Nursing major Kailynn Ritchie is transferring to the UC area and is considering multiple schools based on the areas she visited.

The cost of transferring is one of the factors students consider. Students hope to get the most for their money and that the transfer is worth their time and effort.

When students want to go to a transfer school, they must ensure that they complete the necessary classes. This can be an issue, as some schools do not accept transfer credits from other institutions. Students must then complete the same classes at the transfer school, which can be costly and time-consuming.

Students have the opportunity to take advantage of online courses. This allows them to save time and money while still gaining valuable credits.

Students should also consider the environment on campus. Some students prefer a more relaxed environment, while others prefer a more structured one. This can be important when deciding where to transfer.

The final step is to apply for scholarships. This can be a difficult process, as many students struggle to find the time and energy to fill out the necessary paperwork.

Students should also consider transferring for educational reasons. This can include a desire to change majors, pursue a new degree, or simply attend a school that offers a better education.

By Allyson Stubblefield

--Ashley Snook, BC student

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With enrollment increasing year on year, the number of scholarship applications has gone up as well.

"It is a lot of hard work recorded around 900 scholarship applications. This year we have had an increase of 20%, which is the highest we have seen in quite some time. It is a sign of how students are making the process go quicker,” said Pita Montes, financial aid technician.

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Students are “completing it, no issue. It’s more on the reference side.” Dozier refers to an issue some faculty have encountered when their computer setup is incompatible with the scholarship application system. Professors and staff access the site to submit references for students only to get an error that tells them to upgrade their browser.

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Many of us managers prepare for Black Friday because of the excitement, knowing that many of us will not see our families or have any time off this holiday. This year, Wal-Mart tried a couple of new things, one was running all the Black Friday sales online from 7 p.m. on Thanksgiving, another was to have employees on a crazy day like this. It seemed like all the preparation that we did go well, hoping to deter the amount of people in our area. We did a sale at a set time at 5 a.m., no longer doing sales in incre- ments.

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We knew this would become such a big deal for many think- ing they would be able to shop early. Unfortunately, they were not as smart as some other customers as they came into the store in a "mobs" around loved one and walked in the side of the store, because the doors were not as busy as the other doors, which I was in charge of.

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I finally let six o’clock, and we opened the doors and people rushed into the store, but not in a good manner. Everyone was shoveing and pushing and madness all over, trying to get to a spot for items that we knew they were not guaranteed to be there.

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Comic-con returns to Bakersfield

By Chris Miller

The eighth annual Bakersfield Comic-con was a hit for both vendors and attendees alike. The comic-con was held on Nov. 22, at the Kern County Fairgrounds and was organized by Steven Wyant.

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Performers and vendors weren't the only ones who attended and enjoyed their time at the Bakersfield Comic-con. Marta Torres, 19, thought it was the best convention she's attended yet. Torres was costuming as fighting game character after getting back into the fighting game genre again from watching Mortal Kombat: Annihilation. Her outfit was entirely homemade.

When asked to comment on what he thought about the convention, he said, "It's cool. I'm having a lot of fun right now. I also went to the Bakersfield Comic-con back in 2013 at the Marriott Hotel. It's definitely bigger and better than last time. It's just cool to meet with people who like the same thing." Jonathan Deleon, 17, felt at home while attending the convention. Deleon was costuming as iconic movie character Ash Williams from the "Evil Dead" series. His outfit was entirely handmade, including a cardboard depiction of Ash's iconic chainsaw attached to his arm.

"At home, you're the odd one out because everyone thinks the things you're into are weird. Here, the people are really friendly and you can be yourself," he said.

Kazadi, Kieran Marshall Keller, Tom Neely, Tony Rodriguez, Mike Norberg, Sergio Anguiano, Chris Martinez, and Stan Sikas, as well as radio personality Dale Berry, also performed Guests "The Giant" McNeer, two-time WWE Women's Championship winner Lisa Marie Varon, and "Land of The Lost" cast members Wesley Earle, Kathy Coleman, and Phil Pyle. Coleman, along with her fellow "Land of The Lost" cast members, were available for autographs and pictures throughout the entirety of the con. The cast members even brought along a yelow raft from the show's opening sequence for attendees to take pictures in.

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Bakerfield LGBTQ member Ariel Marie holds her candle alongside other audience members.

Islam student finds most are not informed

By Marcus Castro

The California State University, Bakersfield is a campus where 35% of the students are part of the Muslim community. Due to the diversity that is present at the university, some students say that it is important to know about different cultures and religions in order to tolerate and respect them.

For years, the Muslim community has faced challenges with being a minority group, and now, many people are trying to understand the misconceptions about the religion.

The Muslim student finds most are not informed

By Marcus Castro

T he community at Cal State Bakersfield is known for its diverse population. One of the largest groups is the Muslim students, who make up about 35% of the student body. They have their own community center, called the Islamic Center, where they can come together and practice their faith.

Despite the size of the Muslim population, there are still misconceptions about the religion. Many students say that they have heard negative things about Islam, but they have never taken the time to learn about it.

Khadijah, a junior studying psychology and a member of the Muslim Student Association, said that there is a lack of understanding about Islam.

"People think that Muslims are all terrorists," she said. "They don't know that this is not the case. I thinks it's important for people to learn about Islam and other religions before making judgments about them."

Khadijah added that there is a lot of misinformation about Islam, and that it is important for people to learn about it before making decisions.

According to a study published in the Journal of Community Psychology, misconceptions about Islam are common among Westerners. The study found that most people have at least one misconception about Islam, and that these misconceptions can lead to prejudice and discrimination.

"These misconceptions are harmful," said the study's lead author, Dr. Asma Ansari. "They can contribute to discrimination and prejudice against Muslims, and they can also hinder interfaith dialogue and understanding."

Khadijah said that she hopes that people will start to learn about Islam and other religions in order to create more understanding and acceptance.

"I think it's important for people to learn about Islam and other religions before making judgments about them. They should try to understand the religion and its teachings before making assumptions about the people who practice it."

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E ach year, the California State University, Bakersfield hosts a series of panel discussions called "Conversations," where students and faculty members discuss a variety of topics. The series is open to the public and is designed to promote dialogue and understanding.

This year, the Conversations series is focusing on issues related to diversity and inclusion. The series will feature speakers from a variety of backgrounds and will address topics such as race, religion, and gender.

The goals of the Conversations series are to promote understanding and respect among students and faculty members, and to create a more inclusive and welcoming campus community.

By Marcus Castro

T he Contra Costa Community College District (CCCD) has announced the winner of its annual essay contest, which was open to students who are members of the LGBTQ community.

Natalie Valor, a student at Diablo Valley College, was the winner of the 2015 LGBTQ essay contest. She wrote an essay called "The Importance of Acceptance," which explored the importance of accepting and understanding people who are different from oneself.

"It's really important to understand that everyone has their own experiences and perspectives," Valor said. "We need to learn how to accept and understand people who are different from us, in order to create a more tolerant and understanding society."

Valor's essay was chosen from a pool of submissions by a panel of judges, who were looking for essays that were original, well-written, and that made a strong case for the importance of acceptance.

"Natalie's essay was really impressive," said one of the judges. "It was well-written, original, and it made a strong case for the importance of acceptance. It was a clear winner."
Drug testing in the workplace

By Alex Rivera

Drug testing in the workplace is a major part of the hiring process in many companies, as well as a means of monitoring employees to ensure that they are able to maintain a safe work environment. It is a requirement for many employers, and it is also used in the military and other large organizations.

Many claim routine and random drug testing clearly invades their privacy. The programs that these employees have in place subject them to personal scrutiny and they feel that their privacy is invaded randomly, and not because there is reason to believe that they have a problem.

There are many things that drug testing will pick up on, as well as some things that is more or less the norm that may not be considered illegal. What matters is that these people have a right to privacy and consent.

I am not saying that we should completely eliminate drug testing from the workplace. However, it is important that we look at the costs and benefits of drug testing. The benefits of drug testing are that it can keep people who are under the influence of drugs from harming themselves and others. However, the costs of drug testing are that it can be expensive and it can also lead to discrimination.

In conclusion, drug testing in the workplace is a complex issue that requires careful consideration. It is important to balance the need for a safe workplace with the need for individual privacy and consent.
Mockingjay exudes expectations

By Rhiannon Stroberg

“Mockingjay Part 2,” the second part of the final installment of the popular movie franchise “The Hunger Games,” began shooting in late 2014. Many fans were excited to see how Jennifer Lawrence would portray Katniss Everdeen in the final chapter. The film was directed by Francis Lawrence and released on November 20, 2015.

The story picks up right where the previous film left off, with Katniss and her squad preparing to return to Panem. The film follows the events of the 76th Hunger Games, which serves as a catalyst for the rebellion against the Capitol.

The main character, Katniss, is anxious and determined to save her loved ones. She must navigate the treacherous waters of the Capitol and its inhabitants to ensure the safety of her squad and loved ones. The film is filled with action, suspense, and emotional moments that keep the audience on the edge of their seats.

In the final installment, the Capitol is shown as a dark and foreboding place, with the Capitol itself serving as a symbol of oppression. The film uses this imagery to highlight the importance of the rebellion and the need for change.

The film also explores themes of love, loss, and sacrifice. The relationship between Katniss and Peeta is central to the story, and their love for each other is tested in the face of the Capitol's cruelty.

Overall, “Mockingjay Part 2” is a thrilling and emotional finale to the Hunger Games franchise. The film's powerful message and stunning visuals will leave audiences wanting more. The movie's success is a testament to the strength of the franchise and the dedication of its fans.
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ATHLETICS is adding two new sports to the BC roster.

By Carl E. Littleberry Jr.

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ATHLETICS is adding two new sports to the BC roster.

By Mohamed Bahsiki

Sports/Online Editor

Bakersfield College will be introducing two new sports to BC's athletic department: sand volleyball and men's soccer. 

According to the California Community College Athletic Association, BC's volleyball team had an exceptional season from start to finish. They had an overall record of 12-4 in Western State Conference matches, finishing the regular season with a record of 16-12 overall, 24-25, 26-26, 26-20, and 26-20 in the final for the
class.

They're the next two sports to join the volleyball team, as Taylor said on the additions of sand volleyball and men's soccer. 

Sand volleyball made debut with the California Community College Athletics Association last season. Year 16 with 16 schools, and although Taylor was "laboring and rcousting" for it last year, she said this "expanding" sport is now ready for BC's volleyball program. She said BC didn't have a designated area for the sport, so they had to "borrow" a field based on schedule and availability. 

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His impressive serve game over the course of the most season. So far this year, Heathcott has compiled a full array of statistics for the Renegades. 

Sophomore Daryan Heathcott led the state with 452 kills on her way to being named to the All-Southern California Team and WSC first-team.

Ferreira also said Heathcott's "great" attitude, work ethic, and not cheating herself with the game were a few of the reasons to go to her to play her top
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It has been a pleasantly surprising season for the Brahmas men’s basketball team as the Renegades have started the season 1-1, following a Thanksgiving Classic Tournament sweep hosted by BC here at Gil Bishop Sports Center. Besides the 80-70 loss to Chalor on Nov. 13 to the Fullerton Tournament, BC has outscored the six other opponents by an average of 28 points and is in the midst of a five-game winning streak. Prior to the Thanksgiving Classic, the Renegades traveled to face familiar non-conference foe L.A. Pierce in an exhibition matchup on Nov. 20 where BC defeated the Brahmas, 86-74. Pierce knocked BC out of the playoffs in the first round last year, but 50 percent shooting from the floor (13-26) and four of five threes as double digit helped by 6-9 sophomore Deandre Dickson’s 22 points and 12 rebounds as he recorded his Renegades to a win.

The bench for BC played pivotal role in the following game against Porterville in the opening day of the tournament on Nov. 27, however, as an account for 51 of the team’s 90 points. Sophomore guard Jameik Riviere came off the bench and had a game-high 19 points on 7-10 shooting, five rebounds and two assists in the 90-55 rout over the Pirates. “I challenged him before the tournament and he responded,” head coach Rich Hughes said. “He’s a warrior, and in my honest opinion he’s the best guard in the state of California.” Riviere is averaging 16.5 points, 5.3 assists and four rebounds through the first seven games on 49.3 percent shooting from the field.

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West Hills Coalinga (5-3) on Dec. 18. BC won’t make its return home until the conference opener against College of the Canyons on Jan. 2. The Renegades will be on the road for the following month with tournament in Stockton (Dec. 15-15) and Allan Hancock (Dec. 26-26), and an exhibition against West Hills Colleges (5-3) on Dec. 18.

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Above: BC’s Norman Abas (125 pounds) holds Austin Armendariz from Victor Valley College in a cradle scoring near fall points.

Left: BC’s Sabrina Spink (9) and Ventura’s Adriana Palacios (24) both go up fighting for the ball.

Above: BC’s defensive line stops Hancock’s running back Malik Williams (4) from jumping over them.

Left: Middle-blocker McKenna Baameur (11) gets the kill off of West LA’s Mari Dear’s (5) head.

BC’s Dominic Frasch (29) lays out for the ball in a game against Pasadena.

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