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As the construction of the Arts, and Music building makes progress, the Performing Arts department is evaluating microphone options to get back to their old rooms.

The remodeling of the SAM building has raised the movement of all the classes that used to take place in there.

SAM building has been void of students and professors have been considering how they will continue to function.

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Twins carry on tradition

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Imagine being able to say your great, great aunt was one of the very first graduates at Bakersfield College. Well, fraternal twins Colby and Shelby Chase can.

The twins heard of the interesting news when their aunt Margaret Edmonston was flipping the pages of BC’s book The Centennial when she saw a photo of Josephine Chase.

Shelby recalls being shocked to find that someone in her family was among the first class of graduates at BC.

When asked how it felt to carry on the family name at the college Shelby said, “I guess it’s okay because most of my family started off here.”

Other family members of the twins that attended BC were their dad, aunt, grandparents, and their aunt’s cousins. Word got out after their grandmother called the school and made it public.

The twins have had their photo taken and have been interviewed for newspapers and television. They are beginning to think that all the attention they’re getting for this is too much of a big deal considering they don’t know much about their great, great aunt.

Colby says, “it’s a hell of a way to start the school year” and continues to rant, “It’s crazy because people keep asking me, ‘what do you think about this.’ I’m just like, ‘well I don’t know what to think. I just think that this is freaking crazy that this keeps happen ing.’”

Colby and Shelby graduated from Highland High School last Spring. Colby is majoring in Biology with plans to become a Pharmacist. Shelby is majoring Animal Science. She says, “I think I might become an Ag teacher because I took FFA and I really liked it.”

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Former BC student Breanna Fields, second from right, plays lead guitar for the band Adam Jones, which includes, from left, Adam Jones, center, and drummer RikkiWatson, right.

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BREANNA FIELDS

Former Bakersfield College student Breanna Fields, 20, has ditched her studies and the world of academia for what she describes as a "level of success that I never thought was possible" through comics. Her days of creating and circulating a meager handful of fanzines and tabletop comics are far behind her.

Even a casual glance at her guest list for this year's convention, a who's who of the comic book industry -- including musicians, social workers, historians, and more -- is striking. "I'm playing with other musicians here," Fields says.

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University reps on hand for BC transfer day

By Mayan Lara

Every year colleges from across the state have a Transfer Day at Bakersfield College to give students the latest information on degree and transfer programs, and all the procedures and applications necessary to make a smooth transition from one school to another. This year’s Transfer Day was held on Sept. 9 in the Campus Center.

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Wings are the thing

By Bertin Rodriquez

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NIN brings back an old sound with a new twist

By Graham C. Wheat

The many incarnations of Trent Reznor have taken many forms over the past 15 years. We have seen him move from electronic to industrial to ambient to emotional to hard rock to accessible, all the while simultaneously retaining the sound of NIN’s music. But this summer I de- termined “The Chronicles of Riddick,” is a fantastic movie in its own right. This movie, released in theaters this summer and now with one episodes being as intense as they can be.
New director is a familiar face

By Jason Reed
Reporter

It didn’t take long for Bakersfield College to find its next athletic director after the departure of former athletic director Ryan Beckwith. BC long-ago chose softball coach Sandi Taylor as the new athletic director. “I’m sure I’m going to say this so far,” Taylor said when asked about how things were going in the new position as athletic director. “There are a lot of challenges but since we get through the cracks of that we’re unaware of, I think it’s going to be a lot of fun,” she added.

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In its first two non-conference soccer games, the Bakersfield College Renegades have gotten off to a 1-1 start to the season. After coming off a shutout 3-0 victory over College of the Sequoias on Sept. 4, BC failed to come away with back to back home victories by falling 1-0 against (3-0) Ventura College Sept. 6.

BC had its chance in the first half and the first part of the second half but couldn’t find a way to get the ball through the net.

Sophomore goalkeeper, Jena Seals, had 13 saves before Ventura’s freshman Miranda Campos connected on a goal at the midway point in the second half of the game to lift her team to a 1-0 victory.

“It’s a good team,” said BC head coach Scott Dameron. “I think we actually played much better soccer. It was a much higher intensity level overall today. I’m pleased with the way we played. It hurts to lose. It hurts to give up the goal late. We were hoping we could hold them off a little bit longer, but our team played fantastic,” he added.

Though the team lost to a tough Pirate team, Dameron still feels that the team has grown and has gotten better that they were when they shut out COS 3-0.

Against COS, Reshana Watson was able to ease in and come away with two goals.

She was one shy of the hat-trick and nearly got it before getting caught in a scramble with a few COS defenders, which allowed her teammate, captain Hallie Meadows, to come away with the ball and score the late goal.

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BC starts with 3-0 win, but then loses 1-0

By Jason Reed

Despite starting off the season 0-2, the Bakersfield College volleyball team remains optimistic about their chances this upcoming season.

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The Renegades lost their first game on Saturday to San Diego Mesa College in four sets and went on to lose the second game to Grossmont College by a score of 3-1.

Charles went on to explain that the team matched up on the same page and adopt a common mind set and everything will be just fine.

The renegades are trying to do just that by practicing harder in hopes to turn this season around.

“I would have to say I am confident in our chances for the rest of the season,” said Karolina Lee-McNall, a third-year red shirt who is the team’s setter. “We had a rocky start, but after talking to a team we realized what we need to work on, and have been pushing each other each day at practice to create a more competitive atmosphere.”
Metro gallery promotes Latin culture

By Cindy Hernandez

Downtown’s Art District was pure excitement at this month’s First Friday, from dancers on the corner of 19th and Eye, to a live band playing in Front Porch’s parking lot.

This is the fifth Latination at Metro Galleries. It brought Latin festive music that roared past the doors and rolled out onto the street.

People of all walks of life filled the gallery to appreciate the artwork.

There were also Mexican folk dancers, a group called Grupo Folklorico de Escuelas Unidas, which performed in the Latinoation Kids room. At the gallery Monique Dominguez, a member of the dance group and BC student majoring in Biology says, “People take it as a hobby, a fashion, a way to show culture.”

The artists were also at the scene to enjoy the food, drinks, music, and other art lovers company.

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