### BC food pantry open more days

**By Bakher Park Reporter**

The Renegade food pantry has increased its distribution to eight times a semester. The food pantry provides food for Bakersfield College students. Last semester the pantry had six days of distribution from eight times in a semester to four times that semester. 

Student Government Association council member Nick Acosta explained the reason for offering more days. 

“Last semester there were some huge issues with how we got our pantry food for the pantry,” said Acosta. “Because of that, we had to find out of a different source which has less money.”

The pantry is able to distribute more food thanks to donations from the BC community. “Bakersfield supports the SGA donating money and the faculty, policy, and staff donating more money,” said Acosta. “We’re able to budget to that for the whole semester,” said Acosta. 

In addition to faculty and staff donations, the SGA has also planned events in March that would raise awareness on issues involving students in need. 

“We’re going to have a speaking event,” said Acosta. “She’ll be speaking on poverty and hunger and issues like that, and the week before she comes, we plan to fundraise some more money.”

“A lot of students need this,” Acosta said. “It’s so great that we have a program that can help our students.”

### Student gladly gave her brother a kidney

By Hannah Resaland

On Jan. 16, Bakersfield College student Rose Rodriquez had surgery, but it wasn’t to benefit her. It was for her brother, Rodney. 21, who is currently a culinary major, donated his kidney to his brother Joseph Rodriquez, 27. 

“When my brother was 3, he was diagnosed with hydronephrosis,” said Rose. “We both knew it was a matter of time until he would need a kidney transplant.”

“After a couple of weeks, my brother got matched,” said Rose. “I said, ‘I tried again but doctors wanted me to wait until I was 17. My parent wanted me to wait until I was 21. In October 2012 they told me I was a match, and it was a perfect match out of 6.”

They asked if I wanted to come immediately and I was like ‘yes!’”

Rose Rodriquez and her other brother Joseph held up kidney pillows. After four years of waiting and testing Rose was able to give her kidney to her brother.

### Smoking vote has no effect this semester

By Graham C. Wheat

A 59-41 vote on Jan. 27, to ban smoking on campus, was seen as too little too late. 

From the start of the spring 2012 semester, the BC campus was smoke free. Christian Jensen, BC president, said that “everything will be filled out in this way. Liz Rodriguez explained.”

In her position, she fills out these tickets. “It’s been a lot of work, but we’re getting the right people to do these tickets.”

### Leader here for ‘long haul’

By Martin Chang

Sonya Christian, Bakersfield College’s new president, has a vision of community and stability for the college and its students. 

Since fall 2004, there have been three presidents, including Christian, and three in- ternal presidents. Plus, several deans of different departments have come and gone. Christian plans to address this in two ways. First, she plans on personally being here and putting issues of stability at the forefront. 

“The stability of the college is front and center in terms of my focus. I plan on being at BC for a long time. I was at BC as a faculty member, then as a dean before I left in 2007,” she said. “So coming back in 2013 is getting me back to the long haul.”

Secondly, she plans to fill in the vacant administra- tive positions with staff who have been at the school a long time. “I sent out a call to our faculty and staff and said, ‘I would like you to step up for an 18 months to really give some time to figure out our organization, because those are individuals that have been at the college for a long time and I wanted to draw on the longevity, the commitment that people have to this college, step into administrative roles’,” Christian explained.

Both positions have been filled out in this way. Liz Rodriquez, the vice president of student life, was selected to be the dean of Career and Technical Education. 

Christian believes that by filling these administrative positions this way will prevent the “turmoil created by turnover”.

“The stability of the college is front and center in terms of my focus. I plan on being at BC for a long time,” said Christian. “The stability of the college, that means the Admin- istration, Council, Academic Senate, CCA, LCA [both staff union organizations], said Acosta. “That is our way of making sure that every employee of Bakersfield College who will be affected by this has a chance to voice their opinion.”

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Crafty ladies create eco-friendly candles with much love

By Robin Shain

Online Editor

Only a handful of people in the world are able to have the motivation to make their hobbies into a business. The two founders of Happily Ever After Candles (HEAC), Elizabeth Valle, 26, and Stephanie Velasco, 22, are two childhood friends who are currently building their hobbies into a business.

Valle is a business major at Bakersfield College, and Velasco transferred out of BC and into CSUB back in 2010 and is studying child adolescent and family. “We were trying to look for a hobby,” stated Velasco when asked how the idea of making candles came to mind. “It’s like cooking,” stated Velasco.

The two friends began making their candles back in October 2011. They were a supplier in order to get their different scents and waxes. HEAC uses soy wax, which is better than beeswax and costs longer than non-soy waxes. “It’s like cooking,” stated Velasco when asked how the candle making process worked.

The process of making a candle takes Velasco and Valle an estimated 45 minutes to an hour, while the candle is estimated to last a little over 20 hours. While they have scented candles for sale, scents such as pumpkin spice and brown sugar, HEAC also has their regular scents, lime and basil, being one of the examples being coconut scented candles. “We get our ideas and to be honest, stated Valle, we’re not known but we are local.”

With the support of their family and friends, HEAC was able to come with a design for their candles and ideas for their current and future scents.

“We’re creating our own scent by researching,” stated Valle when asked how they were doing Spring Awakening. “HEAC makes soy wax, which is better than beeswax and costs longer than non-soy waxes. “It’s like cooking” said Velasco. We’re creating our own scents, and their current primary source of income is 100% non-soy. They aren’t able to sell during the summer due to the heat melting their candles.

Valle stated that they have plans for the future of their candles but they are currently taking on ideas and others, which will benefit their sales.

Their 10-ounce candles are currently 50% and their bigger candles range from 10% and over. ”Give it a try,” said Velasco. “You candles are thin to smell when you are and all these universal themes of sadness and love and angst and death and all these things that people can relate to. “For me, the best kind of theater makes us discuss something, and I think that this show will hopefully spur discussion...It says some important things about our society and life. Hopefully people get something out of it.” – Brian Sivesind, Director, Spring Awakening

left: Timothy Anthony Jr. exhibits his musical talents by singing one of the songs from the new musical.

Bottom: The female cast performs a song from the new musical now showing at The Empty Space.

Right: Taylor Dunn sings the opening number of “Spring Awakening.”

‘Spring’ attempts to awaken its audience

By Robin Pozes

Reporter

The Empty Space Theater is opening its 13th season with the musical “Spring Awakening” directed by Kristina Saldana and Brian Sivesind. The musical is a coming-of-age story about German teenagers in the 1890s. “As soon as the rights were available we knew we had to do it,” said Saldana. “It was a show that we wanted for our space, and we’ve always loved the vibe of the original Broadway production, you’ll see that it’s sort of set up The Empty Space.”

Some of the topics in the musical revolve around suicide, sex, abortion, homosexuality, and general teenage angst. This did not raise the discussions at all. “The good and bad thing about The Empty Space is we’re so known as the edgy theater,” she said. “On one hand, people sort of expect it from us, but on the other hand, new people aren’t very aware of the type of things we do here, but we like to push a little bit.”

“For me, the best kind of theater makes us discuss something; and I think that this show will hopefully spur discussion about kids and how to communicate with parents,” said Saldana.

Even with the scandals subject matter, people were not deterred from auditioning for “Spring Awakening.” “As soon as people heard we were doing Spring Awakening, the buzz grew and grew and grew and we had something like 50 people audition for the 11 roles,” said Saldana.

“It says some important things about our society and life. Hopefully people get something out of it,” said Saldana. “We were very happy with the way it turned out and we probably couldn’t have used and would’ve been brilliant.”

The musical’s opening weekend was met with very warm response from audience. “It’s a rock musical,” said Saldana. “It’s about love, believing in something, thinking out who you are and all these universal themes of sadness and love and angst and death and all these things that people can relate to. “For me, the best kind of theater makes us discuss something, and I think that this show will hopefully spur discussion...It says some important things about our society and life. Hopefully people get something out of it.” – Brian Sivesind, Director, Spring Awakening.
Radio] is about a community, and "The show might be good, but you're driving from New York," said Looney. "Both believe was a necessity for the gent and dedicated to getting what or sinking retirement funds and tip music playlist on loose-leaf paper.

"We knew it was going to be Doing, said Looney on the nature of their shows, such as DJ Tiny's technical stuff like that took one hour and figured out why we needed a personal touch."

"We have to promote our station come back."

Both also had a brief affair with radio at Bakersfield College's first-tier station and a pirate radio station in Bakersfield during the past two years.

"It's really giving sabbaticals at the time", Stierle said. "This semester not many things have changed, just some of my classes."

"Do you of two good friends are mar- ned against the wind in the car," said Looney explaining their show. "They used to list all of the stations and keep up with what was going on in the station."

"KSVG, keeping couples together for a while?"

"Chavez and Looney are focused on expanding their listener base but being aware of the potential listeners, they said now they just turn on 89.7 and ask, 'have you heard the station?'"
**Teacher gives back to community**

By Michelle De Leon

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Along with two BC students, Wayland combined cycling and harsh elements and traversed through unforgiving terrains. He described the experience as a “challenge and reward system,” which required 40 to 60 miles of cycling per day across magnificent vistas.

Wayland has climbed the majestic peaks of the Sierras, reached the summit of Mount Whitney at 14,491 feet, the highest point on the first day.

The first day is very hard,” Wayland warned. “People have said it wasn’t hard enough for the grueling experience. Prior to Vision Quest, different tests examine physical fitness, including a hike to Owens Peak at 8,635 feet, the highest point fully within Kern County.

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BC students receive help from events set by SGA

By Michelle De Leon Reporter

For the spring semester, the Student Government Association has planned different events for Bakersfield College students. On Feb. 6, the SGA will hold its first Grow and Go Fair at the picturesque Redwood Room from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. SGA planned different departments to hold 15-minute sessions, covering topics that need time management and financial aid.

“BC’s a big campus on our campus that can help students to be successful,” said SGA president Danielle Christen. “You just have to know about it. Our session last year, participants studied to attend at least one session to receive free food, with the opportunity to win gift cards and dogs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SGA also hope to make a bigger community and beyond.

They reach out to Martes Lindo King in Campus Center from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for personalized career-planning to the community.

The Create. E. Chance Blood Drive will be March 12 and 13. BC placed an improved fifth out of 200 participations.

It’s also a chance to fine-tune our degree programs, which we will try to position Ba-

According to a recent press release, California Community Colleges chancellor Jack Scott has said that the college system has already approved to cover the cost for the governor’s online education plan that would consist of a “created virtual classroom,” or as many as 15 to 20 students may be met in several existing distance education classes, the students can meet in a single hosting system with a 247 support center. The release also states to as “expand options for career and technical education by challenge for exams for students who are located as well as remedial courses.”

We’ve seen this budget proposal as a vote of confidence in our ability to pro-

The band Styx will be at the Fox Theater Feb. 4. Doors open at 7 p.m. and show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets range from $45.50 to $68.50.

Chick-fil-A is hosting “Col-Campus Day,” starting at 7 p.m. and show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets range from $45.50 to $68.50.

BC cafeteria. Tickets: $175. Deluxe Options is located at 2020 20th St. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets range from $45.50 to $68.50.

At the BC Foundation will hold its “A Night in Athens,” tickets range from $35 to $50. If you have any questions contact 823-4900.

BC Tan Center will hold its annual livestock Feb. 2, starring on Silver Fox, William Blooms-Carter, the Play-

BC students may purchase the right of the night of the show. Cash only.

When Pig Ride is a weekly event which happens every week on Thursday. They will have the right to ride to any place that serves.

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Bakersfield LGBTQ Valentine’s Day Dance is going down on Feb. 8, at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel near the BC River. It will start at 6 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. You have any questions contact 517-5859.

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The band Bad Jacks is taking place at On the Rocks Feb. 2 at 9 p.m. On the Rocks is located at 1517 8th St. and is located across from the BC bookstore. If you have any questions contact 517-5859.

Reggae Night at On the Rocks Bar and Grill presents Amary Thursday, Feb. 7. 8 p.m. On the Rocks is located at 1517 8th St. Tickets are $5 each. If you have any questions contact 517-5859.

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Deb Leazer will be taking place at On the Rocks Bar and Grill. Feb. 1 from 9-11:45 p.m. Admission is $10. If you have any questions contact 517-7276.

BC Rocko Poster Picture Show is happening Feb 8. at the Happy Space, 706 Oak Street. 11-11:45 a.m. Admission is $10. If you have any questions contact 517-7276.

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With the recent school shootings in the last two months, we need to have more gun control. Unfor- tunately, with gun control in control, people assume the government is going to take their guns and sometimes they are trying to get the gun law-abiding citizens of the United States to give up their guns. That’s not what I think or advocate at all. Both of my parents were in the Army, and my sister is currently enlisted in the Army. I feel that the government is new for my family. I know my mom keeps a gun in her room, and I have no problem with that. The problem is that not every- one has had gun training and knowing how to use and keep a gun responsibly. An amendment in our everyday world that people can buy military assault rifles. This is the most stupid ar- med force we have ever heard. It’s just like saying you’re going to have more gun control. It’s the most ridiculous idea. We need to do something about this. The Second Amendment is still in place. So, why are we trying to change it? If anyone ever wants to change it, I would basically give the government theayah to take other citizens’ amendment or law that we don’t need it. I don’t think that there has been much response to the presidential election. Obama’s re-election than ever before? Are the American people so stupid to be there that this has just been sort of some kind of foolishness? President Obama’s administration is trying to come after our guns in or- der to fully dominate and as to keep us on an entirely dependent government. They will start by blaming armed groups on uni- versities and states in order to ease the American people into the idea of com- pletely abolishing the Second Amendment. How will the government justify this? They will start by blaming the Second Amendment for violent attacks on U.S. soil that can be stopped by completely abolishing the Second Amendment. This will put our gun rights under a higher-priority situation. The Second Amendment as written, guns were a necessity of life. You had to have your own food and protect your family from beasts. Hunting is a recreational activity and survival. When it comes to society, most people can’t handle the Second Amendment. We need to have gun control. We need people to be able to carry guns without being publicized mass shootings since 1992. Most people who have not studied history aren’t aware that false flag attacks have been going on since the American Revolution. The newspaper is published under the auspices of the California Community Colleges, California Newspaper Publishers Association, and Associated Collegiate Press. The newspaper is published under the auspices of the California Community Colleges, California Newspaper Publishers Association, and Associated Collegiate Press. The newspaper is published under the auspices of the California Community Colleges, California Newspaper Publishers Association, and Associated Collegiate Press. The newspaper is published under the auspices of the California Community Colleges, California Newspaper Publishers Association, and Associated Collegiate Press.
Dmc makes a comeback with its combat and plot

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“DmC: Devil May Cry” is a crazy, insane thrill ride that has a story that’s reminiscent of the original Godfather movie. It’s an over-the-top, extreme action game where you basically have to balance your sanity with the actual game. The story is told through a series of flashbacks and dreams, and features many of the same characters from the previous games. The gameplay is fast-paced and intense, with a focus on combos and fluid movement.

Overall, for only his second album, A$AP has improved on the next album. His writing style was surprisingly a big step up for the young artist. Several mainstream artists are scattered throughout the album, with collaborations from the likes of Tyga and Wale.

The attacks have a satisfying sound and feel, and the enemies the game throws at you are challenging but not too difficult. The enemies and their attacks range from simple, one-hit kills to larger, more complex units. The enemies also have different behaviors and abilities, which adds to the variety.

The weapons are easy to switch between, and there are many to choose from. You can use a variety of weapons, such as swords, axes, and guns. The weapons have different strengths and weaknesses, so you’ll need to choose the right one for each situation.

The story is, for the most part, a cloak-and-dagger espionage mix with a twist at the end. I would also recommend for anyone looking for a quick, stylish, and easy to raise the difficulty since it’s pretty easy at the normal setting.

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It’s the fluid fun combat that goes to crazy combat for earth in Limbo. Mundus is an evil figure who is fighting an epic battle for earth in Limbo. He’s a creature of Dante spewing one-liners in an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie with humorous social commentary.

These two tones clash in a strange blend of an anime action-sports movie and a great, stylish, and easy to raise the difficulty since it’s pretty easy at the normal setting.

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Sometimes it’s best to do nothing at all
By Martin Chang

One of my favorite things to do is nothing, absolutely nothing. It’s not going out drinking with friends. It’s not going to a Cardinals game. It’s nothing.

Sure, I have fun going out. I can see what the rest of the people or maybe even a cute girl. It’s not that I’m against it, I mean I’m a brain or something. I am worried about a thing. School, whatever, ambition can just. I love turning off my mind and not caring.

People call this ‘wasting time’, the time is not being wasted. I, like I imagine many people, spend a lot of time worrying or thinking or whatever you want to call it.

You think about your future, you think about your past, your homework assignments, where you are in your major, girls, boyfriends, friendships, housemates, money, money, it’s all enough to make you go insane.

So you need that time to time out. We can’t make it through every day, every day, day, day.

But I’ve learned that stuff just needed to be put aside. Sometimes that worry, that thing that is bugging you with stress, can wait.

I think it’s getting harder and harder to do nothing.

When I have cell phones, anyone can call or message you and wake you from the sublime joy of deep thinking.

With social networking like Facebook, you can absorb news and opinions in people’s personal lives.

We can look at these stupid comments under the multitude of pages, some empty, some not. And some people wrote this. And some think.

‘Oh, my God. I can’t believe she said that’ and all angry. Does any- one really care that in your life?

It seems like more and more, you have to make an effort to not make an effort. But I always find a way to do it. Like I always, I always find myself in a better mood when I have been doing nothing for a whole, whole block of nothing. I am always happy and I always think I should try to do it.

And you know what else is awesome, nothing. Sometimes I take a nap and I can eat a good ice cream and long nap.

The worse, when you wake up and your legs are dry and you feel eyes feel all crusted. But then I only get for 20 minutes. I actually get a little bit angry. I got angry at my own self. I got out of my friend and did a blissful few hours of swinging legs.

That’s because napping is doing nothing disguised as in your life. When your asleep, you are not being productive, you are just having nothing happen, you seem to leave you alone. When you wake up, you’re refreshed. You’re ready on the take on the day. You’re ready to fold that laundry.

If you’ve read my writing in the past, I’ve talked about imma- ture, the moments that inspire me as a human being, and I’ll get back to that. But what I’m telling you now is not every mo- ment needs to be significant. You don’t always have to look at a book of words and see a paint- ing. Sometimes you need to lean back, close your eyes and just not think.

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By Byron Roodland

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By Patricia Rocha

There has never been a huge fan of labels and classifications for people. Slang, straight girl, boy, religious, atheist, black, white, Asian, it’s just not in my DNA.

We’d just put it. People have always accused me of not love our individuality and start presenting ourselves as cliques and groups that we break down of superiority and minority versus minority.

I’ve always thought this was such a huge flaw in our society because people are so complex.

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There are people in this world for more advanced than I can who can write about inequality, immigration, and the like. But I, I start presenting myself as someone knowing you’re someone, of course, but I was speak the language. Everyone was in a world of their own, they were not in the language. Everyone was in a world of their own, they were not in the language.

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The revamped GET bus terminal at Bakersfield College is the first step in implementing the improved GET transit system.

The renovation of the GET bus stop, parking has been a problem so far for this semester.

"It has been difficult to find," she said. "I have to park farther than usual, which means I have to leave from my house earlier. It's a deal breaker but it is more of an inconvenience." With the new transit center also came new bus routes, and for some students this came as a surprise.

"I've been using the bus to get to and from school for the past year," said Blake Johnson, a second year at BC. "Because of the change, I had to make arrangements for a ride home on Thursdays and Saturdays since the route I used to take isn't available at the times I need." Although some students found it a drawback, others saw this as a type of trial or reward. John Smoak says he is pleased with the new center.

"Since I've started coming to BC, I've noticed bus is a popular way of transportation," said Sanchez. "It's just so useful. It has a new look which is pretty awesome."

James Martin, who attends BC and uses the bus as transportation, was pleased with the project.

"I think this is a good thing, not only for students, but for the people of Bakersfield in general," he said. "I've met people who use the bus stop to get from and from where they need to go and not because they attend school here. Hopefully they find it useful as well."
Softball coach Taylor confident

By Robert Mullin
Reporter

After making it to the second round of the Southern Regionals last year, the Bakersfield College softball team finished last season with a 29-15 record. Yet with several veteran players and a young dominated roster, it will be a long hard road to accomplish a similar feat.

“Wow-what a season, and then two freshmen didn’t even realize that were instrumental last year,” said head coach Shadie Taylor. “We’re young, and inexperienced, and it’s my, their, their first time, and for me that’s the goal anyway.”

Taylor also seems confident in his team for this year.

“Break Charlie, [sic] our returning starting shortstop, and a team player, willing to go behind the plate and play in the outfield. And then there’s Nunn, our other extremely athletic kid that’s going to step in behind the plate and do some things for us. Then there are several that have really stepped up and worked hard—our anchor. We have a couple of kids on the mound and we’re excited.”

With this new, long Coach Taylor says, “We have to play solid defense, play small ball, give up fewer than we don’t have to score as many. Right now my goal is to show up and to go. We have pitching staff needs to get some experience under their belt.”

With a big 8-5 victory against Fullerton College on Feb. 25, Bakersfield College beat the Renegades, 8-5.

That game will start a busy weekend of non-conference action with the Renegades traveling to Santa Barbara City College on Feb. 23 for a 2:30 p.m. contest.

BC will play at home against Porterville College on Feb. 27. and will travel to Taft Feb. 23 for a 2:30 p.m. game.

BC baseball returns veteran quality pitching staff

By Jason Reed
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College baseball team is gearing up for a new season, as the school returns from an early playoff exit last year against Los Valley College.

The Monarchs are 2-1-2 and sent then home with a scoreless 3-0 win over the Comets in a 2-1, including a 10-4 conference win.

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"I was really impressed with the game away," Chudy said. "We just had to fix the little things that we were not doing really well."

Chudy added that his team’s starting pitcher, Kyle Lindsey, BC will have signing day in the second half was a shock to the Bakersfield College football team for the honouring ceremony.

Chudy’s winning thoughts

Head coach Jeff Cuddy, upper left, and Athletic Director Ryan Beckwith, far left, wait with members of the Bakersfield College football team for the honorary ceremony.

Mayor Harvey Hall, right, honors Bakersfield College football team at City Hall, as Mercy Maston, Jeff Chudy, and Ryan Beckwith watch.

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Edited note: Sports Feedback is a forum where students share their opinions on various sports topics.

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By Jason Read

Sports editor

After a slow start to the 2012-2013 season, Bakersfield College men’s basketball has found itself in the WSC Conference. BC has now won 5 of its last 6 games, and with a 2-1 record in conference play, BC has jumped into the WSC's top four teams. BC is currently in third place due to an early conference loss to LA Valley, 73-66.

BC’s success can be attributed to the strong play of the starting lineup. BC has one of the WSC’s best young teams and will continue to develop. BC is only 5-6 on the season, but they have proven they can compete with the top teams in the conference.

The BC team’s strong play has been led by a solid defense. The Renegades have allowed their opponents to average only 65 points per game. BC has also been successful in scoring at a higher rate than their opponents. BC’s scoring average is 75 points per game.

On offense, BC has been led by senior guard Brice Smith, who has been averaging 18.5 points per game. Smith has been a key player on the team and has been a leader in the conference.

On defense, BC has been led by junior forward Brent Watkins, who has been averaging 12.5 points per game. Watkins has been a key player in the conference and has been a leader in the conference.

BC will play its next game Jan. 30, at home against LA Valley College. BC is currently in third place in the conference and is looking to continue its strong play.

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BC women basketball

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off to a 4-1 start in WSC

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The Bakersfield College women’s basketball team finished the month of November and December with a 9-8 overall record, 2-1 in the WSC Conference and tied for 11-9 and 4-1 in the WSC, tied for second place.

January has been a different story for the BC women. BC has started conference play and is off to a 4-1 start.

"A lot of teams we’re playing, we’re really under us but we're not using our athleticism and we're rebounding some of these teams at times," Dahl said on the team's effort to comeback and the need for BC to rebound against Citrus, which they did in the Jan. 23, game against Citrus College.

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"At halftime, they talked about how big their three-pointers were, and they continued to shoot them in the second half," Dahl said on the team's effort to comeback and the need for BC to rebound against Citrus, which they did in the Jan. 23, game against Citrus College.

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Cosplayers gather at Bak-Anime

By Robin Shin
Online Editor

After their last convention in the summer of 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel, Bak-Anime returned Jan. 20 to their new location: Bakersfield Marriott Hotel, downtown by the convention center.

This year, the event was held for over 1,400 attendees, most of them dressed as characters from an anime or from popular internet stories.

The attendees who dressed up at the conventions call themselves Cosplayers. Cosplayers come from the word Cosplay, which is short for costume play.

“Everyone is really friendly and really accepting, especially when you are in costume,” stated Hannah Witthans, 16, a student from Valley Oaks High School. She stated that this was her fourth attendance at Bak-Anime conventions. She well dressed up as the character “Jack Frost” from the recent Dreamworks movie “Rise of the Guardians.”

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