By Mason J. Rockfellow  Reporter

The Bakersfield College’s Performing Arts Department hosted a combined concert featuring the new BC orchestra and concert band. The BC indoor drumline and Golden Empire Drum and Bugle Corps, chamber singers, college choir, and jazz ensemble.

The concert, A Night of Rhythm, was held at the Performing Arts Center outdoor theater May 15.

“The orchestra and concert band performed seven pieces accompanied by their director Jennifer Gann on the harp. The pieces included “Concerto Grosso VIII, Op. 6 No. 8,” music from Disney’s “Frozen,” works from DreamWorks Animation’s “How to Train Your Dragon,” three pieces from the movie “The Hobbit,” “Song of the Lonely Mountain,” and “Dreaming of Bag End,”” By Elka Wyatt  Reporter

The Bakersfield College Indoor Drumline performs “Lost in the Echo” directed by Tim Heasley during A Night of Rhythm held at BC.

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With well over 1,000 tents and booths set up, the event kicked off at 5 p.m.

Relay for Life teams had already raised $800,000 by the start of the season as the event began. By the end of the evening, that number had gone over $1 million.

The American Cancer Society and onstage with her husband Doug, was awarded the award for Most Effective Fundraiser.

Lacey, who began her career working in law enforcement, said, “This year you feel different than the year before.” Jackson said, “This year is more upbeat, and there is more of a positive feeling.”

She has been asked over the years why she continues to work so hard to raise money despite knowing at the end of the season she is tied. “My heart would sue if I didn’t help,” she said. Jackson, like many other teams, sold taffy and tickets for different items. Many of those items were donated by the community.

“The community really pulls together and helps, everybody is doing it. It is a demand excepted ‘Love/Lucy’ memorabilia,” said Jackson.

Team 1 Love Lucy raised just shy of $3,000 before the event had started.

“We aren’t like the big teams that raise $500,000, but every little helps,” commented Jackson.

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Wednesday, May 6, 2015

**Get up & Go**

May 6

“Health and Wellness Fair” @ 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Located at the quad area between library and student services.

***“World’s Got Talent” Audition Finals*** @ 6-7 p.m.
Located at the Performing Arts center. Tickets are $2 at the door.

May 9-10

Rabobank Arena presents “Marvel Universe Live!” hours vary upon the date. “Battle Over the Cosmic Cube,” Thomas the Beagle Lover is planning to destroy the universe by replicating the power of the Cosmic Cube.
Tickets: $25, $30, $45, and $70.

May 10

“Applied Music Spring Recital” @ 4-7:30 p.m.
Located at the Indoor Theater at the SRMC building.
Two recitals will be performed by music majors, once at 4 p.m. and a select few will perform at 6:30 p.m.

May 11

Week of May 11 through the 14 will be FINALS!

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“Stress relief with Marley’s Mutts” @ 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
In the lobby of the Renegade Crossing.

May 23

“The End of Summer Dance Party” @ 6-10 p.m.
Located at the Rabobank Arena. 94.1 generated the music. DJ of Ratchet music DJ Frankie Ballard.

May 26

“History of the Eagles” Live in concert @ 8 p.m.
Located at the Rabobank Arena. Three hours of classic Eagles greatest hits. Tickets range from $47-$175.

June 4

“YG and Dj Mustard” @ 8 p.m.
Located at the Rabobank Arena. Famed rapper YG (Young Gangsta) and renowned South Central Los Angeles R&B DJ of Ratchet music DJ Frankie Ballard. Tickets will be performed Thursday, Tickets - $65, $85, $120, and $200.

June 5

“Super Freestyle Explosion” @ 7:30 p.m.
Located at the Rabobank Arena. Over nine performances will be live. Tickets - $30.50, $35.50, and $40.50.

June 11

“Rome Sending off Old Concert” @ 7:30 p.m.
Located at the Indoor Theater in the SRMC building. The chamber choir that will be touring to Florence, Italy, and will be performing the songs they will be singing while on their tour in Europe.

June 14

“Dancing with the Stars Live” @ 8 p.m.
Located at the Rabobank Arena. The top ten dancing with the stars contestants will be performing in 40 states while on the road touring.

July 15

“Angeles Johnson’s La Ron Qui-Quo” @ 8 p.m.
Located at the Fox theater. MADtv comedian Angeles Johnson will be performing her famous character on stage.

August 12

“Fifth Harmony” @ 7 p.m.
Located at the Rabobank Arena. This girl group headed by Fifth Harmony will be headlining with opening acts from Becky’s. They raised $4,600 at Garaport, the center has raised some learning materials. “It is not easy keeping the center stocked with supplies such as Legos, paper, crayons, art supplies, etc.” said Ward. “These supplies are so important because children learn hands on. For them, doing is learning, and the center needs to keep the children supplied with plenty of learning materials.”

Because of everyone’s support, the center has raised some much-needed funds for the center. They raised $4,600 at Garaport raising off gift baskets, $300 through discount coupons from One Tree car washes, and $125 with the S.H.A.R.E. cards that are used at specific grocery stores.

They sold over 540 worth of books at their last school book fair.

Ward is also grateful to parents for spending plants for gardening, covering the flowers in buckets, and supplying and putting up shade covers over the play-grounds for the children at the center.

These gardens have helped the teachers to find a way to teach the children about the drought. The children love to take their mist bottles and water the new plants without wasting water by turning on the hoses.

Ward would like to see more departments get involved in the child development center.

Other departments in the college could really offer these young students some great hands-on learning experiences. She said “The Agriculture and Horticulture departments could plant a garden for the children to take care of, or the Technology Department could help the children and teachers start an online picture blog to show to their parents.”

The month of April has been a special month for the children at the center.
First, Capt. Luis Carlos Montes and his service dog, Tuesday, visited the children, and then the center celebrated NAESYC Week of the Young Child April 13-17. On that day, Monday was Music Monday with Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band, they made tacos with their families on Taco Tuesday, children built things together on Work Together Wednesday, they created art all day on Anytime Thursday and on Family Friday, families came together to share their favorite family stories.

The Child Development Center has operaters for the summer program for 5-11 year-olds. They have openings in the stained glass program and in the mosaics classes for BC students program.

People interested in putting a child in the summer program need to get a hold of the center before May 15. The summer program starts on June 1, and the hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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**Noche de Cultura held at BC**

Above: Children dance to Mexican music while the boys show off their weapon dance skills.

Aztec dance instructor introduces his drum boy. Bottom left: Monica Ortauso and Nochel E. Rivera both blow on a conch shell during the opening of their dance routine. Bottom right: “ Folklorico Escuela Unidas” dances first for the national opener.

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**Features**

By Vanessa A. Mancera

Opinion Editor

ME.CHA held its second an- nual Noche de Cultura (Night of Culture) on April 30 to Bakers- field College with five expected performances from American Indians to Aztec tribal dancers. This night was to shed light on the different styles and traditions of customs, dance, and Mexican culture as well as some other cultures.

The celebration began with a few jokes and singing from members of ME.CHA as theyimmer ed the audience that waits for the performances to start. The members placed some selective Mexican music as well, in order to draw the hour had gone by now. None of the performers showing up. As members resolved to en- counter,Encore Promotions, M.E.C.H.A member and event coordinator tried to lure up other performers were still available. The first group of perform- ers was the Grupo Folklorico Escuela Unidas (Mexican Folk dancing), directed by Sylvia Guzman.

The dancers were older women who were dressed in very col- orful and ruffled dresses. They danced to a variety of traditional Mexican music. Each woman had a specific color and style of dress that displayed a unique design in the dance across-ation as they twirled around and swung their dresses.

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BC's best in state and sixth in the nation

By Elka Wyatt

Bakersfield College is a top choice for students looking to get a jump on their career goals. The college's flagship program, the Career Academy, is rapidly growing in popularity and is a key reason why BC is consistently rated among the top ten community colleges in the state and nation.

The Career Academy offers a variety of certificate programs that are designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in their chosen field. Students can choose from programs in fields such as business, healthcare, technology, and more. The programs are designed to be flexible, allowing students to fit their education around their work and personal schedules.

The success of the Career Academy is evident in the high demand for its programs. In fact, the college has seen a significant increase in the number of students enrolling in its Career Academy programs in recent years. This growth is attributed to the college's focus on providing high-quality education and training that prepares students for successful careers.

The BC Career Academy is not only popular with students, but it is also highly respected by employers. Many businesses in the area have expressed interest in hiring graduates of the Career Academy, and many of these employers have expressed a willingness to provide internships and other opportunities to BC students who complete their programs.

In summary, the BC Career Academy is a testament to the college's commitment to providing quality education and training that prepares students for successful careers. With a growing number of programs and a strong focus on industry partnerships, the Career Academy is a key reason why BC is consistently rated among the top ten community colleges in the state and nation.
BC community earns achievement awards

By Mason J. Buckelloff

The Renegade Rip

Several awards were given at the annual Student Leadership and Recognition ceremony Wednesday night in the Caper.

The award ceremony was held in the Campus Center’s Fireside Room in recognition of student achievements. The winners’ meet this academic year and recognized for their efforts and accomplishments.

The first award given was the BC Renegade Student Award. The recipient was Alex Dominguez. He told the students that he was grateful for their support and that he would continue to work hard to achieve his goals.

The next award was the BC Renegade Athlete Award. The recipient was Aaron Martinez. He thanked the BC community for their support and that he would continue to work hard to achieve his goals.

The BC Renegade Teacher Award was given to Jennifer Brown. She thanked the students for their support and that she would continue to work hard to achieve her goals.

The BC Renegade Staff Award was given to Sarah Rodriguez. She thanked the students for their support and that she would continue to work hard to achieve her goals.

The BC Renegade Service Award was given to Michael Esqueda. He thanked the students for their support and that he would continue to work hard to achieve his goals.

The BC Renegade Spirit Award was given to the BC Renegade Fan Club. They thanked the students for their support and that they would continue to work hard to achieve their goals.

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Drug prevents HIV infection

By Elizabeth Castillo

Editor in Chief

Although a drug that prevents HIV was approved in 2012, several organizations in Bakersfield that serve high-risk communities believe that Bakersfield is still too unversed in Truvada, the brand-name pill. The Food and Drug Administration approved Truvada for preexposure prophylaxis. PrEP means that the pill can be taken as a preventative measure against HIV, but in this case directly according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in the United States, men who sex with men account for the largest group most highly affected by HIV. In Bakersfield, community experts believe that these populations are still highly unaware of Truvada as a preventative measure.

To release both, he said, "Wendy Woldick, the chairman of the board for the Bakersfield LGBTQ. "There have been too many great BP campaigns, we want it in the LEQBTQ community. Gladus, the person that produces this, should have made this drug more more public right away."

Another major subpopulation highly affected by HIV is a young people. Individuals under 30 are especially susceptible to HIV and represent the highest infection rates in the U.S. according to the CDC. Robert Califf, a Pfizer advocate, came to Bakersfield College in March to give a presentation on Truvada and preventative measures against HIV.

"If more people knew about Truvada and knew it was available, effective, and free, we could see a significant decrease in HIV infections," he said.

According to an article in the Bakersfield Californian, California County ranked the 12th highest number of HIV cases out of 58 counties, in 2013. Although Woldick is an advocate for the LGBTQ community, she believes all sexually active individuals should take preventative measures against HIV.

"This drug prevents infection. It's not on the hands of the Judge in the Justice of the Supreme Court. According to Kaylin Schull, Petrone believes that some general practitioners doctors know about Truvada. Although doctors specializing in infectious diseases are aware of the medication, doctors who have more access to the general public may not be as informed, according to Peterson.

Audrey Cheyer, the founder and president of Bakersfield AIDS Project, is hopeful that her organization can better inform or way on how to prevent HIV infections. BAP will hold a community forum on Truvada and will produce articles on the medication in the future. The town will include a presentation by Dr. Frank Lang, a local professional familiar with PrEP representatives from the Kern County Health Department and patients who are using Truvada. Cheyer said that she aware of individuals in Kern County using Truvada regularly, and they are healthy and HIV-free. "I believe every individual has the right to make informed decisions to protect their health. I think BAP is in the right place at the right time with the acquiring of the HIV," she said. To avoid the fears on HIV prevention, contact BAP at 663-872-9090 or text the name of the attendee and a contact phone number to 663-742-9111 with the word PrEP to receive details.

BC holds an equity conference to educate both students and faculty

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He briefly discussed his two experiences as someone working in the STEM field. A concern Arvizu discussed was the growing gap in STEM knowledge in the United States.

"We've got a large fraction of our population that is uneducated," he said. Arvizu addressed the importance of STEM knowledge even in fields that are typically associated with STEM.

He discussed the importance of community colleges leading students toward STEM, especially students that are under-represented in these majors.

After his speech, Arvizu led a question-and-answer session and some students questioned how to entice students into STEM majors when there are a large number of general education courses that must be completed.

Janet Fulks, a professor at Bakersfield College, discussed how many lev -...
The moral dilemma of having an abortion

By Eliza Wyatt

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Technology: good vs. evil

By Hugo Januario

Reporter

Drugs may change minds

By Tyler Goucher

Our minds are often plagued with thoughts and memories that have the ability to consume us and cause us pain. Depression and anxiety can result from these thoughts, which can lead to people hurting themselves and others, including suicide.

I am an advocate of using hallucinogens to help people deal with certain psychological issues, because other ways of life can be harmful to society.

I believe with the right intentions and under the right circumstances, hallucinogens can be used to expand their mind in every living organism on planet earth.

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ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

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MEN

1. Jack Murphy, wrestling

The 197-pound sophomore sensation led Bakersfield College wrestling with an undefeated record of 23-0 on the season without giving up any takedowns. Murphy capped off his BC career with a state championship victory over Central’s Oscar Martinez. This was the first individual state championship for a BC wrestler since current assistant coach Espino won it back in 2004. Murphy’s expected to attend an NAIA school.

2. DeAndre Dickson, basketball

Standing tall at 6-9, the freshman swingman led Bakersfield to its first playoff appearance in four years averaging 18 points (11th in state), 11.8 rebounds (3rd in state) and 2.5 blocks (7th in state). Dickson was also named MVP of the Western Conference – South Division and SoCal All-State First Team for the 2014-15 season.

3. Derrick Vickers, football

A key part of the 2014 Bakersfield High state championship football team, the flashy 5’11” all-purpose freshman led the Renegades’ football team with 1,609 all-purpose yards (146.3 yards/game). Vickers, a 2014 First Team All-American selection, posted a performance to remember in Week 7 against Moorpark where he caught seven passes for 145 yards and five touchdowns in a 50-47 victory.

4. Cesar Luna, wrestling

Battle the challenges of being a Marine Corps Reserve and a Bakersfield College wrestler, the 174-pound sophomore, Luna, managed to end his tenure at BC with a third place finish at regionals and fifth place finish at the state wrestling championships.

5. Dominic Frasch, football

Alongside Vickers, the multidimensional all-purpose defensive back led the Renegades’ defense in interceptions (5). Frasch was named MVP of the Clifford & Bradford Insurance Western State Bowl game against Chaffey, and also an All-California First Team Defense selection for the year.

6. Allan Winans, baseball

BC baseball’s sophomore pitcher brought a great skill set to the mound in his last season as a Renegade. Winans pitched 94 innings overall (96 in state) and finished 5th overall in conference with 52 strikeouts. He will be transferring to play at Division 1 Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina.

7. Khalin Smith, football

Getting set to take his size and talent to play football for the Vandals of Idaho University, the 6-foot-5, 254-pound All-California First Team Offense selection from Vallejo, Calif., was ranked eighth in the nation by Gridiron.com for JUCO tight ends.

8. Hanz Harker, baseball

BC’s baseball freshman Harker has shown his skills with a bat this season. His .55 hits overall (15th in state) and batting average of .382 overall (19th in state) and batting average of .478. Avila also led in stolen bases at 13 in conference (9th) and was only caught 1 in 28 attempts. Harker hit 18 doubles overall which was third best in the state.

9. Juan Calderon, track/XC

Calderon is a sophomore on BC’s track and field and cross-country team. Calderon went to State in cross-country placing 76 out of 213. He has qualified for the Southern California finals in the 800-meter run with a time of 1 minute 57.64 seconds.

10. Jeremy Choi, golf

Choi has been the standout player on the Bakersfield College men’s golf team all season long. The sophomore’s conference average score, last checked on March 3, is 77.78. His total conference score, also last checked on March 3, is 701.

WOMEN

1. Kyra Saunders, track and field

The 19-year-old freshman on Bakersfield College’s track and field team has made history at BC this year by breaking the 200-meter dash record with a time of 24.78 seconds. Saunders was on the team that broke the 44:10.00 relay record with a time of 47.66. Her personal record in the 100-meter dash is 12.05. Her PR for the long jump is 17.19 feet. She has qualified for the Southern California finals in the 100, 200, and long jump on May 9. Saunders must do well there in order to qualify for the California State Championships.

2. Nakia Page, basketball

Western State Conference – South Division MVP and SoCal All-State Second Team selection, Page led the Renegades’ women’s basketball team to a record-setting season that ended with an outright conference championship and a trip to the third round of the regional playoffs – snapping nearly a quarter century drought in the program’s history. Page averaged 17.8 points, 7.7 rebounds, and 2 blocks on the season.

3. Lexi Zimmerman, swim

The sophomore swimmer capped off her BC career with a third place finish at state in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:26.79. Zimmerman tied school records in the 50 and 100 breaststroke. She will be attending school in the fall at California State University, East Bay where she will also swim.

4. Jessica Campbell, track/cross-country

Campbell has been a top mid-distance runner on her track and field team all season where she runs in the 800-meter, 1,500-meter, and the 3,000-meter. Also a member of the BC cross-country team in the fall, Campbell went to State and placed 38 out of 197 with a time of 19 minutes 15.8 seconds. She has qualified for the Southern California finals in the 1,500 and must do well there in order to advance to the California State Championships.

5. Claesey Tarver, basketball

Carrying heavy minutes due to her two-way abilities, Tarver averaged over 25 minutes per game for Paula Dahl, averaging 12 points. A First Team All-Conference player, Tarver was also a finalist for the Most Valuable Renegade award at the 2015 Student Leadership and Recognition Awards Ceremony.

6. Alex Avila, softball

BC softball’s sophomore center fielder Avila has shown great discipline this season when stepping up to the plate. Avila led the BC softball team offensively with 66 hits overall (10th in state), 55 runs overall (7th in state) while holding a batting average of .478. Avila also led in stolen bases at 13 in conference (9th) and was only caught stealing twice in conference (5th).

7. Leah Theroux, track/XC

There was the Western State Conference Champion in the 800-meter run for BC’s track and field team this season with a time of 2 minutes 19.43 seconds. She went to State in cross-country and placed 72 out of 197 with a time of 19 minutes 56.0 seconds. Theroux has qualified for the Southern California finals in the 800. She must do well there in order to advance to the California State Championships.

8. Sara Klang, swim

The freshman out of Garces was a vital piece of the women’s swim team. Klang finished in third in the 500 freestyle and 200 butterfly at the conference meet which qualified her for the state meet.

9. Victoria Pyle, soccer

The Week 1 Western State Conference Athlete of the Week led the Renegades’ soccer team in goals (8), points (19), and game-winning goals (3).

10. Tyler Herring, volleyball

Herring was a sophomore on BC’s volleyball team. She was 17th in the state in blocks (35) and 8th in state in block assists (62). Herring scored 334 points, which put her at 37th in state.

*Selections made by Mohamed Bafakih (Sports Editor), Marcus Castro (Reporter), Mason J. Rockfellow (Reporter) and Elisa C. Ahumada (Photo Editor)

Honorable mentions can be found on therip.com
Dreamt is the only word that ends in a-m-t.

Grand opening was a hit

By Kevin Phillips

The official grand opening of the Bakersfield College Simonsen Performing Arts Center took place April 25 with a musical celebration.

For over 60 years, this building has been a beacon for art and culture in our community, and it has hosted several events already this school year. So this event was held to celebrate the modernization of the facility into the 21st century.

The evening opened with the Bakersfield College chamber singers, under the direction of Jennifer Garrett, with the “Star-Spangled Banner,” arranged by Darmon Meader.

The Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra and the BC Choir joined in to celebrate the opening of the new facility, which is known as SPAC. Garrett conducted the choir and chamber singers, which will be going on their international tour to Rome, Florence, and Venice this summer.

BC music professor John Gerhold had his close friend, retired professor Ronald Kean, conduct his latest piece. “There is nothing that brings me so much joy then to watch my friend conduct one of my compositions,” Gerhold said about Kean.

Kean said he loves the new building, and he would come back to perform any time. The composition that Kean conducted was “American Mass,” which took four months to compose.

To conclude the evening, Kean conducted his friend’s composition, “Joyful Noises.” As people were leaving, they were saying how much they enjoyed the event.