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By Chris Miller

**Reporting**

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There have been private viewings for discussion with the producer Doug Blush and his daughter, Niky Damania, who co-wrote the film. Blush replied, "There’s absolutely a nightmarish experience. It’s really important for you … to play these characters and see what they can share with people." Blush and sold. and allows you to take this to an authority, usually on campus. There’s what’s called a Title IX enforcement. After the film was released, there were complaints about the problems on this particular campus, especially the military campuses, because they knew they would get away with it. All we ask is for people to take a step forward. We’re not going to shy away from talking about it for 25 years. She wanted people to be aware of the important things that need to get done. She added, "If you feel threatened by a person, and that person doesn’t happen to go here, it doesn’t matter. You’re going to school here. Your responsibility is to keep safe and make sure you feel safe," said Damania.

Blush said that the film has been a law and that law is being enforced. The connection between alcohol, drugs, and violence is something that should be addressed. People can sometimes be so afraid of a campus that they could report or learn how to your classmates. Rodacker explained that the film ‘Invisible War’ is about sexual assault, but they also want to encourage women and men to speak up. She said, "I'm just an advocate." She added, "I think women should be educated about their rights." She added, "It's really important for you to know who’s involved in a campus and at what time. It makes me feel like my voice is being heard."

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"We encourage you to call us," said Damania in regards to any form of sexual harassment anyone may experience on campus. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, the RAU program provides support and assistance to victims of sexual assault or abuse. Students on campus do not have to feel alone or isolated in reporting such incidents. They can contact the RAU program or their campus counseling center for support. The RAU program is available to all students on campus, including those who identify as non-binary or transgender. The RAU program is there to help and support victims of sexual assault or abuse. They can contact the RAU program or their campus counseling center for support. The RAU program is available to all students on campus, including those who identify as non-binary or transgender.

Blush added, "You need to make sure you know what your surroundings look like. We teach you what to look for. We need to do it for the other kinds of risks and how to get out of those situations. During a presentation of these defenses, Campos emphasized the importance of not just identifying risks or threats, but also taking appropriate action. The RAU program provides training for men and women on campus about self-defense techniques. It is designed to empower women to take a stance, to protect themselves and their surroundings," said Damania. She added, "You need to be aware of what you are capable of doing."

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Above left: The WAC trophy and Roadrunner memorabilia are on display for fans to see at the selection show party held at Lengthwise at the Market Place.

Bakerfield natives were given a huge thrill last-second shot in the WAC title game. Marsh recalls, “I was like, ‘my god, did we win?’ He said ‘yeah.’” The shot made in the final day of the tournament, the Roadrunner faithful are holding on tight for the shooting of the title game.

Barnes would later invite fans to the Selection Sunday show party held at Lengthwise at the Market Place. “This is our goal all year,” said Barnes.

There’s madness in March for CSUB

By Carl E. Littleberry Jr.

As some people might have no idea, March 18, is the men’s basketball team’s Selection Sunday view of the past 40 years. CSUB, Stony Brook University just in the NCAA tournament, spoiling a shot like that, he said.

The Roadrunners begin their quest for a tournament appearance by the WAC, since with a win against the Stony Brook University just as easy. The Roadrunner faithful in Division 1.

CSUB had never been to the NCAA tournament until Division 1. CSUB had won four previous Division II

Members of the CSUB basketball team celebrate earning the 15th seed in the NCAA Tournament in the Icardo Center at CSUB before heading to their selection show party at Lengthwise at the Market Place.

CSUB student Ray Beebee, 27. Another fan, Buddy Hield of Oklahoma, 25, was happy for the win, however, he still had his doubts for his hometown team. CSUB’s senior guard Nicky Warren, the favorite now in the NCAA tournament appearance on a comment.

“There’s madness in March for CSUB and location of the seminar, if and as they be involved in campus activities. At the meeting where three policy changes were introduced, 45 representatives were expected and 12 showed up. SCA Director of Finance Estefania Mendez addressed the assembled senators and club representatives explaining that the rules for club finances have been changed at the state level, affecting how from attendance needs to be recorded by each individual club, all the way up to how the Internal Revenue Service counts the cash in BC bank accounts reserved for student organizations.

All club representatives are strongly urged to attend this seminar, and any students who are interested in finding out about the changes are invited to hear and are welcome to attend. The Big Rip publishes any articles that the seminar as an educational opportunity, as well as for club members. The readership is a broad one, including high school and college students, educators, and anyone interested in learning more about the financial management of student organizations.
Drumline needs to fundraise for nationals

By Carl E. Littlesbury Jr.
Reporter

Bakersfield College’s drumline has qualified to compete in nationals at Daytona University in Daytona Beach, Florida. However, the team lacks the necessary funds to make the trip for the upcoming national competition and is asking for help from the local community to raise the funds to compete.

Every issue, The Rip will be sharing student voices at BC about hopes and goals.

By John Sullivan
Reporter

Felicity Caudill says being a health services major here at Bakersfield College is a struggle sometimes. “I feel like children suffer a lot from a lot of trauma at a young age, and often they lose their way,” said Caudill. “And they end up being raised in a darker world and those can be the worse things when you are an older child raised in a bad atmosphere.”

By Frednie Ward
Reporter

Spring Break is back. For most, it is a time to relax and unwind. For others, it is a chance to travel and experience something new. Spring Break is a time to explore and enjoy.

Every student at Bakersfield College has a unique story. Here are some of their perspectives on what they are doing during Spring Break.

By Sara Lievano
Reporter

BCSGA voting allows all students’ voices to be heard

By Joe Bergman
Reporter

Bakersfield College blood drive helps students give back to the community

By Frednie Ward
Reporter

Bakersfield College drumline members Vincent Jaime (right), Bryce Faulk (middle), and Joshua Cancellier (left) practice their formations. The BC drumline lacks the necessary funds to make the trip for the upcoming national competition and is asking for help from the local community to raise the funds to compete.
Campus fire thought to be caused by arson

By James Macias
Reporter

A fire set by a suspected arsonist early March 1 at Bakersfield College narrowly damaged the fence and plant life along the main campus entrance off Haley Avenue.

No one was hurt and the main campus was evacuated by about 7:20 a.m. Efforts to assess the environmental impact and repair the damage are currently in the planning stages, with an arbitrator’s report as well as contractors bidding on the work.

The blaze started at about 6 a.m. on March 1 in some bushes near the base of the fence and quickly spread along its length and up into the nearby trees, forming a broad swath of literally scorched earth.

The fire department responded and was able to put the fire out in short order. No injuries were reported.

The BC Department of Public Safety released a statement that stated, in part: “The fire department classified this as an arson and an arson investigator arrived to file a report. He also advised that an arsonist has been driving around the east side of Bakersfield this morning setting fires to bushes, trash cans, etc.”

Don Barfield, manager of the BC Department of Maintenance and Operations, confirmed that the fire was thought to be the work of a habitual arsonist who is active in east Bakersfield, or was in the vicinity of the fire.

“After flip on the bushes there (generous with his hands right here at the Haley entrance. It wasn’t an isolated incident. The fire department said they already put out several alley fires, so something was going through this side of town lighting fires,” said Barfield.

He went on to outline his department’s response to the incident, as well as its ongoing efforts to clean up the area and repair the damage.

“We are already working on it,” said Barfield. “It takes a little bit of time to get things going, though. We have had an arsonist come out and check out the trees, and we are waiting for that report, and also regarding the shrubs and stuff on that fence line, and we had three companies come out now working on quotes to give us for the repairs to this fence line and stuff. It just takes time to get all of this stuff together.”

News

By AK PaChla
Copy Editor

While black mold doesn’t pose the immediate risks that situations like burst water pipes or damaged electrical wiring do, few would argue that moldy insulation is not mold. Students wanting to report possible maintenance situations get the immediate attention that is required.

Recently, Bakersfield College students became concerned regarding what appeared to them to be a moldy stuff in the Forman dorm.

Recently, maintenance and Operations director Don Barfield dispatched staff to check it out. A second check in the area confirmed there is black mold in the Forman dorm.

Barfield said the black substance students may see below damaged or removed acoustic tiling in the campus buildings is actually the insulation that separates acoustic tiling from other kinds of drywall or asbestos tiles. It is the insulation that absorbs sound and cuts cells, and it can be found anywhere: large groups of people are intended to gather to listen to presentations, including lecture halls on campus colleges.

Barfield explained that it’s the same sort of insulation that can be found inside the walls of many houses, and students are absolutely safe around it. The reason it’s black instead of the familiar pink or yellow is because it is painted.

“If it were left pink or yellow, explained Barfield, the bright color would be a visible through the holes in the face of the tiles.”

Barfield was glad for the observant concern of the students in this case. Even though this time it was not black mold, next water might be, and every day it rains, a ticks. The advice he has for students wanting to report possible maintenance concerns is to come directly to the department of Maintenance and Operations “This is a big campus,” he said, “so something like that is good to know.”

Students wanting to report possible maintenance situations may visit the 360 building (located behind the BC bookstore parking lot). Students can also call the facilities staff at 391-4221 (ext. 221 from campus telephones), or visit www.bakersfieldcollege.edu, maintenance and Operations and follow the links to create a maintenance work order online.

By Marcon Castro
Contributing Editor

The Kern4HMF coalition group is advocating that the Heavy Maintenance Facility for the High-Speed Rail be located in Kern County, as it will highly benefit the county.

The Heavy Maintenance Facility (HMF) is a facility where train cars on the High-Speed Rail will get repair. The facility would handle large and small repairs.

Kern4HMF coalition is made up of business leaders, community leaders, government officials and schools. They are advocating for the HMF because of what it could bring with it.

“Numerous cities are advocating for an HMF because of the economic potential and related factors that this facility will provide,” said Lamon Skidmore, of KernHMF.

Skidmore explained that the HMF would provide 1,500 permanent new jobs, and it could potentially provide up to 15,000 indirect jobs.

Wherever the HMF is located it would bring an entirely new industry to that area, according to Skidmore.

The authority is expected to choose a location for the HMF by the end of 2016, and KernHMF is telling the California High-Speed Rail Authority that Kern County is ready for it.

KernHMF said that there are two locations in Kern County that are at least five times larger than the necessary site needed. The site is located in Shafter, and the land is being offered for free. They explained that the land is ready to go right now.

The site runs east to where the high-speed rail is planned to come through, as the Authority asked for it to be in Kern County. Kern County has two major industries, oil and agriculture, and these industries provide people with work experience in industry.

Skidmore said that there are people that are being trained at schools in Shafter that can do this work.

To employ individuals of the Heavy Maintenance Facility, they’ve got to get into a certain type of skill set. And we believe that KernHMF’s engineering department is telling the high-speed rail community that there are people that can do this work.

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Skidmore explained that the Kern4HMF coalition is advocating for an HMF because of the economic potential and related factors that this facility will provide. The Kern4HMF coalition is making an effort to get an HMF in Kern County. Skidmore said that Kern4HMF coalition is advocating that the Heavy Maintenance Facility for the High-Speed Rail be located in Kern County.
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Considering how many of us work for a living to pay for these sorts of things, it will have to be a serious issue. It has been offered in other countries where we can ensure the safety of everything, but free education is something. As we are in France, Malta, and the United Kingdom.

Here at American universities, there is a growing tension to the point that I think we should pay everything like our basic services.

Health and education are as important to maintain and protect from foreign attack as our country is. We don’t pay for these things, but I think that we exactly should be.

Our constitution does not allow for the federal government to control any of these. So if we are willing to let our country’s safety be hand in hand to provide these things but what if the one we get elected is the one that won’t give us enough. Do we then have to get back into the bath with the bathwater?

There should be more of our voice from our everyday personal demand of these kinds of things taken seriously. Certainly student debt is at an all time high.

The average student graduating today with a serious debt load that would take many years to pay off. Nine out of 10 years before they are able to live. Many young people with these kinds of expressions are now not getting a job or a higher degree because they are not comfortable with their debt.

Therefore, it is a basic necessity that higher education is provided for free. If that means Panels and government must be willing to provide the most contribution to their society possible.

Any young person’s hope for the future should include this issue should make you very angry because, fair student, this is a direct ass­alot. You just go over to the SGA and participate in programs like the Renegade college community’s movement of students, because they need you.

One of the most important things for a young person to be concerned with. I cannot understand why it is not a more prevalent topic on modern college campuses.

When you go to the store to buy something, is one thing that college students have to take action.

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The money is part of the blueprint of pro­grams, such as the student financial aid programs, including, of course, our own. We are funded by the federal government. Free college education wouldn’t exactly be free. Who exactly would have to pay for that? What mean a new brand would be created by every other public service or social program in the country.

Taxpayer money is used to fund every­thing, so free education would be impossible.

If a full-time student enrolled in a pub­lic university was $2,713 plus another $397 for campus fees and $248 for books. These supplies are pretty standard and do not price fluctuations and increase fees for college education.

According to the same study, roughly 10% of commu­ni ties provide free education for instance.

The number of two-year old, for a single student, wouldn’t that mean that the total collective cost of education for every-­ single institution’s student body combined be astronomically high? That also, that no one will not be obvious, I don’t mean the amount of money taxpayers, even those who are not free, should be making for you to pay for all of these students realistic be ludicrously high as well.

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I thought I could beat McDonald’s prices, but what if he does not get elected? He is too old. Do we therefore just throw out the bathwater?

Bernie Sanders claims to have it in hand to provide the most contribution to their society possible. I cannot judge who he is, stating it’s a man’s job to pay for free so that the resulting young professionals will be in a position to provide all of these basic services? I think that pay everything like our basic services.

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Zootopia: Laughter for everyone

By Crystal Valdez
Features Editor

Zootopia is likely to be the best animated film of the year, it may even be the best that ever was. This movie is charming and meaningful, conveying a message in a way that is entirely appropriate for children of all ages and adults feeling systems.

Before I dive into the more complex aspects of the film, let me break down the storyline: Zootopia tells the story of a noble named Lady Mayor Giovanni (Gianfranco Golia) who faces in a small rabbit town where human-animals are expected to grow up to become career farmers. Lady, however, has bigger dreams. Daily dreams of being a cop in the urban city of Zootopia where all animals, predators and prey all live in harmony with a team of complicated predecessors while adding new characters, it's also one of the most popular titles.

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Fireside Fames Fates game exceeds expectations

By Chris Miller
Reporter

"Fire Emblem Fates: Conquest" is an exciting strategic role-playing game that introduces a unique challenge and engaging gameplay. This game is not your usual anime, it's a new one to try. This ability allows teams to choose different characters, including girls, to add to the fighting. Fire Emblem Fates Conquest is extremely exciting and varied. It has a level of strategy which makes both the unique features of the game.

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Shafters PD shares tips on career path

By Felicity Tanimaka
Reporter

Agustin Uribe is pursuing a career in law enforcement through the Kern County Sheriff’s Explorer Program. Uribe mentioned that being a police officer is not something one dreams about because you never really have the exact day you start to work. Days may be shorter or the number of calls they respond could affect it. Usually they’ll walk into the office and have to start all over, or they could make a new shift all over the new shift.

Agustin Uribe is a second-year student here at Bakersfield College, is pursuing a career in law enforcement through the Kern County Sheriff’s Explorer Program. Uribe described the explorer program as being similar to the job of a volunteer police officer, attending events, going on ride-alongs, and coming through the state and county. The explorer program is for young people between the ages of 15-21 who may be interested in a career in law enforcement.

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By Misty Severi
Reporter

Imagine walking around a cancer patient’s fight against cancer. The only light you see is caused by the faint glow of the candles burning inside of paper bags with people’s written wishes on them. The names are the names of the loved ones who lost their battle against cancer, and now they are walking to help the fight to win in memory of them.

Bakersfield College Delano Campus is part of Bakersfield College’s Relay for Life event on April 17, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Delano High School. Relay for Life is a grand tradition put on by the American Cancer Society in many cities across the country throughout the year. It is an event where cancer survivors, caregivers, friends, family members, as well as cancer victims, survivors, and others, etc. has been affected (by cancer) in some way, said Ley Islands, a member of the Relay for Life Committee. “This is simply our way of acknowledging the Angel gliding through the dark. It is a reminder to us, as well as our beloved cancer patients, to continue to fight in the fight.”

Don’t forget! Delano has its first Relay For Life event back in 2001, just three years after Calip had her first battle with cancer. Delano was among the first town’s in the Delano Relays to step forward and bring awareness to the community about what people can do to help fight the fight.

Tip to the tip: BC Renegades can also be reached out through Delano Campus, or go to Relayforlife.org and type in “Bakersfield College Relay for Life.”
**BC men's hoops season in review**

By MASON J. ROCKFELLER

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**Baseball starts conference play 2 for 3**

By Kyle Cortez
Reporter

The Bakersfield College baseball team opened Western State Conference play with two wins out of three games against LA Mission earlier this week.

Prior to that, the Renegades had a busy week of games that included a win on March 3, BC starting pitcher Montero Stoney got the win. Montero pitched six innings, giving up three earned runs on five hits while striking out two.

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Martinez looks to carry on a baseball tradition

By Kyle Cortez

Luis Martinez is hoping to follow in his older brothers’ footsteps by continuing to play baseball. He wants to make sure that he can get his education paid for. "Hopefully I can get a scholarship to go somewhere. If not, I’ll just go to school at CC and I’ll just go back to school after baseball, but the school is the most important thing," said Martinez.

Martinez started for BC’s baseball team, currently leads a travel baseball team in the bats (22), doubles (7), RBIs (19), batting average (.316), and is tied for first on the team with three RBIs. Martinez has four older brothers, three of whom have played baseball at BC.

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Saunders takes first in three events

By Kyle Cortez

Kyra Saunders left the Bakersfield College track team by taking first in the 100-meter dash and long jump at the BC Relays on March 13.

Kyra Saunders took first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.84 seconds and took first in the 200-meter dash with a wind-aided time of 21.71 seconds. Saunders also took first in the long jump with a jump of 4.13 meters (13.57 ft) and placed third in the javelin with a throw of 129 feet 6 inches (39.48 m).

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Saunders went on to finish fourth in the USATF National Junior Olympics and placed third in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4 minutes 21.54 seconds. Correll Saunders took first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.75 seconds.

"I'm satisfied. There's always room for improvement, but it's looking like a 4:20 runner," Saunders said.

"I'm really happy for the BC track team," Saunders said. "It's really cool to see all the hard work pay off." Saunders added that he plans to continue competing in track at the next level.

Bakersfield College's track and field team at the BC Relays on March 12 included a junior varsity team and the varsity team, which competed against 32 teams with a team score of 57.5.

On the last day of the track, Saunders took first in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3 minutes 31.22 seconds. Saunders also took first in the 200-meter dash with a wind-aided time of 21.71 seconds. Saunders also took first in the long jump with a jump of 4.13 meters (13.57 ft) and placed third in the javelin with a throw of 129 feet 6 inches (39.48 m).

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THE SHAFTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Joe Bergman
Photo & Sports Editor

The Renegade Rip spent an afternoon with the Shafter Police Department. A reporter and photographer went on a ride-along with Deputy Chief Brian Smith, who explained what services the Shafter Police Department provide the residents of Shafter. Shafter is rapidly growing in population, mainly due to several distribution hubs that have opened in the city, and its police department is taking the necessary steps to keep up with the growth. The Shafter Police Department is proud of its commitment to respond to all calls for service, regardless of the nature. By dealing with the minor crimes as they occur, it is felt that major crimes are prevented.

Above: Deputy Chief Brian Smith conducts a pat-down search of an unidentified subject who was later released at the scene. Below: Deputy Chief Brian Smith searches a backpack belonging to a juvenile who was observed smoking marijuana in Rodriguez Park.

Senior Officer Phil Yoshikawa talks to Officer Tim Salvador at the Shafter Police Department prior to completing his reports for that day's shift.

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