**Former state senator speaks at conference**

By Jesus Valdivieso

Former democratic state Sen. Dean Florez, 51, introduced The Michelson 20 Million Minds Foundation and spoke about how technology should be heading within the higher education system during the Technology Conference at the Bakersfield College indoor theater Feb. 5.

Florez, who was the keynote speaker, started off the conference speaking about the high cost of schoolbooks, particularly in our community college system, and how the 20 Million Minds Foundation has begun to open a student system where books of various different subjects are available for free use for any student and faculty who choose to use it.

“Our goal at 20 Million Minds is to create an open source textbook library and a learning platform,” Florez stated. He encouraged students and faculty to take interest in the money-saving opportunity.

However, Florez’s visit to the BC campus was mainly geared toward the annotation of new technology in the classrooms and the ways that BC faculty can incorporate new technologies into a system can incorporate new technologies to create a hybrid learning mechanism that utilizes traditional teaching and the incorporation of technology to improve the effective way of learning.

Florez expressed his high regard over a competency-based model and said that this is an answer for the skills gap that three between college graduates and the competing workforce.

Florez explained how recent studies suggested that when asking college leaders if their school was ready to take on the workplace, if you really think about it, we have a huge gap in perception,” Florez stated. “The workplace is saying that our students aren’t prepared and then our colleges are saying that our students are ready to take on the workplace.

If you give children a goal, and believe they can achieve it, then they believe they can achieve it, we have a huge gap in perception,” Florez stated. “The workplace is saying that our students aren’t prepared and then our colleges are saying that our students are ready to take on the workplace.

**Burglary at BC; six iMacs stolen**

By Elizabeth Castillo

A burglary took place at the Fine Arts Building of Bakersfield College sometime over the weekend of Feb. 6- Feb. 8. At least six iMacs were taken from the Fine Arts building’s glass doors to get inside of the FA building and the una known pry bar type instrument is to get inside the locked classroom, according to Christopher Counts, the director of Public Safety at BC.

Counts said that this is not the first burglary to occur at the FA building. On a separate occa sion, a computer and cameras were taken from another area within the FA building. Counts said that he’d prefer to keep all dates and times of the burglaries unanswerable at this time because this is an ongoing investigation.

According to Anh Chiang, BC’s director of Marketing and Public Relations, BC is working with the Bakersfield Police Department. Chiang said that a report has been made with the BPD. According to Sergeant Joe Grubbs, BPD’s media and public relations contact, a case file and report cannot be found as of Feb. 7. Chiang said that BC is aware of the burglary and it is a key part of the investigation.

She said she is unsure if the bur glary qualifies as grand theft and did not want to discuss the cost of the stolen items. According to Apple’s website, a new 21.5-inch iMac starts at $1,099.
When you can’t pay for comfort

Brooke Howard It’s okay to learn the hard way.

When I moved out, I realized in order to live on my own, you could almost never be home. You had to go to school from morning to evening, go to work from evening till late night and when you sprinkle in homework, laundry, chores, at school and extra hours, at work you have yourself a big no-fun-time situation.

On top of that, I was having a hard time even paying my rent. I went days of collecting my change to eat my meals out of vending machines. This happened even working full-time as a server at the nigh club at the UK Hotel.

While all of my money was not going to my bank account or I would have such a bad financial situation. Sometimes they should have taught me in school how to make a budget. I didn’t have a clue on how to balance my checkbook, set my budget and anything related. Map out the days of the months and the weeks, make it an event or even write out a check when I graduated from high school.

Luckily, I was blessed with an amazing family, but when you move to a new city without your own family, it’s really not their responsibility to take care of you anymore. They were only too happy to pay your rent without you even asking. You know how he used to pay your rent without you even asking? Stay at home. Y ou had to go to the local laundromats, clubs at school from morning to evening, go to work from evening till late night and work you have yourself a big no-fun-time situation.

I could either go on runs or even hang out the gym because I knew I could either go on runs or even hang out the gym because I knew there was no more than 50% of your take-home pay. Now is there anything that you can trim out them, it’s really not their responsibility to take care of you anymore. They were only too happy to pay your rent without you even asking. You know how he used to pay your rent without you even asking? Stay at home. Y ou had to go to the local laundromats, clubs at school from morning to evening, go to work from evening till late night and work you have yourself a big no-fun-time situation.

The kicker was, I was working 3-4 jobs while going to school and extra hours at work you have yourself a big no-fun-time situation.

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Whiskey Flat Days is still successful

By Amber Hayden

With the drought being like it has been, the wonder if Whiskey Flat Days would bring in the revenue it is to past years came to question this year.

Located just a short drive outside of Bakersfield and up the canyon to the town of Kernville, in the event takes place every year in the spring.

But with booths and remnants in full swing there was no question that it would be as successful as always been.

Tim Dawson, a physics professor, has placed Adam Allston for the last two years at Whiskey Flat Days.

During Dawson’s first year during Hamilton, who owned the area of Whiskey Flats, he worked in demonstading, which for a first time remaster, is un-hid-ud.

“I gave the award, through, to my seven-year-old granddaughter who also dresses up, she has any thought and I wanted her to have it... even one it makes one person,” he said.

Dawson could be found wandering the encampment area speaking with a lot of the kids that went to the event.

One of the areas that was set up this year was a mine area.

According to Ernie Meeler, it was the first time that they had set it up like this, it was usually more of a tent and a sign that this encampment.

“Normally, we had set up 10 to 12 changes inside the mine, it’s not very awesome,” commented Meeler.

As for the other areas, Dawson came over to some of the kids that had reached the mainboard and passed out souvenirs to them.

When they asked how he was able to stand up after being shot his response was simple, “I’m like Superman.”

During certain times of the day, people can gather at the midil of the encampment in order to hear some music from the band The Hill between.

The band was dressed in period clothing of the western area they would sing and play for anyone willing to listen.

Not only did they play for pa-trons, they also took the time to teach some of the young kids in attendance how to play the wash-boards.

In the encampment area were a few booths set up that you could purchase necklaces and other things that would fit in with the period of the time.

Located west of the encampment were several rows of booths and stores to eat.

One vendor that is always there is Marge Powers, the wife of the late Bob Powers.

She makes sure to set up a booth every year and another questions about the area of the Kern Valley as well as her hus- band’s books that he has written about the area. Powers’ books focus mainly on the people who have inhab- ited the Kern River area for gen- erations.

There is also a central for the kids to enjoy themselves, as well as having several booths that was focused just on just them.

One of the booths that was set up was just for food, from hot dogs to tapi.

Several lemonade booths were set up around the event where you could buy a tall glass and be able to refill it all day long the day that you purchased.

The event took place over Feb. 13-16.

Above: Ringo passes out souvenirs to kids at the event. Center Left: Ryan, it plays with one of the laundromats and the calvary wagon wheel.

To the event. Center Left: Ryan, one row of booths that was set up was just for food, from hot dogs to tapi.

A gun fight between the outlaws and the calvary takes place on Feb. 15.

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This issue’s Top Ten

Things to do before an interview

1. Research the company.

2. Know who you’re meeting with.

3. Practice answers to typical questions.

4. Bring copies of your resume.

5. Have your references handy.

6. Wear a professional outfit.

7. Know where you are going.

8. Arrive 15 minutes early.

9. Give a firm handshake.

10. Smile, but don’t fake it!
The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 706 Oak Street and can be contacted at 796-3780 or www.bmoa.org.

The Empty Space is located at 1930 R Street and you can contact them at 324-0010 or visit their website at www.bemontest.com.

The Native American Cultural Arts Museum is located at 929 4th Street and can be contacted at 661-395-1155 or www.nav-museum.org.

The BC choir is selling lower tickets for $30 and upper level tickets for $15. For more information, call (661) 471-3200 or visit www.bakersfieldchoir.com.

If you or your date are into the arts, First Friday is a great option. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the free 200 first fans will receive a selfie-stick, so be sure to get there early.

Albert Vargas, 23, poses next to his portrait of a grizzly.
Students think celebrations are lacking

By Vanessa A. Munoz

In spring of 2015 Bakersfield College gained a new educational program that takes tutoring to a whole other level. The Supplemental Instruction program is new to BC, but according to Alicia Piers, the head director of SI, a graduate student created the program in 1974 at the University of Kansas, Missouri.

Patricia expresses her admiration of the advantages the program has to offer students and the positive change in how students obtain while attending BC. Tenors (SI leaders) who instruct most of the upper level or everyday students who happen to have little to no help with their studying or have received a B in the course and want to grade A in the course. Tenors are also not only yet only over the course material with the students, they also help students grade the class they are taking with those students.

Each professor is aware of the program and sends students to RC when they signed up for the SI program’s assistance services. Currently there are 26 SI leaders and over 40 course sessions that make up the SI program. Each course covered gain a session of 5-20 students.

Patricia explains how research shows students who attend the SI program benefits. She explains that students who are struggling to understand the course material. SI leaders are able to help for two sessions for the students during the course in the class, half hour that is used to meet with the instructor every week to discuss how the students are going, and they’re paid for training, leaders are trained for a semester to tutoring 11 hours. The types of courses that are covered vary with a wide selection, for example, the program is remedial and extra transferable coursework, foreign language, English, biology and chemistry. SI leaders are working in a class that are doing poorly in a class, SI leaders are working in a class that are doing poorly in a class, SI leaders are working in a class that are doing poorly in a class.

Above: Benjamin Lindupping is doing SI tricks and study techniques. Below: Director Eileen Pierce sits in the office.

New education program to help BC students in need of tutor support

By Byroko Howard

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**BC students discuss their post-grad plans**

By K. E. Peterson

While interviewing students on the Bakersfield College campus in regards to graduation plans, it was found that students have ambitions to learn and to further their education in order to succeed in the occupation of their dreams. Patricia Estrada, Matthew Minnaert, Eddie Majer, and Edgar Mora, students of Bakersfield College, were interviewed in their second semester as an Industrial Technician major. Currently, he is taking 17 units and plans to continue taking the same amount of units in each semester and attend summer school until he graduates. He plans to graduate by Fall of 2016. As of 17 units, he is working in an office and also works for a company that has a direct contract with his university. Once Matt Minnaret graduates, he hopes to work in various positions in the field of business. According to Eddie Majer, he plans on working as a traveling software salesman. He hopes to be working in a career where he plans to work in manufacturing positions, mostly in hospitals. 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Step aside men let the women show you how it's done

By Amber Haydon

Editor Online Editor

When the word gamer is heard in society, most, if not all people automatically think that they are referring to a guy.

But guess what, people. 52 percent of the gaming population is actually females, and with each year the percentage increases.

Most of my friends who are girls, I will admit don’t know how it’s done.

I love how they show a hardworking McGill step aside men let the women show you how it’s done. Resolution 9014 sets a new bar for the NFL. They have had the only 16-0 regular season in NFL history.

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Eminem’s latest album shows the rappers skills are lyrically flawless

By Rihamah Strayhorn

Eminem’s eighth studio album, “Legacy” — with a new theme and legacy as a rapper — was released on Aug. 2, 2018.

The album has already received a Grammy nomination for Best Rap Album.

According to the Annual Grammy Nominees 2019 on grammy.com, the album has received a Grammy nomination for Best Rap Album.

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For months, the mystery of the building that is located across from campus on Mountain Vernon Avenue has left students wondering what exactly the building is for. "I’ve gone around on so many different signs on what the building will be used for. Maybe Hotel Hill, construction services division director for Kern County, has given some insight on what the building will be used for. The building that has been on the horizon and is becoming a reality for the campus is the new Information Technology building for Kern County’s new Information Technology Center. The building and its work is being done on the 23 and 22 of this year. It roughly 25,000 square feet in total and includes a data center, additional space for labs, data operations, warehouse administration and support offices. The project will actually relocate the existing information technology facility for Kern County. It will integrate the new building with existing County Emergency Operations Center, Emergency Disposition Operations, as well as the county’s Communications facilities. What CCIT is about is a summit that enabled a lot of the BBCC to be done. They have in this process 32 rooms and 64 workstations. The new building will be finished by August 2015. For more information contact Dan Moreno with the Kern County service department.

Mysterious building across from BC set to be finished in August 2015

The BC Alert is a bi-weekly newsletter that provides students with crime and safety updates. The newsletter is available online and will provide students with a list of available oncampus parking. BC Alert warns students that the parking lot is unsafe during the summer months and that students should be careful when parking their vehicles.

By Victoria Miller

Students may have reason to fear the safety of their vehicles while parked on campus.

Rodriguez filed a report to security on Jan. 22, after his gas tank was emptied for the second time that semester. This occurred in addition to his class schedule for that day.

Like other students, Rodriguez has experienced thefts on campus and is almost daily putting their personal belongings in a secure location before leaving their vehicles.

Rodriguez said it took him about 15 minutes to fill his gas tank. He said the gas station is usually from the advanced sculpture class at Liberty High School, said that the assignment was to draw from the piece she chose came from the intermediate class.

Most of the art works are from seniors and juniors from the high schools. Linda Brown, an art teacher at Liberty High School, said that the most of the students she teaches is small but her time as an art teacher is diverse. She said that this project is the best way she could do it. "I would like to thank Dacey Vildov for helping me with the project and arranging me in the best way she could," said Garcia.

Melara said that it was taking place during the last semester of BC campus. Tom Chung’s artworks will be displayed from campus on Mount Vernon Avenue.

When Hill was asked about a sulfur smell that emanted onto the BC campus last semester, he said that it was taking place during the last semester of BC campus. Tom Chung’s artworks will be displayed from campus on Mount Vernon Avenue.

The construction that began in 2011 and continued for the same years on the campus will be finished by August 2015. For more information contact Dan Moreno with the Kern County service department.
Four BC swimmers place in top five at the WSC Pentathlon

Bakersfield College women’s basketball team (20-4 overall, 11-1 Western State Conference) defeated College of the Canyons (14-11, 7-5 WSC) 72-69 to end its five-game losing streak and earn a spot in the conference pentathlon this season with 21 points to go along with 15 rebounds.

Four of the five BC starters recorded double-digit points, including Nakia Hughes’ 22 points off the bench. BC outscored Citrus 18-5 in overtime to give them their largest conference win, 75-67.

BC women’s basketball eye WSC title

By Mohammed Bafakih
Sports Editor

Whether it is head coach Rich Hughes’ precise selection of the starting five or the fine-tuned defense, Bakersfield College women’s basketball has picked the right time to peak.

During the five-game winning streak, Bakersfield allowed 57.6 points per game – a lower than points allowed in the first half of the season with 21 points to go along with 15 rebounds.

This is when you are reaching your peak.

The Renegades outscored the Citrus Owls 61-34 in the first half, jumping out to a 34-27 lead at half forcing 16 turnovers.

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Barbara Glenda as Bakersfield clinched its second straight conference win and 20th win of the season (the most in the regular season).

For the men, this was the second year in a row where Bakersfield had a swimmer in the collegiate meet. Klang swam a lifetime best 34:55.54 in the 20K race walking event.

Another swimmer that Bakersfield also had already competed once before in the 2015 season and won.

The Renegades led by as many as 15 points and took the 72-69 win off the bench for the Renegades.

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The Renegades finally capped off a five-game winning streak with a 72-69 win over the Owls on Feb. 7.

The Renegades are ranked 15th in the nation after beating Glendale in the most recent conference victory.

The weather isn’t the only thing that has been warming up lately.

The BC swim team faced off against Citrus College on Feb. 5. Four BC swimmers placed in the top five at the WSC Pentathlon and will represent BC at the pentathlon this season with 21 points to go along with 15 rebounds.

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For the men, this was the second year in a row where Bakersfield had a swimmer in the collegiate meet. Klang swam a lifetime best 34:55.54 in the 20K race walking event.

Another swimmer that Bakersfield also had already competed once before in the 2015 season and won.

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The Renegades finally capped off a five-game winning streak with a 72-69 win over the Owls on Feb. 7.

The Renegades are ranked 15th in the nation after beating Glendale in the most recent conference victory.
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**BC softball finding ways to win at 6-0**

By Mason J. Rootkeller  Reporter

Boys softball has been up and down with the Bakersfield College Renegades ending this season at No. 42 in the NCAA Division II Baseball Coaches Association poll. BC is out of the top 30 in the preseason poll but did have a strong start to the season and are in a second place tie at 7-0 in the Western State Conference. BC started the season 7-4 and then lost six straight games, but the team managed to turn around the season and are in a second place tie with Orange Coast College at 7-0 in the Western State Conference.

BC softball player, catcher Mike Tait, was recently named the Western State Conference Player of the Week. Tait has been hitting well for the Renegades and has had a strong start to the season. His .377 batting average and 19 runs batted in are leading the team. Tait has been a key player for BC and will be crucial in the team's success this season.

**Bakersfield College men’s soccer returns with a loss**

By Mason J. Rootkeller  Reporter

The Bakersfield College men’s soccer team lost against Cal State University Northridge 1-0 in the Western State Blue Division. BC started out strong early in the first inning by scoring two runs and managed to keep the lead until the seventh inning when the Piranhas scored against BC in the seventh inning. BC was defeated by 2-0.

In the second half of the game, BC was given a penalty kick and a BC missed the penalty kick and were not happy with the referee’s calls. There were some calls by the referee that the BC players were not happy with and neither was head coach Pete Fox. For instance, the handshake that gave CSUN the penalty kick to the game, “we didn’t want a penalty kick but it happens,” said Fox. Fox’s response toward the referee’s calls was whether they were not happy with and neither was head coach Pete Fox.

There were a handful of games lost on the field but BC neither scored, but it cost BC to have to submit throughout the game. “We have a little bit of luck on our side, said Fox. Fox also said that with the lack of plays makes the mental mistakes and mental mistakes are harder to maintain than not being fit. The mental state of the players is important to Fox because they need to be able to think about the next play. “The most important play is the next play,” said Fox. Fox also said that BC doesn’t have an microfuge men’s soccer team and BC only finished in the last place. The Bakersfield College men’s soccer team lost against Antelope Valley College’s club A team on Feb. 28.

**BC golf lands sixth**

By Marcus Castro

Bakersfield College men’s golf team recently competed in two Western State Conference tournaments.

The men’s golf team traveled down to Valencia on Feb. 9 to play in the last WSC tournament hosted by College of the Canyons. COC finished the tournament with a team score of 373. BC was also competing in the last WSC tournament held on Feb. 9. BC golf team finished with a team score of 388. BC is finished sixth overall with a score of 388.

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**Baseball struggling in last five**

By Mohamed Rahafleh

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**Tennis team trying to figure it out as season continues**

By Daniel Osoha  Contributing Editor

The Bakersfield College tennis team has won and lost early in the season and despite some early season struggles, this year’s head coach Nich.Lane isn’t flustered at all on his team’s start. Despite the way we have started, going into any match against any team for fear that we were outnumbered,” Jacobs said.

The men’s tennis team started off the season with an easy win over El Camino winning 6-1 but BC was defeated by 7-0 at San Antonio 6-1 and a close loss by one set at Fresno City College.

The team’s women’s has yet to win a match while being held to love in all four matches to date. The Renegades dropped matches to Fresno City College, Fullerton and two matches to San Antonio after losing by one set at the hands of a big loss at the hands of El Camino winning 6-1 but BC was defeated by 7-0 at San Antonio 6-1 and a close loss by one set at Fresno City College.

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Twin sisters grab top spots in dash

By Marcus Castro

Bakersfield College’s track and field team hosted the Battle of the Regions where 11 teams competed. It was a near perfect day for track meet. The sun was out and the temperature was nice and warm.

The BC women’s team competed well against the other teams. Kyra Saunders placed first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.55 seconds. Tyra Saunders fell just short of her twin sister Kyra taking second place with a time of 12.78.

Kyra said, “I’m happy that I won but I’m not happy with my time.”

Nicole Lewis took first place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.70 seconds.

Tyra placed second with a time of 25.84. Leah Theroux placed first in the 800-meter run, beating out 27 other runners, with a time of 2 minutes 21.47 seconds.

BC’s A relay team, consisting of Tyra, Kyra, Lillian Pettiillo, and Lewis, placed first in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 46.17 seconds. Pettiillo and Lewis nearly exceeded the handoff zone, which would have disqualified them, but they ran their near mistake and made a fast correction to stay in the zone for the handoff.

Lewis said, “Besides the handoff not being put together I feel good. It’s early season and we’ll correct it and move on to do better.”

Jessica Campbell ran strong in the 1,500-meter run where she slightly trailed most of the race. On the last lap, she was able to overtake the leader and took first place with a time of 12.56 meters. Campbell was originally supposed to compete in the 4x800-meter relay but could not. The BC A relay team ended up taking second place without Campbell with a time of 4 minutes 50.21 seconds.

BC’s women struggled in the field events as other schools dominated in them. The men’s track events were fierce as there was tons of talent. Most of the winning events were run in multiple sections due to the high number of athletes.

BC’s men’s team had a hard time keeping up with the other schools, but they did not give up.

It was a tough day as they placed top three in only one out of 19 events.

Dillen Littles placed third in the Shot Put with a distance of 12.56 meters.

BC’s Juan Calderon is known for doing well in the 1,500-meter run but he did not participate in the event. It’s early season and all the athletes plan on improving and doing better.

“Home meets are always hard. You don’t know who’s going to compete or be dominated. As a whole, things went well but we need to work smarter and change things,” said head coach Pam Kelley. The team accepts the past, knows the present, and has their eyes glued to the future as they look forward to competing in the WSC Relays on Feb. 20 and the WSC North on Feb. 27.

Above: The BC men round the last turn in the 1,500-meter race. Right: Paola Silvestre hurdles into the water pit during the 3,000-meter steeplechase.
Jazz musician plays for BC

By Elizabeth Castillo
Editor in Chief

Music fans experienced a unique performance and a call to action on Feb. 9 when artist Wadada Leo Smith visited Bakersfield College.

Smith, a finalist for the Pulitzer prize in music, played his trumpet at BC’s indoor theater and discussed his collection of compositions, “Ten Freedom Summers.” Smith spoke about the different historical moments that inspired the collection and answered questions from the audience, including how he composes his music.

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“Ten Freedom Summers” is a four-disc box set and the music was heavily inspired by the civil rights movement of the ’60s. Smith discussed the historical moments that inspired the collection and answered questions from the audience, including how he composes his music.

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There is one photo of Emmett Till with that beautiful white hat,” he said. “My piece captures both his beauty and his youth.”

Kris Tiner, BC’s Jazz Program director, was excited to have Smith speak and perform for the BC community. Smith was Tiner’s mentor while he attended the graduate program at California Institute of the Arts. Tiner said that he heard Smith play for the first time as a college student and Smith became Tiner’s favorite musician. Once Tiner graduated from California State University Bakersfield, he headed to CalArts, and his experiences there changed his life.

One lesson that Tiner learned from Smith was that students must determine their own definitions of success and failure. This idea was briefly discussed on Feb. 9 when Smith mentioned the importance of finding one’s passion in life and not focusing on something that solely provides you with a living.

“When you do in life, don’t think it’s making a living because you don’t need to think about it like that, you need to think about it as a living,” Smith said.

Smith also wanted to ensure that the audience didn’t receive the wrong message. He also said that he wasn’t suggesting people become freeloaders, and he used Charles Ives, a renowned composer who was a successful insurance agent by trade, to illustrate his point.

Smith, 73, recently retired from CalArts and has taught for 35 years combined with his teaching at other institutions. He said that he was happy knowing that he would no longer have to drive to CalArts. Smith said that he preferred living in an independent space away from CalArts, which meant long commutes daily. Tiner said that he is looking forward to what Smith produces musically now that he can focus on it exclusively.

“Ten Freedom Summers” was composed over 34 years, and Smith said that it was important to create the collection because artistry plays an important role in activism. Smith was born and raised in segregated Mississippi. Emmett Till, a 14-year-old murdered in Mississippi in 1955, inspired an 18-minute composition on the first disk of “Ten Freedom Summers.”

Michael Juarez, 19, is a student at BC majoring in music. He’s a member of the jazz ensemble and has played drums for five years. Juarez said that Smith inspired him to continue to bring awareness of social issues.

“Who’s going to stand up to important social issues when no one else does?” he asked. “If nobody’s going to talk about these issues it can only be done through music.”

Above: Renowned jazz musician Wadada Leo Smith plays his trumpet during a solo performance at the Simonsen Performing Arts Center on Feb. 9. Below: Smith presents a lecture to the audience on “Ten Freedom Summers” and how Martin Luther King Jr. inspired his collection of compositions.