‘Rhinoceros’ hits the stage with absurdity

By Amber Herzen

Despite the construction going on around the indoor thea-
tre, Ken Gomez, the manager of Maintenance and Opera-
tions, said that their jobs remained the same: to get the
work done and keep the building up to standards.

At one point, the project did not have the
necessary signage and barricades blocking off the
area. Students were walking right into the con-
struction zone.

“Students were walking right into the con-
struction area while workers were excavat-
ing,” Gomez said. “The project was missing tags
and wasn’t up to the standards of BC. Mainte-
nance and Operations employees were quick
to fix the problem and hope to be diligent in
making the project successful with the dis-
trict.”

Construction near the Student Services Building has an area fenced off. The
sidewalk is demolished in order to place an elevator pit next to the SS building.

Students face limited accessibility near Student Services during this semester.

Construction continues for
elevator at BC

By Elizabeth Castillo

Construction around the Student Services building at Bakersfield College is under way and will continue until the end of April, according to Craig Rouse, the manager of MA-
tenance and Operations.

The elevator project is a major team effort
among the district contractors and BC’s public rela-
tions department, according to Rouse.

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other project that has been ongoing is the PA
building bathroom project.

Rouse said that the project should be com-
pleted by the end of March. He said that
more projects will begin in the summer of this
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Currently, the project is still in the demo-
lization phase. The sidewalk will first be de-
molded so that it can be placed for the elevator to be put in.

Although the elevator will be attached to the SS building, the renovation of the PA
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The story: former BC student shows off virtual world

By Tyler Gouchee Reporter

Imagine the world you live in is transformed with unlimited possibilities, where anything is possible and nothing is as it seems. That’s exactly what happened to Ian Hamilton, a former BC student, after he got a first-hand experience with the prototype of the Oculus Rift development kit 2. He was blown away by the immersive virtual reality experience.

Hamilton got interested in the world of VR, many industries are focusing on a different way of communication going on between the man and the machine. “It’s hard to gauge how VR will be used in the future,” he said. “It may never get to that point for the consumer version, but I really felt as if I was living in my own world, I really felt as if I was there.”

“Virtual reality, it still hasn’t gotten to the point of full immersion yet, but it is a major step forward,” he added. “If the technology continues to advance, I really feel that we could be living in a future where we can experience anything and everything completely blown my mind.”

“I’d think people who don’t have a virtual reality headset, they would want to begin with the new ones. It’s not like this world anyway, it may have problems handling alternate realities too.”

Hamilton is giving a demonstration of the Oculus Rift Development Kit 2 Virtual Reality goggle in gaming.

“I think you’d think of anything we can get into bed or get on a plane to fly. It becomes more convenient though, because it’s less expensive, wireless and convenient though, because it’s less you want to invest a fair amount of money and time to learn how to make VR experiences. I tell myself, ‘so this is the real world forever, and that may continue on.”

Although his anxiety usually doesn’t beat pretty fast in this game, but something about the music picks up and pretty much forces you to run away in terror, I started to turn my head around, I had this strong feeling that I was in a marketing ploy for the new games, but something about the game seemed wrong to me. I choose by simply looking in front of me that light up when I look at them and give me a description of the planet, as the game starts, it takes me in front of this visual experience completely blew my mind.”

The screen goes black for a moment, I’m then able to discover that the game is an empty movie theater. One second later, I looked around, I had this strong sense of reality, I mean really, I really feel as if I was actually there, I walked in, sitting for the movie for the first time.

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Of course this feeling fades as you continue to experience the option to play the movie. The new Oculus Rift development kit one is able for the user to upload any movie, or video for that matter, into the headset, you can watch the movie exactly as you would at the cinema.

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By Blaise Nettles

March 18

CAS (Critical Academic Skills) Workshops.
“Get up & Go” @ 8 p.m. located at BC Library. Tickets: $41-87.

March 20

March Ranch Relay for Life Registration @ 9-a.m.-
noon at the Ranney Pantry window.

March 25

National University Recruitment @ 11 a.m.-
1 p.m. located at Performing Arts Center Indoor Room 151.

March 26

Western Medicine band performs, free, from 9 p.m-11 p.m.

March 30-April 3

Spring break at Bakersfield College. Take a week off from classes and return April 6.

Vanki Lee/Courier/The Rip

Get up & Go

By Blaise Nettles

Houck Community Blood Bank nurse Pattie Grimes assists BC student Rogelio Silva at the BC blood drive.

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March 1

Relay for Life has been instru-
tmental in fundraising for cancer re-
search, which is shown by their ded-
ication to these events.

Zimmerman has toured doing shows around the world and
used Mahogany’s song “Okie from Muskogee” as an
opening line. ”It makes me laugh when
just think and check but people still sing
along,” Zimmerman explained.

Also mentioned how people thought he was a left-winged
songwriter and also telling tall bull and
that is not the case.

Zimmerman has held a club while he sings satirical
lyrics and points at the audience on March 5. The
musician performed his new album, “The Fascist on Fire”.

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March 21

Citizen’s Climate Lobby (Volunteer Training and
Orientation Workshop) @ 9:30 a.m.-
12:30 p.m. located at Paul’s Episcopal
Church 2216 17th St. Learn how to build
a relationship with your government and with the
media.

“Preventing Plagiarism” @ 8 p.m-1 p.m.
Instructor T. Meier. Located in SS building
in room 101.

March 23

CAS (Critical Academic Skills) Workshops.
“Writing a Strong Thesis Statement” @
noon-1 p.m. Instructor S. Abbassi. Located in SS
building in room 101.

March 24

STEM Series program remoted student
Geoff Nokin will speak @ 12:15-1 p.m.
located at the Fireside room.

March 25

CSEA Scholarship Bake Sale Fundraiser @
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. located at Campus Center.

March 26

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Students are recognizing how important it is to donate blood

New benefit that rocks the house on cancer

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BC finally has a new computer science club

By Tyler Gonchar Editor
Drew roll please… Bakersfield College finally has a com- puter science club. Founded by computer enthucist Chad Hilde- ge, Artificial Intelligence, or AI, is a new club that started in No- vember 2014 and was finally recognized by SGA in January 2015.

Being that there has been no computer science club prior, AI is a step forward for the depart- ment. “We are hoping for the club to be a place for faculty and stu- dents to mingle and create won- ders,” said Hildege. “The goal is to inspire students to see or acquire for intelligence.” With only 11 active members,

the club has already been in- volved in technology events on campus such as the Technology Conference that was hosted by the BC indoor theater on Feb. 5.

To promote and to further the club’s success at BC, Hildege is planning on attending this year’s Garden Fest on April 18. He will have a booth set up with his old school video game, Duke Nukem, for students to play.

Also, if you’re interested in joining, one of the fun things he always goes on during their weekly meetings is a coding challenge. The challenge is open to both current members and first time attendees and promotes the cre- ation of dissecting code and learn- ing what could be done to make it better and more efficient.

“The challenges are a learn- ing opportunity for all of us,” said Hildege.

At this time, the club is in the process of raising $5,000 from a lo- cal scholarshp that will be avail- able to BC students for the fall semester. Students are encouraged to write an essay regarding the emergence of technology in education or helping to write a code for a program that the club advisor will help choose. “This money will be used to fund the club and its activities.”

Hildege added, “This name was decided to poke fun at ourselves. Everything we learn at some point is artificial after all.”

The AI club meets on the first and third Friday of every month from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Business building in room B11.

Planetarium in need

By Vanessa A. Munoz

Opinion Editor

Decade after decade, the Wil- liam M. Thomas Planetarium at Bakersfield College has produced some of the best shows, but in order for the planetarium to keep improving and updating their equipment, they need do- nors.

Director of the planetarium Nick Strobel, an instructor of Ocean Science, Technology and Astronomy at BC, hopes to put all the planet- arium shows together.

The STEM program, which is the program the planetarium is part of, has specifically re- ceived donations in order for the shows to keep improving.

Strobel not only shows the shows, he organizes them by being a volunteer for the planetarium.

Strobel said that all proceeds produced by ticket sales and any kind of earned profit from the planetarium go toward the general fund at BC and not to the planetarium specifically. The planetarium has had the same projection equipment since 2000, just after the recon- struction of the entire planetarium took place. Like most technical equip- ment, they need to be updated and replaced by new and bet- ter hardware, but unfortunately there aren’t enough donations and ticket proceeds to provide all these equipment updates.

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This issue's Top Ten Things to do during spring break

1. Go to Los Angeles and visit the Grove, Getty Museum, LACMA and the beach.
2. Go to Big Sur. Trust me, just go.
3. Sign up to volunteer and add to your resume.
4. Catch up on your sleep.
5. Spring clean your whole house and car.
6. Update your closet.
7. Plan a guys/girls day.
8. Begin a local class and learn something new.
9. Begin a work out and healthy eating regimen.
10. Make some extra cash by house sitting, dog walking, or babysitting.
BC students think that the SB 967 is necessary

By K.E. Petersen

A bill that was drafted by Sen. Kevin De León, D-Los Angeles, and signed by Gov. Jerry Brown will change how rape allegations are investigated. The law states that it is the responsibility of the individual who is accused of rape to provide evidence that a complaint is unfounded. The new bill defines consent as an affirmative decision to proceeds with sexual activity. Consent is important to consider when filing complaints. It also includes that if an individual has drugs or alcohol in their system, they have the burden of proof to show that they were sober. The new bill defines rape as the occurrence of sexual intercourse without the consent of the victim. The new bill also specifies that if an individual has been convicted of a crime, the victim does not have to prove that the defendant was sober. The new bill has been signed by Gov. Jerry Brown and will take effect on July 1, 2015.

BC community members have mixed reactions to the new bill. Some believe that the bill will help to support victims of sexual assault, while others believe that the bill will make it harder for victims to prove their case.

The bill has been signed by Gov. Jerry Brown and will take effect on July 1, 2015. It is important to consider the implications of the new bill and how it will impact victims of sexual assault.

By Elizabeth Castillo

Editor in Chief

A group of support for political action for climate change is bringing to the discussion to Bakersfield.

The California Legislative Political Action Committee (CALPAC) is a group of support for political action for climate change. CALPAC will be holding a volunteer training and orientation workshop on March 21 to help volunteers of Bakersfield support political action for climate change.

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BPD officers give BC club a demonstration

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“Challenges in the work place can sometimes include family and being over worked or under worked or one’s own path to success,” said Colindres Campo.

She also discussed how to deal with those challenges such as “Keep a checklist, know your rights, be a good communicator, know your rights, keep a checklist and deal with your weak points.”

Colindres Campo also gave tips on how to deal with your weaknesses and strengths.

“Compromise comes in very handy,” said Colindres Campo.

Women in the workplace
By K. E. Peterson

During another student while in college should be as much as possible. While in college, students meet new people. They create and relationships with those who they get along with. Long lasting relationships should not have to be forged from the time that burns during their college life. While some students can get along with each other, others cannot. For the vast majority, dissatisfaction. Sitting in class, thinking about the next class, students are with their heads to drift off to sleep. Without any interest in them, they are not paying attention in class. In my opinion, class attendance is important. Spending a lot of time with the people you are sitting with can show your progress in class and the effort you take to pay attention.
As with most things in life, time seems to make things better. Good music, medicine, movies, technology and food. After all, few things can be declined in talent over time to make something truly great.

Almost anyone can get a new career in Hollywood by acting to actors, just as long as you cover the equipment usage. Athletes like Shaquille O’Neal have tried to make their vocal capability to sing and rap, but we all know how that turned out in a movie. Then there are those who automatically make it as a musical type, but never mind how, but then again, that would depend on who they are, because sometimes you might see her or him and know she or he doesn’t have the talent to be on the book.

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Let the Madness begin!

It is that time of the year when basketball fans, especially those who have been following the March Madness Live app on your phone for a few weeks, will take their brains out in class while your professor runs through the standard sports trivia questions without you knowing. Let me tell you, it is March madness.

Every year, it’s hard to imagine who will be the team that wins the tournament. Is it going to be a team you don’t have a clue about? Or maybe it is going to be a favorite? It’s hard to say. Whatever it is, you know, Lehigh vs. Kentucky.

Next year, for example, will be a new year, and we will have a new tournament. This year, it is the University of Virginia that is the favorite. They are going to win the championship because they are the best team in the country.

Let’s not forget about the underdogs. They have a chance to win the tournament every year, and they always do. The University of Dayton is one of them.

This year, the University of Dayton will be one of the teams that is going to make it to the NCAA tournament. They have a chance to win the championship, and they are going to do it. They are going to be the underdog that wins it all.

The Madness is coming. Let’s get ready for it.
By Mason J. Rockfellow

BC's men's tennis team (2-6) dropped both matches this weekend as the season has bounced along and the team continues to set sight on conference opponents.

Once again the young BC squad is finding their rhythm at bat.

The women's team finished second behind first place Ventura.

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The Bakersfield College women's track and field team scored a run.

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After running through eight areas of colored powder, participants threw more of the colored powder into the air covering each other in vibrant colors.

BC student Charles Wise licks the colored powder off of Vanessa Pesina’s face during the Color Me Rad 5K race March 7.

Brittany, Kameron, and Maddix Wilson smile for a picture after the race. Kameron and Maddix rock their fake mustaches they wore for the race.

Color Me Rad comes back