BC welcomes many international students

By Crystal Valdez

Bakersfield College is home to a growing community of international students who travel from across the globe for what is considered to be a better, more prestigious education.

That is exactly what the International Student Affairs program (ISA) aims to offer.

Despite the difficulties these students may experience throughout the journey and upon their arrival, the struggle is outweighed by their academic, social, cultural, and economic contributions.

The admission criteria for international students are extensive and comparable to those of local students. A few of these details, such as the requirement to have a website, are as follows. International students must have a F-1 visa in order to be considered for admission at BC. They must provide evidence that they are proficient in the English language in order to benefit from college level instruction, and they must maintain a 2.0 GPA as well as be enrolled in a minimum of 12 units per semester. Once enrolled, all students must attend a two-day orientation and adhere to the common graduation/transfer requirements.

According to International Student Program Coordinator Shoshbeh Rahman, BC has enrolled 70 F-1 visa students who represent 28 countries thus far. The top five countries represented are Saudi Arabia, India, and South Korea. The most pursued majors are business administration, engineering, business, and nursing.

Rahman stated that the program does everything in its power to keep these students on track.

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Bakersfield College launched a six-day celebration to welcome alumni back to the community to raise money for the Athletic Department.

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As usual, the BC Culinary Department served barbecue chicken as the main courses.

Nexus aims to unite community

By Victoria Miller

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Alumni media journalists returned to Bakersfield College as guest reporters for the Bakersfield College Alumni Association.

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By Carl E. Littleberry Jr.

For dessert the culinary department served
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Funding the speech, Christian chose to give a more personal tale sharing tips on how to get through the process of not wanting to work hard or appear in a resume. It is a way of expanding your network. You need connections any way as possible;

The big step students take with beginning a career is taking an internship.

President Jeffery gave tips on getting an internship. He said many students who are graduates have a greater chance of getting that spot.

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For more information regarding the Nexus program available at BC, visit bakersfieldcollege.edu/alumni/nexus.
The annual Kern County Fair will open its doors Sept. 23 where there will be a newly expanded adult carnival area. Admission is $9. Children (ages 6-12) admission is $5; children under 6, as well as active or retired military personnel, get in for free.

For more information about events and additional costs, visit kerncountyfair.com.

**Handheld vs. home consoles**

By Crystal Valdez

When asked whether they prefer the higher production values offered of home-console gaming or the convenience and portability of handheld gaming, Olcott stated that he likes both. The last handheld gaming system he played on was the Nintendo Wii.

Salvador Murillo, 20, has been playing video games since third grade. Murillo states that he likes home console gaming and handheld gaming because he can play with either friends or by himself. He mentioned that “what really matters is the game.”

The other two BC gaming students said they enjoyed both-home console and portable.

When asked what they value most about gaming, Giese mentioned that it is a bonding experience. Murillo stated that he enjoys playing video games because they are a way to “get away from school.” He added that he enjoys playing video games because he can do it when he has free time.

Student Leroy Gonzalez, 21, who has been playing video games for 10 years, stated that he has a four-year-old daughter and she is one of his primary reasons for playing video games.

**Village fest was another success**

By Alex Rivers

Local vendors, breweries, and wineries all made their way once again to the Kern County Museum for the annual Village Fest on Sept. 12. Village Fest was another sold-out event with tickets being limited to the first 4,800 guests at $37 per ticket. The Kern County Museum had no choice but to send many people walking in line due to the venue reaching its full capacity.

The ticket prices seemed high to many local attendees for only four hours, but with a purchase of a ticket, included was a 10-act dinner menu that included 14 local beers and wines, as well as local foods from 30 local restaurants. It’s no wonder many attendees said to come and have a great time and wait for Bakersfield’s part of the year.

This year’s Village Fest offered a variety of beers and wines to peruse and enjoy during the event, while the festival’s food and beverage vendors were packed with ticket holders.

All proceeds from Village Fest ticket sales go to the nonprofit organization, C.A.R.E. (Children’s Advocacy Resource Endowment), which raises money for children charities in Kern County.

The high ticket prices didn’t deter many from coming back because many came for what was described as a social night out and something to help their local charities.

Village Fest is not only Bakersfield’s biggest party of the year, but it is also one of the biggest fundraisers for all of our local children charities.
Topics of abortion covered in Levan Center

By Victoria Miller

The Gadfly Café hosted their first discussion this semester in the Norman Levan Center on Sept. 25 regarding the topic of abortion without access. Led by Tina Trujillo, a philosophy professor at Bakersfield College, the discussion invited faculty, staff, students, and others in the community to share their ideas and beliefs about the controversial subject.

The discussion covered the multiple complexities within the topic of abortion. Among the unique burden of the abortion within the women versus the men, the problems that women face when access to abortion clinics are limited, and the moral questions that accompany the idea of abortion.

A variety of perspectives were opposed concerning abortion. One of the perspectives given was from Jeninette Smith, organi- zation of Pro-Choice Kern Coun- ty, who said a child should be wanted and cared for. When another attendee men- tioned the idea that women who had multiple abortions should have their tubes tied, Smith replied with faith. “You won’t find a crisis to tie your tubes if you are under a certain age, and if you are mature and separated, you’ll still remember from your husband before the doctor will proceed.”

Another idea that was ex- pressed was that if access to abortions were limited, access to sexual education teach must be more prominent, and it was agreed by multiple attendees that Kern County is lacking in that department.

Trujillo brought up abortion related events that have made national headlines. One of these related was the woman in New- braska who was denied an abortion although she could not afford to carry the child, which led both to mother and fetus’s death. Trujillo mentioned in some cas- es, pregnancy is seen as a “death certificate.”

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One attendee answered that we as a nation should work for the people, abolish that law, and put it in a sale because abortions will continue to happen, legally or illegally.

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Walkers, runners, and family members gather around the finish line to cheer on the other walkers and runners coming in at the 2nd annual Walk Like MADD event held at River Park on Sept. 19.

By AK Pachla

The Park at River Walk held the second annual Walk Like MADD/MADD Dash 5K on Sept. 19. Community partners, law enforcement, victims and advocates gathered to share stories, raise awareness, and take action to end drinking and driving in Kern County.

The California Office of Trau- ma Safety, in the most recent numbers available, counted nearly 900 alcohol involved acci- dents or injury crashes in Kern County for 2012, including 202 pedestrians.

“We have an opioid epidemic,” says MADD victims advocate and family survivor Carla Prun- son, standing next to a win- dow decorated with a wreath, a car mechanical of tragedy, where “We have a problem with drinking and driving. It’s under the influence, and people are not driving under the influence in order to prevent tragedy. Both for her family and the other families of Kern County. It is the mission of Kern County MADD to get the num- ber as close to zero as possible. It’s not about drinking, it’s about ‘How’s about making a responsible choice’? It is a choice with far much conse- quences.”

At the park, two empty chairs forcibly sit beside the family of Bakers- field College nursing student Christina Valadez. On the 17, 2014, Vanessa Curry, Valadez’s cousin-in-law, and her husband, Khilse were struck and killed in a repeat offender drinker.

“Khilse would say that change your life forever,” exclaimed V aladez. Saying the “firm date set for the event, auditioned from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.”

“The cast list is growing steadily,” says MADD victim advocate and family survivor, Vanesa Carillo, Valadez’ sister. “We have a problem with drinking and driving, and I’m improvisation group” perform- ing at large.

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The first annual Stomp Out Suicide Walk was held at River Park on Sept. 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ellen Eggen, board member of the Save A Life Today organization, wanted to bring awareness to everyone on the impact that suicide has on their friends and family.

Kern County MADD wel- comed community representatives as well as offering volunteer opportunities for those who want to make a difference in the known statistics. MADD is encouraged to contact all the Kern County Mothers Against Drunk Driving at 916- 802-4731.

The event raised $43,000.

Walk held at Beach Park to bring awareness to suicides

By Felicity Tomisaka

The Kern County Mental Health Department will be holding open “ASIST” to attendees. The Kern County Mental Health Department will be holding open scheduling conflicts.

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Students now have help with housing

By Ralph Stramberg

Bakerfield College's Office of Student Life has developed an online housing request form for fall 2013. This website allows students to request housing online to help them find available housing and move into the BC community.

This website was funded by a student population, said Nick DiCicco, Student Life's director of the College. "The Office of Student Life is helping to ensure that the students in any way possible, and we are the best way possible.

DiCicco explained that after a certain housing, they [Student Life] are helping to ensure that the students have information about the housing bureau, so to assist students in their housing.

"In this particular instance, we are now in the marketplace."

The student housing link shows the general public where they can post their available listings, although the listings displayed on the BC Housing and the student housing website do not guarantee that the houses offered online are in fact available.

"Students can find out about housing by going to the Office of Student Life internet site," said Damian. "Students should also use the marketplace to provide opportunities to discover life skills for work, financial management, and online shopping."

The Student Housing link is available on the website for the Office of Student Life. Students can contact the BC housing bureau to find out more information.

By Felicity Tomika

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Bakerfield College backs students to reduce water usage in BC campus

For three years now, BC has an ongoing water conservation program with students on campus.

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**Commentary**

**By Rhiannon Stroberg**

Why are professional athletes paid so much? This is a question that has been asked by many during the recent NFLscouts. It's ridiculous that pro-athletes, such as football players, are paid in the millions of dollars while others - such as law enforcement officers - are paid a fraction of that amount. The question of whether or not professional athletes deserve to be paid so much is a topic that continues to be debated. But the fact remains that they are paid more than most people.

Demand for stricter gun laws keeps Americans divided when dealing with gun ownership laws.

**By Victoria Miller**

Gun control has been a very hot topic in recent years. With shooting rampages, mass murders, and school shootings, many schools and Americans are aware of the need for gun control. As a result, the debate over whether or not to have gun control in the U.S. is one that continues to rage on.

The fall season brings many sports back into action. From football to basketball, fans are excited to see their favorite teams play. But with the return of sports comes the return of arguments over gun control. Many are concerned about the potential for violence at sporting events and want stricter gun laws to be implemented. On the other hand, there are those who believe that people have a right to bear arms and should be able to carry guns wherever they go.

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Food Review

Mexican grill located near BC

By Giovanni Lopez

If you’re a student on a budget and looking for a place to have some good, quality Mexican food, head over to Cinco Lomas.

New restaurant Cinco Lomas opened just around the block from Bakersfield College, off of 5th Street Avenue and Columbus Street, where the old KFC was.

The atmosphere was relaxing and stirring while the Rowe was very down to earth and welcoming.

The service was fast and the food was delicious. The first time you hear when you enter and order is the enchiladas, which should always compliment each other. The restaurant was clean and organized, so I decided to order a shrimp burrito and the enchiladas. Since I wanted the enchiladas covered in a spicy sauce and choose on top. With the first bite, I was sold. The sauce wasn’t too spicy, but it had just the right amount of kick that made me want to continue to chew down the rest of the homemade tortes, just like my mom used to make.

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Movie Review

‘The Visit’ falls short of expectations

By Cynthia Loera

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Wrestling team starts to scramble for some victories

By Marcus Castro
Editor in Chief

Bakersfield College’s wrestling team opened their season with a home tournament where they struggled to get team wins. The BC wrestling team ended with a team record of 0-3 at the Bakersfield College Dual Tournament. They battled in the tournament with a perfect team record of four wins and no losses.

“It was a good meaningful trick. It shows what we have to do to improve,” said coach Brett Clark.

To open the tournament the BC team went up against West Hills College with a score of 32-15. BC did have a few individual winners. Tomiy Casper (157 pounds) won with a score of 9-3. Michael Alanis (18-3) won with a score of 10-4. Michael Alanis (141) won with a score of 6-5. Armando Sarabia (125) won by tech. in 2:15 with a score of 25-12.

The next team BC faced was Victor Valley. BC took this one with a score of 52-3.

Pedro Sara (125) won his first match with a pin. Norman Ahumada (133) won with a score of 10-3. Michael Alanis (141) won with a score of 6-5. Armando Sarabia (125) won by tech. Jason Dibble (heavyweight) won by pin.

Up next was Santa Ana where BC earned a loss with a score of 18-23.

The BC wrestling team will be in action this Saturday. They will compete in a tournament at Mt. San Antonio College.

Boston College’s Jacob Maas (174 pounds) works to score near-fall points against his opponent from West Hills College on Sept. 11.

Swim lessons at BC’s aquatic center were a success for all ages

By Chris Miller
Reporter

The swim lessons event held at the Bakersfield College pool Sept. 19, was a success. There were seven classes with 30 ultrasounders each.

The swim lessons took place alongside the 12-hour relay and gave swim lessons to some of the children who signed up. According to them, the ages of the children who signed up for the lessons varied from 2 to 14 years old.

Patrick Zuniga, the BC assistant swim coach, said they were given lots of positive feedback about the event.

“Some asked whether they would do the lessons again, he laughed and said, ‘Yes, but next time I think we’ll just do a 6-hour relay instead.’

BC’s Armando Salaldina Jr. (174 pounds) is caught by a single-leg takedown against Santa Ana.

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Wrestling is a sport that has a rich history – and in Greece wrestling was born with the help of the Olympic Games which took place in ancient Olympia (776 B.C.) and Ionian (508 B.C.), and on the roam for the sport has yet to decline centuries later.

For Bakersfield College head wrestling coach Brett Clark, wrestling also has a rich history with the sport and his love for it is so taking him to where the sport prospered.

Clark, 38, will be competing in the Veterans World Championships in Athens.

In what started as a binding team pact 30 years from him and his 9-year-old son Jason, who complained about how he wanted to see his father wrestle, they decided to head out to Los Angeles where Brett competed in the National Veteran Wrestling Championships while Jason also had his own tournament.

Clark ended up losing his first match, which was Greco-Roman style (the balls attach before the waist).

He [Jason] watched me lose and that was the kind of thing for him to cry when he loses, looked at him and said, ‘Am I crying? It’s not a big deal.’ Clark said, “I just got up and wrestled again in the next tournament.’

Eventually finding the BC head coaching vacancy last year following the tournament, a gave Clark an opportunity to return to his home-state, more polished who move around well.

The wrestling buddies, better known as Team Flahy and completed Clark on his appearance stating how Clark was the type of man that he said, “You see me win, we do this.

This was questionable,” Clark said. “This was questionable, ‘What do you call about his uncertainty of $4,000, where- they struggled to get team wins.

BC’s Jacob Maas (174 pounds) works to score near-fall points against his opponent from West Hills College on Sept. 11.

You can accomplish anything.”

Coach Brett Clark is one of 69 wrestlers getting to represent the United States in the Veterans Wrestling World Championships.

“Keep us involved in the sport – not just the coaching aspect – but the competitive aspect. We want to on see, “I want to represent Bakersfield…I think we have a good history of wrestling in this community.”

Although Clark is quite na-"
By Melissa Aldrete / THE RIP

The Renegade's 10-day break plays a vital role in the women’s soccer team as they come off of their losing streak over the course of the last two weekends. The team faced off against KCCD the season. The Cougars were aggressive within the first two minutes of the match in a draw 2-2 falling to a Golden West victory with a score of 4-1. The Renegades opened up play the next day on Sept. 18 against the Ventura Pirates, hoping to bounce back from their losing loss. The Renegades once again allowed a quick goal and Kristen Orsino scored the first goal of the match, setting up netman Katie Korajdor, allowing the Pirates to jump a 1-0 lead in the 24th minute.

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The Bakersfield Vet Center opened their doors to the community to honor vets on the anniversary of 9/11. The Vet Center thought since many veterans went to war immediately after these attacks that it would honor them with an open house event to show them what the center offers.

"It’s a national day of service, so we open the Vet Center to people who haven’t seen it," said manager Jerry Frank. "It’s a community-based welcoming center.

The open house event had a tour as well as a presentation in which people that worked there described their roles at the Vet Center. "The first thing we do is give them [veterans] a welcoming environment," said team leader Joe Sanchez.

Also a readjustment counselor, Sanchez explained that the center helps out with veterans who are having problems, either counseling or medical services. "Some people come to counseling help with PTSD [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder], so I try to teach them coping skills," said Sanchez. "They learn that communication skills are good for veterans.

Sanchez stated that the center has quite a few events that families to come to. "When I see a veteran, I’m not just helping a client; I see my family... We work with the family because we realize that the family served as well, just in a different way."

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"One way or another, we try to get them to come here... when they need [the vet center], they will know where it is," said Trujillo. "We drive the new Mobile Vet Center. It has a telehealth computer system and satellite communication, so that it can be deployed anywhere in the continental United States to provide health counseling or medical services," said Sanchez.

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"They deserve a 110 percent of what is available to them even when they can’t make it to the center."

Justin Whipple explained his role at the center as helping veterans who are having problems, whether it’s physical or mental, get back to work or go to school. He explained that he’s seen veterans go back to school to get their GEDs, go into jobs like construction or janitorial work. Whipple also stated that he has also seen veterans go back to school, such as USC, and eventually become doctors. Outreach Coordinator Armando Trujillo explained how he gets out to various events in Kern County to let people know about his center. "One way or another, we try to get them to come here... when they need [the vet center], they will know where it is," said Trujillo. "We drive the new Mobile Vet Center. It has a telehealth computer system and satellite communication, so that it can be deployed anywhere in the continental United States to provide health counseling or medical services," said Sanchez.

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