fund by using Turbo Tax, a tax filing software. “It was more convenient to do online,” said Huchins. She worked as a bartender and is currently known for his web- series. The buckets are then picked up by droids to be taken to the Sexual reproduction to progress. The characters are picked up by droids to be taken to a Mother or Trolls so they can produce a larvae which will later come out.

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This is a scene from the video game “Bioshock Infinite,” where Elizabeth, above, has just witnessed Booker Dewitt, the protagonist, killing a couple of the many antagonists within the game and accuses him of being a monster.

By Alana Garrett
Reporter

Ken Levine has done it again with his new addition to the “Bioshock” series, “Bioshock Infinite.” As a sequel to the game’s predecessors, it’s not only setting new standards for the game industry, but it has also captured the attention of gamers all over the world.

At first glance, Colombia seems like a utopia in the sky, with its bright colors and happy citizens. But if you look further, you’ll see that the city has been established on pre-civil war principles and ideals. When the game begins, the year is 1912 set before the original “Bioshock,” and you take on the role of the main character of Booker Dewitt.

Dewitt is an ex-Pinkerton agent who was told he can settle his debts by bringing a young woman named Elizabeth to his employers in New York. When Dewitt goes to New York, Elizabeth finds she is locked up in a tower like a princess from some Disney movie. Dewitt finds that Elizabeth holds some strange powers that even he can’t understand.

Along their journey, they face many obstacles including being chased by Elizabeth’s predecessor, Song Bird. Song Bird is a fleet, giant, mechanical bird that was programmed to feel betrayed by Elizabeth ever left. Dewitt and Elizabeth both try to understand the girl’s powers and escape from Columbia.

The graphics in the game are great and truly shine through in first-person. The characters seem lifelike and not your typical character from having his own unique twisted past, and Elizabeth having a personality that is mature but almost child-like at times.

The enemies have unique designs and attacks that keep you on your toes. The weapons provided in the game are excellent and allow you to find with almost any enemy. As you follow the story, you see the bond between Dewitt and Elizabeth grow stronger.

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Unfortunately he’s just too normal and they were way too close to lose that to defeat an enemy, or find a way out of their situation.

The portal to this world is a real rock ‘n’ roll album. “Specter at the Feast” - The album is punctuated with amazing graphics and has an epic, unforgettable story line. Unlike its predecessors “Bioshock” and “Bioshock 2,” that were set in the dusty dirt and last millennium beneath of Rapture, “Bioshock Infinite” is set in the city of Columbia. Columbia is a bright and colorful city that has in the sky with a wide-open world. Columbia makes the player feel as though he is in a Snickers candy bar.

Unlike its predecessors “Bioshock” and “Bioshock 2,” that were set in the dusty dirt and last millennium beneath of Rapture, “Bioshock Infinite” is set in the city of Columbia.

This album is great for fans of real rock ‘n’ roll. This album is perfect with it. The ending of the album “Specter at the Feast” doesn’t leave you disappointed or way. Black Rebel Motorcycle Club made a straight produced beats. Black Rebel Motorcycle Club is a young adult novel that’s 300 pages but it’s a pretty easy read and one that you’re not going to want to put down.

It’s a great read for casual and eager readers alike. Read it and you won’t regret it.

By Ruben A. Perez
Reporter

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club makes great music.

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By Alana Garrett
Reporter

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By Adam Cree

RETIRED MARITIME ENGINEER Henry David Palmer has contracted a Chinese company to build a Titanic success instead of a Titanic replica. “In 2010 he started talking about the time they invented the ship’s rudder will ultimately result in leaving a bad impression. As I understood from Sister Juanita’s religion class, a new pope is elected after the old pope dies to lead, until that pope is elected after the old pope retired and was replaced after the new pope. That’s how Sister Juanita taught me that’s how it has been working since eternity. The world is run by those who have the power and that’s a non-problem. This is the reason I can’t stand being the leader of a gang, the only problem is that it occasionally results in a titanic disaster.”

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By Samantha Briggs

The Lay’s streak has recently released new Lay’s chip flavors. Cheesy Garlic Bread, Sriracha and Chicken & Waf- fles. These flavors are the three finalists of the Lay’s Do Us a Flavor contest. In the summer of last year, Lay’s had a contest to find a new chip flavor and the winner will receive $1 million. Over three million Lay’s lovers submitted on Facebook, includ- ing me, but I guess my попугай and chicken and waffle loving didn’t.”

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Much more than I was expecting

By Samantha Kelly
Special to The Rip

I was intrigued when I saw the ladies of the Muslim Student Association walking into the cafeteria with a scarf on their heads. And it was then that I decided to apply for the tradition of wearing a hijab around for a day. I was elated. I have been thinking about this for a long time and finally, I have the opportunity to participate in this cultural tradition. I was so excited that I rushed to the Office of Student Life to sign up. When we turned the scarf, when we were walking around campus, we felt like we were representatives of our culture. People were intrigued and they asked us about our hijab and why we were wearing it. They wanted to learn more about our culture and our beliefs. It was a great experience for us all. We all connected with open faces and open hearts. Talking to the other women helped accentuate our common experiences. We eliminated differences and prejudices. It helped highlight our similarities and our shared values. It was a great experience for all of us, and I was so happy to be a part of it. I will never forget this experience and I will always be grateful for the opportunity to wear the hijab. I encourage everyone to try it and see how it feels. It is a wonderful experience and it is something that I will always remember. I am so proud of our Muslim Student Association and I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it. I am so happy to be a part of this community and I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it.
Drumline bangs out a beat

SGA holds blood drive on campus

By Byram C. Wheat

Featherd E ditor

Family, friends, and teachers alike were there to support the late Leonel Del Toro and Severo Ramirez.

On March 16, the two Bakersfield College students were killed in a car crash at the intersection of University Avenue and Columbus. Del Toro, 21, and Ramirez, 20, were both on their way to an event when the accident occurred.

During the memorial service, it was a good opportunity for the community to come together and remember the students. The service was attended by BC students, faculty and staff, as well as family and friends of both students.

The service was held in the BC auditorium, and consisted of a program that included music, readings, and tributes from BC faculty and students.

The program began with a moment of silence, followed by a song performed by the BC orchestra. Then, BC President Matthew W. Winkler spoke about the importance of community and the impact that Del Toro and Ramirez had on the BC community.

“Leonel and Severo were more than just students to us,” Winkler said. “They were part of our Bakersfield College family, and we will miss them greatly.”

Del Toro and Ramirez were major contributors to the BC community, and had a strong presence on campus. They were both involved in the BC football team, and had been dedicated members of the team for several years.

During the memorial service, BC football coach Jeff Tisdel spoke about the impact that Del Toro and Ramirez had on the team.

“Leonel and Severo were both leaders on our team,” Tisdel said. “They were great teammates and had a positive influence on everyone around them.”

The service concluded with a moment of silence, followed by the singing of the national anthem. Then, the BC orchestra played “Amazing Grace” to close the service.

The memorial service was a touching tribute to Del Toro and Ramirez, and a fitting way to remember their contributions to the BC community. They will be greatly missed by all who knew them.
Norwood takes first in four races

By Jason Beal
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College track and field men’s and women’s teams continue to stay in the top of the Renegades’ track and field coast the entire length of the season. On March 16, BC hosted the Bakersfield Relays, which featured three other schools. The women took first place as a team for the first time in the first meet of the season at Bakersfield College.

New BC runners won multiple races for the Renegades. Men’s runner Jason Taylor finished in first place for BC, winning two races against Glendale 9-0 on March 19 against Ventura College. Taylor’s performance propels the men’s team to first place in the overall standings of the season.

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By Robert Mullen
Sports Editor

Bakersfield College women’s tennis team finished their regular season play with a defeat against California Lutheran on April 1.

The women lost their match against Ventura College 5-2 on March 12 and lost their match against Santa Barbara City College 6-4 on March 21.

We had a couple close ones with Santa Barbara and Ventura, we’re just falling with our numbers a little bit. We have six players this year, and unfortunately we’ve had some injuries, and it’s taking its toll on us,” said head coach Tori Lynn.

They suffered another loss on March 19 against Santa Monica College 8-1, but beat Glendale 5-4 on March 13. The women took their doubles matches and twice out of three.

The men’s team has continued to improve, coming up their season with a loss against Cerritos College 11-3 on April 1, and 7-2 on March 22.

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The BC men’s tennis team will take place April 10 in the Southern California Mills 5th Most at Centro College.

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March 22, 2013

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Taylor did an easy to cover up mistakes when you win a game, but that the problems are cleaner and easier to see when you lose. “It’s very frustrating that we don’t see all of the time in an inning, and you get pretty tired of that happening,” Taylor said.

I don’t think we have area’s that we’re weak, I just haven’t been able to connect on track. One day I’ll have better than average pitching and one day better than average offense, but you’re never going to have better than average at everything and we haven’t been able to put all that together,” Taylor said.

She notes that the athletes, player, but that athletes isn’t enough to have a great season if there are multiple problems that continue to stack. Injuries and illnesses have hurt the team, coupled with their experience at the college level and tough league action. Since the team has 15 players, with the possibility of losing another before the season is through.

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BC baseball scores

March 14
Merced A, BC 1
Marcos Aquino tied the game in the first, third, and fourth inning. BC starting pitcher, Brad Lindsay, allowed just one run on six hits. Merced pitcher, Russell Longworth, pitched a complete game for his team, giving up just one earned run and striking out 12 BC batters. The loss went to BC’s second straight loss after an eight-game winning streak.

March 16
BC 18, West L.A. 3
Darion Nunn pitched four innings for the Renegades and struck out seven batters as BC rolled over West L.A. College. Center fielder Kyle Nixon went 6-for-6 batting and scored two runs for BC. Designated hitter, Luc Pomales, had two RBIs for BC.

March 19
BC 2, West L.A. 3
With this win, BC swept the two-game series against WSC foes West L.A. College. BC has improved to 18-7. Merced pitcher, Russell Longworth, pitched a complete game for the Renegades, allowing just two runs on six hits. Merced pitcher, Russell Longworth, pitched a complete game for his team, giving up just one earned run and striking out 12 BC batters. The loss went to BC’s second straight loss after an eight-game winning streak.

March 21
Canyon 8, BC 5
College of the Canyon jumped out to a 3-0 lead and never trailed in the game as it took the first two of two games against BC. Canyons catcher, Alex Bishop, had four RBIs for his team, going 3-for-5 batting and scored two runs. Justin Martinez and infielder Cole Holton scored four of his team’s five runs.

March 22
Canyon 6, BC 4
BC struggled at home against Canyon, losing the two-game series. The loss gave BC its second straight losing streak. Canyons also gained Glendale possession of both first place in the conference and into themselves a favor, tying with BC with second place. After taking a 3-0 lead, BC would then allow two runs in the third inning, giving Canyons a 2-3 lead before going up at the bottom of the inning. Canyons would then go on to secure the Renegades 5-3 at the game. Quincy Quantum went 4-for-5 batting with four RBIs and scored a run to lead his team to victory.

March 26
Sedeson 6, BC 7
BC dropped its third straight game against College of the Sequoias and failed to gain ground against conference leader Glendale College. BC was struck out seven times. Sequoias jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but BC would then go on to tie the game up at six apiece. Sequoias then scored two more runs in the final two innings of the game. Second baseman, Erik Williams had three RBIs for the Renegades on 2-for-4 batting, Matt Cota and Nick Stoll each scored two runs against the Sequoias.

March 27
BC 6, Roosly 2
With this win, BC stopped a three-game skid. Pitcher Ronny Sappy took the mound for BC and struck out six batters over the course of seven innings, and allowed just one earned run. Justin Martinez had three RBIs for BC and went 5-for-4 at the plate. The win was BC improved to 18-7.

By Jason Reed
Sports Editor

BC Renegades fall 1-0 to Saddleback College

Bakersfield College third baseman Luc Pomales swings the bat in a 10-5 loss to the College of the Canyons. BC has dropped five of its last eight games after an eight games winning streak.

By James Book
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College baseball team started 15-2 in its first 17 games of the season, including an eight-game winning streak. Since then, BC has dropped four of its last five games entering this game. BC has also lost two games behind Glendale College.” Our team is playing like it should be a playoff team that’s what we are, this is just a performance. “If we’re going to get anything done offensively,” BC assistant coach Tim Patricia said on his pitcher’s performance. “Their pitcher came in with one of the best ERA’s in the state and proved why he is as good as he is. He pitched very well against us.” BC played L.A. Valley at home April 2, and the result can be found on the season. BC will start a two-game series against WSC rival Citrus College. BC is now 18-3 on the season, and tied for second place in the WSC at 10-4. The first game will take place at Citrus, April 5, and will end on April 9. The Owls are 4-10 in the WSC.

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For anyone who enjoys Pixar’s “Brave,” finds pleasure in the sound of bagpipes or wants to see men wear kilts in person, the 18th Annual Scottish Games and Gatherings was the perfect event.

The Kern County Scottish Society hosted the event at the Fair Grounds on March 23. With a $16 ticket, visitors saw Scottish heavy athletics which consisted of the stone throw, weight for distance, caber toss and hammer throw.

Live music stages, pipe bands, Highland dancers and various vendors were among the many activities that created the atmosphere of celebration for Scottish culture.

Over 20 Scottish clans joined the event. One of them was the McPherson Clan. The clan has over 20,000 members worldwide according to Rod Schreckengost, a clan member.

“They associate it as best as they could through applying. It had to do with the land where everybody lived,” Schreckengost explained. “Certain families lived around there, so they associated with them. That’s how they formed the big clan.”

Schreckengost works as a consultant for the construction industry, but he still finds the time to participate in various Scottish gatherings. “Our association here in Southern California has a lot of events together,” Schreckengost said. “I’ve been twice to the international gathering at Scotland.”

Scottish clans

The largest of these gatherings is the Cowal Games at Dunoon, Scotland. Outside of Bakersfield, different areas host their own Scottish Games and many individuals attending the event came from other parts of California.

The Golden Coast Pipes and Drums, one of the groups of bagpipe players, came from Camarillo.

The group had been participating in the event for five years. Walley Boggess, a retired chemistry teacher at 72 years old, was one of the group’s bagpipers. He explained how to operate the instrument.

“You blow in the bag and you squeeze the bag with your elbow and by blowing and squeezing and blowing and squeezing, you maintain a constant pressure. The air you put in the bag is forced down the chanter, which makes the music,” Boggess explained. “There are only nine notes, no sharps or flats. It also goes up to those things that lie on our shoulders called drones. The shorter drones play an octave higher.”

Stephanie Scott, a t-shirt seller at the event, said it was her first time at Bakersfield’s Scottish Games. Like Boggess, she came to support the event from outside of Bakersfield.

Scott, who is originally from Woodland, watched her son Dustin as he competed in the caber toss. She explained how the game worked.

“The object is to turn the caber all the way over to flip it and get it to 12 o’clock [position],” Scott said. “If you do not flip it, you get a degree mark.”

Scott had been participating in Scottish gatherings for “about 10 years,” she said, taking time between two part-time jobs.

Traditional Scottish meals, such as meat pies, were popular choice at the gathering.

Fun at Scottish Games and Gathering

A re-enactor demonstrates to attendees how they made fire in the olden days.

A group of attendees dress like Scottish citizens as they sell the event programs.