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Remembering BC student Aaran Porter

By Bryana Lozoya
Digital Editor

Many described BC student and athlete Aaran Porter, who was killed last month, as a kind, helpful, and respectful person with high integrity, who was dedicated and motivated in his scholastic studies and sports.

Olivia Garcia, a history professor at Bakersfield College, had Porter as her student in the summer last year for her U.S. History class.

“Aaran was one of the nicest, kindest, and most respectful students I have ever said,” Garcia said.

“Looking at him you would think ‘here’s this super tall athlete,’ and you’d think ‘here’s this nice, kind, helpful, and respectful person with high integrity’,” Garcia said.

Porter was 18 years old when he died from stab wounds sustained after he attempted to break up a fight that happened on Feb. 2. He was taken to a local hospital for treatment, but later succumbed to his injuries Feb. 11, nearly two weeks later.

When Garcia learned about his death, she said that it was very heartbreaking.

“One thing about a teacher is that whether you’re in a fast summer session or a longer fall or spring semester, we get to know our students,” Garcia said.

“We get to see how they grow and develop over time…”

Garcia talked about how important being an athlete was to him, but she also knew Porter took his schoolwork seriously.

“Students who take summer classes are dedicated, serious, and motivated,” Garcia said.

Aaran Porter was a student that represented a good example of a model student for BC…”

West High School football coach Derrick Dunham knew Porter for four years and had him on his varsity team for two years.

Dunham described Porter as someone people looked up to, students and teachers alike.

Porter was in West’s AVID group, a mentoring program for other students who were younger.

He was also a part of the football club where they hosted several events for senior citizens from Rosewood, which Dunham described Porter as being very active in.

“He epitomized what our Viking pride was all about,” Dunham said.

“He was about the team; he put others before him, always. He always found a way to make other guys motivated to get better, whether by his actions or his words—which weren’t very loud words, but they were words that carried a lot,” Dunham said.

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Public Safety at Bakersfield College conducts an active shooter training

By Haley Duval / Photo Editor

“Run. Hide. Fight.” Bakersfield College Public Safety Director Christopher Counts discussed with students, faculty and staff on how to respond to an active shooter emergency in the Levan Center on March 6.

Counts first described the history of past school shootings in the U.S. from the past two decades such as the Northern Illinois University Shooting, that killed five and injured 16 in 2008. The Westside Middle School Massacre, an 11 and 13 year old that killed five in 1998. And one of the most recent mass school shootings: the Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting that left 17 dead early last year.

“This guys don’t wake up and decide to kill one morning... They’re planning ahead,” Counts said.

“One thing past shootings all have in common,” Counts said, “is that someone knew of the possible situation before it occurred. Either from social media, commenting to a friend, but no one warns anyone or taken it seriously. If you see something, say something.”

Counts said people need to break the culture of silence. He also expressed if an individual happens to be in an active shooter situation, they realize they cannot negotiate with the shooter. They are likely there to kill as many people as they can.

“To take action against an active shooter is to fight,” Counts said.

The advice given to fight is meant to disrupt the shooter’s plan.

Overwhelm the shooter with groups of people. At a point it is okay to be angry and fight back, and “ask yourself... will I be a sheep or a dog.”

“Active shooting can occur anywhere across the nation,” Counts said, and explained the “what if game.”

It is a situation that runs through the head first in case a real situation ever occurs.

The example Counts gave is if an individual is in their work office or in a classroom and hear the possible sound of gunshots.

“What do you do?”

Is there a place one can hide? Escape? Or something to fight with?

“Be aware... know the nearest exits in any facility. There is no need to always feel paranoid but there are many things to think about,” Counts said.

“If a person has a major arterial wound, they can bleed to death within three minutes,” Public Safety Training Associate Professor Brent Burton said.

The way to stop bleeding is to initiate basic bleeding control (B-Con).

Burton explained to the group that B-con attempts to control the bleeding for 15-20 minutes until first responders arrive on the scene to provide advanced life-saving measures and if a shirt is the only thing that is available, use it.

After explaining how to stop the bleeding, Counts and Burton went around the room and showed how to use the B-con on one other.

BC students Alma Higuera and Justin Alston both thought the training was useful in future possible situations.

“Now I feel more informed on what to do if something like this may happen,” Higuera said.

The Public Safety Department has been practicing a variety of safety training for students and faculty at BC for the last nine years and will continue to do so for semesters in the future.

By Taylor Jensen / Editor-in-Chief

With many students struggling to survive day by day because of low funds, California Community Colleges have called for more financial aid to provide for students. Speaker Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley held a student media teleconference to inform people about the Senate Bill 291 on March 5.

“Senate Bill 291, introduced on Feb. 14 by state Sen. Connie M. Leyva, D-Chino, seeks to establish a California Community College Student Financial Aid Program,” according to Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing California Community Colleges in Feist, “that would base aid not only on the cost of tuition, but basic housing, transportation and textbooks.”

According to the California Community College Chancellor’s Office survey, “More than half of community college students have trouble affording balanced meals or they worry about running out of food. Nearly one in five are either homeless or do not have a stable place to live.”

Feist then went on to encourage everyone to visit TrueCollegeCost.com.

“The website was created by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office to educate students, the public, the system and stakeholders on the financial aid reform proposal that will provide meaningful support to students with the greatest need,” Feist said.

Feist also encouraged that on the site everyone reaches out to legislators by emailing or tagging them on Twitter and to also share the website with others.

“It’s important that we mobilize our system and advocate for financial aid reform that will provide the help students need to succeed in college,” Feist said.

CCC Chancellor talks about financial aid program through Senate Bill 291
BringBackOurGirls is discussed at the Levan Center at BC campus

By Taylor Jensen
Editor-in-Chief

Yale Ph.D candidate and journalist Hilary Matfess spoke at the "BringBackOurGirls: Women and Conflict in North East Nigeria" event in the Levan Center March 6 at Bakersfield College about women in the Boko Haram insurgency and their role in war.

BC students and staff attended the event to listen to Matfess talk about her journalistic work focusing on Boko Haram. Matfess talked about lack of women pursuing an education.

"Boko Haram evolved from a relatively non-violent religious self-help community to one of the world's deadliest groups," Matfess said.

According to Matfess, the founder of Boko Haram was a preacher associated with a mosque in a location of Nigeria before he had a disagreement with the mentor at said mosque, which motivated him to start a religious pact so members could work as motorcycle taxi drivers.

276 girls were abducted by Boko Haram from their school in Chibok, Borno State in April 2014.

Nigeria activists started #BringBackOurGirls and it became viral.

"Every woman in this room had a phase in prepubescence or adolescence in which the notion of being considered a girl or a child bristled them and it sticks with me to this day," Matfess said. "But that's something that characterized the entire field of political science and the study of war is this notion that women are really on the sideline."

Matfess then presented a slide that informed #BringBackOurGirls is discussed about the film.

The documentary followed several women as they joined the "Ms. Veteran America" competition created by veteran Jaspen Boothe. The Ms. Veteran America will be held in Hollywood, L.A. on Oct. 13.

Furthermore, the competition was initiated in 2012 and more than 456,000 dollars have been raised for veterans and their families.

Contestants must consist or being a veteran, have an Honorable discharge from the military, and have good health.

Also, they must be actively involved in the local community as a volunteer.

BC professor of English for Multilingual Students, Elizabeth Rodacker, gave a brief introduction to the film.

During the showing of the film, viewers were introduced diverse women from different walks of life who all had two things in common, they were all women, and they were all veterans.

One of the main characters of the film, Army Captain Jaspen Boothe, started the Ms. Veteran American competition because of her personal experience with homelessness after being let go by the military due to being diagnosed with cancer.

"You're not here for yourself; you're not here for me either. You're here for these women and that child who's sleeping in their car," she said.

Haram and what they do in Boko Haram.

Women join because they would have access to education, social status and material benefits, and brideprice payments.

In Boko Haram they are wives, servants, slaves, and suicide bombers.

Matfess shared what she learned during her time in Nigeria to view people about their experiences.

A woman spoke to me about how she couldn't bear the thought of leaving her mother behind when of Women's History Month at BC.

The BC campus will be having more events relating to Women's History on this month of March.

Women's History Month celebrates with 'Served like a Girl' at BC

By Amir Guyton
Reporter

Bakersfield College held ‘Served Like a Girl’ on March 11.

It was hosted at the campuses Levan Center by BC's Women's History and More Committee where the Lysa Heslov's directed film was screened.

The film ‘Served Like a Girl,’ was a film that explored the lives of several women who were military veterans.

The film also showed the veterans’ struggling with life's highs and lows and the unfortunate and disproportionate reality of homelessness for female veterans turned civilians.

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“I was once one of those women you'll be representing.”

One of the things that the documentary made clear was that women veterans struggled with issues of PTSD, physical injury, and sexual abuse at the hands of the military, and also had difficulties finding help for such problems outside of the military as veterans because of their gender.

As the documentary came to an end, Professor Rodacker ended the event by having a Q and A with the audience members about the film.
By Haley Duval

"I remember one day being in there feeling like my worst. Like I’m not able to do anything like my worst. Like I’m being in there feeling his mother and uncle’s uncle came to live in town, McDowell and sister. Bakersfield when he easy gaining the mind- student but it wasn’t so succeed like every college have the drive to suc-

Richard McDowell (middle) with his mother and his sister ended up with a broken neck. Also, his two-year-old sister ended up with her injuries. She started parenting different home to help re-
covers from her injuries. It was very hard for him to be with him for a while. After she got out, his mother and uncle

Determined to get the support and moti-
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Richard McDowell getting recognition with the Umoja ASTEP (Af-
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Richard McDowell at his 8th grade graduation.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD MCDOWELL

Richard McDowell (middle) with his mother (right) and one of his sisters (left).

PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD MCDOWELL

renegade struggle: how richard strives for family

One day his mother and uncle got into an argument, she was pushed onto his two-year-old sis-
ter and his sister ended up with a broken neck.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD MCDOWELL

Richard McDowell at his 8th grade graduation.

Renegade Events

March 21: Black Holes at William M Thomas Planetarium, Math-Science 112, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

March 21: Rosie the Riveter Easel Event at Gym Hud-
dle, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

March 22: Avoiding Plagiarism at L217, from 9:00 am.

March 23: Strategies for Effective Research at L217, from 11:15 am.


March 25: Emerging Responder Seminar at Levan Center, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

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March 25: Educate, Equip, Empower (E3) at 1, 215, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

March 27: Educate, Equip, Empower (E3) - Delano Campus at BST 117, from 5:30 pm to 4:50 pm.

March 28: Adios Amor: The Search for Maria Morena at Edward Simonson Performing Arts Center (Indoor Theater), from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

March 28: Dawn of the Space Age at William M Thomas Planetarium, Math-Science 112, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

April 01: Spring Pathways Fair at CSS Lawn, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

April 01: Educate, Equip, Empower (E3) at L, 215, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

April 01: Delano Spring Career Expo at BST Lawn, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

April 03: Educate, Equip, Empower (E3) - Delano Campus at BST 117, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Elections Timeline


Mon., 4/01/19: Elections Budgets Forms Due at Student Life, Levinson Hall, 5:00 pm.

Mon., 4/01/19: General Elections Opens online via InsideBC, 8:00 am.

Tues., 4/09/19: General Elections on online via InsideBC, 8:00 am.

Wed., 4/09/19: General Elections on online via InsideBC, 8:00 am.

Thurs., 4/11/19: General Elections Close on online via InsideBC, 4:00 pm.

Thurs., 4/11/19: BCSGA Elections Results Reception at Levant Center, 5:00 pm.

Thurs., 4/25/19: BCSGA Awards Banquet at the Hud-
dle, 6:00 pm.

Fri., 5/03/19: Transition Ceremonies at the Levant Cen-
ter, 5:00 a.m.
Two-day blood drive at BC

By Hilario Ismael Gomez Reporter

Free themed T-shirts and saving lives highlighted the recent blood drive on the Bakersfield College campus with people from all over the community in attendance.

The Houchin Blood Bank and the BCSGA hosted their annual two-day blood drive event on March 6 and 7. Houchin Community Blood Bank is a non-profit organization known for being the main provider of safe and adequate blood from volunteer donors from Kern County for the purpose of saving the lives of Kern County residents. The Houchin Blood Bank has become a popular and common household name among students because of their widespread blood drives among high schools in the area and their lengthy advertising efforts.

Community development manager Stephanie Gibson headlined the Houchin’s efforts and has become the face of donating blood and helping the community because of how often she has been the face of these events.

As usual, most people were approved and admitted to the blood drive and went through an extensive process to determine whether they are fit to donate blood. Houchin requires its donors to bring a picture ID, be free of sickness, cut throughout the day, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 16 years old with a signed waiver from a parent or guardian.

After the initial screening volunteers then fill out a lengthy questionnaire about their medical history and are tested on their blood pressure by Houchin’s certified nurses before finally being cleared to donate. BCSGA was very hands-on with providing help with the event. “I think it’s a great opportunity for the students, it’s great that the blood drive is brought to us in order to help the community,” said Samantha Pulido, Vice President of BCSGA who helped with sign-ups at the event.

“It’s very important that were saving lives with these blood drives and it’s cool that we are one of the only places that do a two-day blood drive,” said Ashley Harp President of BCSGA, who also volunteered her time.

By Jazmin Velazquez Reporter

Reggie Williams, a philosophy instructor at BC, talked about the meanings of love, purpose, and value on March 13 at the Levan Center. The Gadfly Cafe session, people discussed the meanings of love, purpose, and value on March 13 at the Levan Center. The Gadfly Cafe is where students and people come and gather to discuss different issues throughout the semester.

Reggie Williams, philosophy professor at Bakersfield College, led the discussion. Williams asked people questions about their opinions about love, and one of the questions he asked was “Is love a feeling or an emotion?” One person’s opinion was that love isn’t an emotion, love is when you choose to be with someone or a feeling of strong affection for someone. “To me, a healthy relationship is built on respect for one another. Each person understands the commitment they are making to the other person,” BC student, Katherine Bolanos said.

Another questioned Williams asked was “What expectations do we have when we love somebody?” We need patience and time, he said. Each individual shared their own thoughts about love and what is its purpose. “What does love mean to you?” Williams asked.

There is no right or wrong answer; each person gave their own meaning of love. “For example, love can refer as loving our children,” Williams said. As the discussion went on, the crowd debated each other’s responses on how they felt. Many felt different emotions and opinions regarding what love is. “Things won’t always be great,” BC student, Jessie Ramos said.

Your partner may do things that will make you angry, but if you are willing to not look at the obstacles, but rather as opportunities for growth, then you are truly in love. Ramos said when they discussed the importance of love.

Williams openly asked “What is the purpose of love?” “Love is not just happiness and pleasure,” he said. “I think the purpose of love or relationships is to be with the person you love and maintain social structures like getting married and having kids,” BC student, Brenda Marquez said.

The deets on removing and covering tattoos

Tattoos and Piercings By Hope ShyAnne Reporter

Vag laser is perfect for removing black and blue inks. The Alexandrite laser is good for removing green, blue, and black inks. The Picosecond laser is excellent for yellow, orange, and purple inks. While cover-ups are less expensive, they still come with the same results.

When it comes to tattoo cover-ups remember that not every tattoo artist specializes in cover-ups. So, look for those who do, and talk to them about how much experience they have in covering up tattoos. According to Wild Tattoo Art, tattoo artists use black as a standard color in cover-ups.

Colors of oranges, greens, blues, purples, and browns are used for camouflage. Sometimes white is used to lighten up the older tattoo before starting the cover-up. When old tattoo ink is combined with new ink it can even create a new color.

Cover-ups require touch-ups just like normal tattoos. The cost for a cover-up depends on the tattoo artist, how big the cover-up needs to be, and how many sessions are needed. The cost is usually less than laser tattoo removal though. But if you are low on money, try covering your unwanted tattoo with makeup or clothing. Being thoughtful and patient with your tattoo is the best way to get about getting one.
BC Food Service now provides hot meals through custom lunch truck

By Laura Lanfray

The Bakersfield College Food Service celebrated the addition of their new food truck with a grand opening sample giveaway on the gym huddle on Feb. 27.

Due to the reconstruction of the Campus Center, the BC Food Service now serves students in the gym huddle with a limited menu. Students can purchase many of the usual items with the exception of most of their hot food items.

“Gades Grub,” Bakersfield College now has a place where students can purchase some of their old favorites as well as new menu items with quirky new names and everything.

To help build interest for the new service, the grand opening consisted of a full day of free samples, music, and giveaways. There was a performance by the BC Drumline, an appearance by the BC Renegade mascot, raffles, and one lucky follower on the @BCfoodscene Instagram page even had the chance to win a new bicycle.

Jennifer Sanderson, BC food service staff member, explained the plan for the renegade inspired food truck.

“We’ll have it here for the two years while we’re waiting for construction on the new campus center, and then eventually what will happen is we’ll start rolling out to satellite campuses like Delano and Southwest, so we’ll be able to service our students in extended areas as well,” Sanderson said.

In the meantime, students can enjoy both breakfast and lunch items as they wait for their classes. Sanderson also expressed how much fun the staff had when it came to naming some of the food items.

The samples given out on opening day included straight A fries, Inside outs, midterm meltdown fries, and chicken and waffles.

“Excited for the midterm meltdown,” BC student Franki Ramirez said, “it’s nice that we finally have Gades Grub...it’s cool to have the food that we used to have...I had the earth fries, and the straight A was really good too,” Ramirez continued.

Read Across America Day brings Dr. Seuss themed celebration to children

By Amy Sarmiento

Read Across America Day Celebrated Dr. Seuss at Bakersfield’s Elementary Schools.

The United Way of Kern County UWKC hosted the 5th annual Read Across America Day event on Feb. 28 at various elementary schools across Bakersfield, one of which was Edison Pre-School.

Children arrived to school dressed up in Dr. Seuss themed outfits and gathered around to read a book together. Every volunteer reader gathered in the main office and were distributed to each classroom.

Two officers from the Kern County Sheriff’s Department volunteered to read to a classroom. One class wore matching Cat in the Hat and Thing Two t-shirts with their names written on the back. The officers and other volunteers also wore Dr. Seuss gear as they read to the children.

Volunteers had an interactive reading session with the children asking questions along the way and laughing at pictures in the book. UWKC’s Early Childhood Development Program Manager, Rachel Hoetker, described how much the children enjoy a day to celebrate Dr. Seuss.

“It’s all about promoting literacy and the children just love having special guests come in to spend time with them. They read, sing and sometimes dance,” Hoetker said.

At the end of the day, each student was given a book to take home. One of the ways UWKC advocates for childhood literacy is by giving away books to children.

“Over 10,000 books are distributed each year to families through local libraries,” Hoetker said.

Students wait in the gym huddle area as BC Food Service staff bring around free samples of their new food items during the opening day celebration of the Gades Grub food truck on Feb. 27. Students wait in the gym huddle area as BC Food Service staff bring around free samples of their new food items during the opening day celebration of the Gades Grub food truck on Feb. 27. Students wait in the gym huddle area as BC Food Service staff bring around free samples of their new food items during the opening day celebration of the Gades Grub food truck on Feb. 27. Students wait in the gym huddle area as BC Food Service staff bring around free samples of their new food items during the opening day celebration of the Gades Grub food truck on Feb. 27. Students wait in the gym huddle area as BC Food Service staff bring around free samples of their new food items during the opening day celebration of the Gades Grub food truck on Feb. 27. Students wait in the gym huddle area as BC Food Service staff bring around free samples of their new food items during the opening day celebration of the Gades Grub food truck on Feb. 27.
BC swim takes second place in invite

Matthew Dischner, on day two of the all-day Cuesta Invite at the Bakersfield College pool deck on March 9, BC Men’s Swimming finished second overall on both days at the Cuesta Invite. Women’s Swimming also finished second overall on both days at the all-day Cuesta Invite.

8-1 win against Victor Valley College

Zoe Butter (left) and Jacqlyn Zavala (right) play against Victor Valley College on March 7. Bakersfield College’s women’s tennis team is now 9-1 on the season after beating Victor Valley College (VVC) 8-1 on home court. VVC was short several girls resulting in defaulting three of their matches, two single’s matches and one of the double’s matches.
Renegades win over LA Valley

By Haley Duval
Photo Editor

The Bakersfield College baseball team hosted LA Valley at Gerry Collis Field on March 9, with a victory walk-off conference game by a walk-off double from Ryan Dickerson, taking the victory from LA Valley. Alejandro Murillo was starter pitcher who went for four innings until being replaced by Frankie Villasenor. Pitcher Chris Rodriguez got the win of the game, with two outs away in the ninth. After this win, the Renegades season record improves to 12-11 overall and 4-2 in conference games.

WWE isn’t just wrestling

World Wrestling Entertainment
By Taylor Jensen
Editor-in-Chief

How could something serious be a bit more than life phenomenon? How could that something bring thousands of people together in one arena and millions of other people around the world for one night? How could that something become someone’s passion after viewing just a match or an entire episode for the first time in their life? The WWE reaches an audience that spans overseas and all around the world. By the way, the WWE has just now been showing more shows in other countries such as the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, and Melbourne in Australia.

The WWE produces the shows in so many countries as if they were all individual WrestleMania’s and so fans attract to see “One Last Time” matches or just matches that have never happened before. With that said, everyone wants to be a part of history by attending the shows and having the time of their life.

Within those massive audiences in the US and around the world, people of any age group, gender, ethnicity, language, and social status enjoy the WWE each week. People claim that it’s only for little kids, little boys to be specific, but they couldn’t be more wrong. Even grown men and women, including me, that are just as passionate about the business as the boys and men are, just look at women’s wrestling today. So, how does the WWE do it? What makes people so attracted to the business? Maybe it’s the explosive pyro, the intriguing storyline, the top-notch wrestling, and the inspiring superstars.

When one attends a WrestleMania, one component they look forward to is the pyro. The pyro, in the beginning, in my opinion, is designed to introduce the greatest show on earth the best way possible. It also gets the audience pumped up for what’s to come for the next six hours.

When the pyro closes the show, a superstar is usually holding their newly won the title after competing in the main event. It adds so much emotion because fire works are usually used for a celebration, so it brings out everyone’s emotions to the fullest. Superstars also use pyro in their entrances for their personas. For example, Goldberg and Undertaker.

Storylines are really the heart of WWE because it is sports entertainment after all. In my opinion, the company wouldn’t be nearly as interesting if it didn’t possess either dramatic, funny, scary, or even violent storylines for each match. That’s probably why I haven’t been into the independent scene of wrestling as much. I mean, who doesn’t love a good story and a good fight that settles the rivalry?

Let’s be real here, a lot of people that say WWE is fake and that they hate it, would be slightly intrigued at the wrestling that’s put on every night by each superstar. It’s insane how these 300-pound men could jump over the ropes or do a high flying move off the top rope. That’s one of the reasons these superstars are so inspiring to their fans. They fight through their busy lives just to entertain us. No matter how beat up or tired they are, they still go out there and kick ass.

It’s called World Wrestling Entertainment for a reason. I truly believe that WWE is the greatest company in the world that will live on, now, and forever.

BC’s baseball suffers another loss

By Amy Sarmiento
Reporter

Bakersfield College baseball takes another loss to LA Mission. The Bakersfield College baseball team played and lost against LA Mission College on Feb. 20 during a home game at Gerry Collis Field. The score ended with a 3-3 loss for BC. LA Mission started the game and were in the lead 4-0. Hector Ruvacaba from Bakersfield College gave up two runs to the Eagles to score three strike-outs. LA Mission finished the game, up until BC took the win, LA Valley kept an early lead. In the bottom of the ninth, BC’s Hector Ruvacaba scored from second and ended the game by a walk-off double from Ryan Dickerson, taking the victory from LA Valley. Alejandro Murillo was starter pitcher who went for four innings until being replaced by Frankie Villasenor.

Nathan Ortiz was the pitcher for BC for the first four innings, and John Bell finished the last innings and took three strike-outs. Landn Kauk makes a hit after striking twice and goes to first base. Ashanti Ross also makes a hit and makes it to first base. Zach Williams brings the team a home run after making it past the third base. BC Baseball Coach Tim Painton was on the sidelines and was seen cheering his team on throughout the game. Landn Kauk makes a hit after striking twice.
Genocide survivor as BC guest speaker

Wamariya is a Rwandan Genocide survivor who has become a speaker. Wamariya began by saying she was currently living in San Francisco and for the last 10 years, has been on the road, “trying to figure out what is it that brings us together.”

One of her ideologies she brought up was, “Which fruit are you?” Wamariya said the question gets rid of things that separate us including race and gender.

She explained that she always begins her speeches by playing one of her favorite songs. She played the beginning of “Nina Simone’s” interpretation of “Here comes the sun,” by the Beatles. The lyrics “Here comes the sun little darling? Here comes the sun/ I say, It’s all right, it’s all right/ Here comes the sun little darling/ Here comes the sun/ I say, It’s all right, it’s all right,” played over a hushed audience.

Next, Wamariya summed up all the drastic events that had happened to her and her sister Claire during the Rwandan Genocide. At the time Wamariya was only 6 years old.

“I had survived three wars. I had lived in nine different countries. I had been without a home,” she said. “I had been personally without a country. I had been a person without papers.”

Wamariya said she has experienced the opposite of tragedy in her life as well including graduating from Yale, receiving numerous awards, and recently with her family that she had not seen in 12 years on the Oprah show.

In 2014, Wamariya was invited to the 20th Commemoration of the Rwandan Genocide. During the re-enactment of the Rwandan Genocide, Wamariya said men and women were being triggered left and right and were being forced to remember the pain they caused each other.

Wamariya recalled what happened 20 years ago on the hundred days of genocide. “Neighbors killed neighbors because someone made up a story that their neighbors were not human. Fathers killed their children because someone said their children were poison,” she said.

Wamariya then spoke about her book, which took five years to write with the help of Elizabeth Weil, who is an investigative reporter.

Wamariya talked about her mother before reading an excerpt about her in the book. “My mother loves Superman...men...your gardener, your farmer, you take care of the land...you take care of everyone,” she said.

One of the lessons Wamariya’s mother taught her was the importance of sharing. In the excerpt from the book, Wamariya said her mother taught her sharing through an anecdote about oranges.

“We had our own orange. But if my mother didn’t cut the orange into more pieces for everyone to share, the correct answer to the test was to cut it into more pieces,” she said.

“We were never to think this orange is mine. I’m giving you what’s mine. We were to think this orange is ours. We’re sharing what’s ours.”

Toward the end of her speech, Wamariya emphasized how upset she was when she crossed her first border saying it was imaginary. “It’s not real! It’s not even real. It’s made up. It’s not even real people are trying to cross the borders and it’s not even real, she said.

Wamariya urged the audience to read her book, understand it and to pass on the message.

Artists’ work celebrates unique narrative

The Levan Center for Humanities hosted an interdisciplinary talk the evening of March 13th. Art, Architecture, and Archetypes bring professors from multiple disciplines together to speak on the intimate connection between making art and story-telling. This is the second event of the series for the spring 2019 semester.

History, mythology, philosophy, and anthropology all brought their own unique perspective on art and how it has either been used to tell a story or hide a story. Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, KCCD Trustee and former Dean of Instruction at BC, explored the artwork of Enrique Chagoya.

Chagoya was born in Mexico but immigrated legally to the U.S. during his childhood. Gomez-Heitzeberg asserted that his life story is prominent in his work but is also distinctive to Chagoya.

Most of Chagoya’s work involves ancient pre-Columbian images from central and south American cultures, juxtaposed with American images. Ancient Aztec and Mayan images are shown alongside a depiction of Superman and Mickey Mouse.

Chagoya often shows the savage demise of pre-Columbian cultures at the hands of the Spanish. Superman often takes the role of a passive spectator in the story Chagoya creates. Chagoya himself is a staunch critic of America and its ethnocentrism.

His work depicts the United States on world maps as being disproportionately large compared to the rest of the world.

Gomez-Heitzeberg finished with a quote from Chagoya, “My America is a continent and not a country.”

Following Gomez-Heitzeberg was a professor of Architecture, Duane Anderson. Anderson opened with the claim, “Architecture is music in space...frozen music.”

Following the theme of the event, Anderson went on to explain how architecture has been used by historians and anthropologists to gain insight into the stories of ancient people.

Anderson argues that the stories of people’s past are ingrained in their architecture. While writers are concerned with creating an artificial story, “design is concerned with the construction of a physical story.”

Among architectural periods were discussed Greek, Roman, and Gothic. Anderson explained that all three of these periods were concerned with religion and therefore were designed to be inviting. Gothic architecture was created with a religious experience to people inside.

Modern architecture has strayed from this historical intent according to Anderson. Modern Architecture is closed off, sterile, and private. Thus, our stories are no longer shared and now our perspective is inward instead of creative.

Anderson closed by stating “Every building has a story and indeed every building tells a story.”

Art, Architecture, and Archetypes invite the audience to take a new perspective when looking at art.

One should aim to be fluid and cross-examine artwork. Whether that be painting, sculpture, literature, or architecture. Stories abound in the artwork of all mediums. According to the speakers, an interdisciplinary look at art can be beneficial to personal and societal growth.
Captain Marvel defies expectations

By Bryana Lozoya
Digital Editor

Directors Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck did a wonderful job with the movie “Captain Marvel.” I love the overtones of feminism that were present throughout the movie, giving itself the theme of perseverance in girls and women. I also appreciate the tribute to the late Stan Lee in the movie, showcasing stills and clips of him throughout the years.

There are a lot of things to appreciate about this movie, from casting, character chemistry, music, selection, and movie quality. The humor and chemistry between Samuel L. Jackson and Brie Larson brought to their characters, Nick Fury and Carol Danvers aka Captain Marvel, was seamless and realistic. Not only could I see the camaraderie develop up between Carol Danvers and Fury, I can feel it as well. They made a great team in the movie. Even the bond between Fury and the cat Goose was too cute for words.

Their humor was not overshadowing and presented itself at perfect timing, and the same goes for the humor presented from others throughout the movie which is slightly surprising for me, considering that Marvel movies can go all out on their humor that it becomes overkill. Thankfully that wasn’t the case for this movie, otherwise it would have made it difficult for me to love it. The music presented in the movie is slightly reminiscent to some of your favorite franchises.

I feel like the music fit with the 90s theme the movie went well with the flashbacks that were included in the movie. Yes, her origin story, as did the rest of the movie, did embody female empowerment. And I know some people had negative words to say to that, but this is 2019 and quite frankly it fit well with the story the directors and writers wanted to get across, which is showing the characteristics of perseverance and humanity that embodies Carol Danvers.

Some can argue that this movie was also a bit of an origin story for Nick Fury in the way that it depicted more of his character than previous Marvel movies. The only thing I wished was better was their suspense on certain aspects of the movie. The “aha” moment was revealed too early, but it was revealed at a decent enough pace.

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OpEd: The NFL seeking for a star

By Hilario Ismael Gomez
Reporter

The NFL, Combine a.k.a “The Underwear Olympics” kicked off Feb. 6 and lasted till March 4 within the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. This is a showcase for hundreds of the top NFL Draft prospects to showcase their on the field skills as well as test the limits of their athleticism. Many make millions by showing off how freaky they can be athletically with their superhuman strength speed and explosiveness.

The Combine has had a long illustrious history of building up players who can pass the tests and destroying the draft stocks of players who cannot match up physically. With teams at the bottom of the league basically conceding so early in their seasons, fans look to the Combine now with hopes of finding the savior of their favorite franchises. With most focusing on the 40-yard dash as the main event because it’s the best test of speed at the Combine and football is ALL about speed baby.

Two years ago, Adi das even offered up an entire island for any player who could break the 40-yard dash record with their cleats on. Former Washington Husky and current Cincinnati Bengal wide receiver ironically broke the record with a 4.22 second time in Nike brand cleats.

This year was no different than any other with Adonis-type physiques all over the place and superhuman type testing numbers strewn all over the place. Players like Ole Miss’s D.K Metcalf and Mississippi State’s Mon- tex Sweat became coveted prospects because of their amazing weeks in Indy. Metcalf coming in at 6’4 and 230 pounds for a wide receiver but still blazing up the track with a 4.33 40-yard dash which places him among the fastest players ever to ever suit up in pads and a helmet.

Sweat was just as freaky by coming in at 6’6 260 pounds while running the fastest record time in the 40-yard dash for a defensive lineman at 4.41 seconds. These two players went from relatively middling-managed prospects to bona fide superstars on the gridiron because of their performances. Yet the Combine isn’t actually all physical, there is an actual strenuous interview process among these prospects with their prospective NFL suitors and the media in attendance.

Players can raise or drop their stock just like they do in the tests and no player changed their stock like former Flori da Gator Jacshai Polite who gave not so pleasant answers to pair with terrible testing. Polite went from a first-round lock to maybe a late day two pick which could turn into a steal for the team or a complete waste of a pick.

With the draft beginning on April 25 performances at the Combine could dictate how many players a could get and just how lucky your favorite team will be next season.

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Career Expo in Bakersfield

By Hope ShyAnne

The Kern County Career Expo took place at Rabobank Convention Center in Bakersfield Feb. 28. Over a thousand high school students, middle schoolers, college students, and parents roamed the area looking for what career might be a good choice for them, and what steps are needed to make that an achievable career goal.

This is the second Annual Career Expo, put together by the Kern High School District with help from the Bakersfield College Career Expo Committee. This is one of the largest job fairs in the county, according to 23ABC News, where dozens of jobs have booths set up to inform the attendees of their careers, and have intent to hire them.

People were given flyers when they walked into the building containing a floor map where all the booths of different industries could be located.

The convention center was organized with over 120 booths.

Big businesses such as Chevron, Walmart, Bakersfield College Renegade, and local businesses like Rusty’s Pizza Parlor, Bohlous Farms, Local 460 plumbers and pipefitters, and Alianza Recycling.

Even military such as Marines, Air force, and the Army attended.

As well as more opportunities outside the building.

Outside of the Convention Center the Bakersfield Police Department had a sworn car outside of the Kern County Fire Department had a truck outside to use as demonstrations, and the children that attended along with their family were playing in the trucks.

“I found out I wanted to be a therapist,” said Aleena Romero, a sophomore at Delano High School in Bakersfield.

The Career Expo provided many different career ideas for high school students to explore and learn about. I’m looking for my career here. There are so many choices, “said Rafael Hernandez, a senior at Tierra Del Sol Continuation High School.

Along with careers high school students were provided with information from college booths, such as CSUB, Taft, and Bakersfield College.

“The Career Expo provided workshops every 30 minutes on choosing a career direction, social media etiquette, and dealing with interviews.”

Many high school students gathered at the Career Expo at the Rabobank Convention Center.

A small note from the editors regarding the new Rip design

Editors’ Note

As times are evolving, The Renegade Rip is also evolving.

We have decided that our previous design was not taking full advantage of our beautiful school colors or our mascot, the Bakersfield College Renegade.

One hope is that with a fresh design we can bring in more readers through the use of strong, bright colors and a fun, newspaper themed Renegade mascot.

Our staff puts in a lot of hard work here at The Rip, and we want to make sure our stories are read. Hopefully, our new front page design reflects our dedication to bringing our readers the best we have to offer and our dedication to journalism as a whole.

Our photo and features editors are hard at work trying to maintain a lively full color center fold. The color pages we do have are being used to showcase the athleticism by our student athletes.

Bakersfield College and the city of Bakersfield has much to offer, and we are pushing for more diverse stories with voices that need to be heard. We encourage our readers to have an open mind while reading The Rip.

Leave us any thoughts or comments on our new look on our social media accounts.

Thank you for reading The Rip.

By Hope ShyAnne

The Renegade Rip is a fresh design we can take pride in. Although we might be a good choice for them, and what steps are needed to make that an achievable career goal.

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Who pays the check?

Feminism

By Rosa Salazar

Women and especially men have certain expectations to fill when it comes to dating.

For example, as a man, you are expected to make the first move a.k.a. asking the girl out and planning the date whether to a restaurant or the movies or any other cliché activity.

When you are courting a woman, it’s very attractive to show some type of effort and planning. Just don’t go overboard, and you will set yourself up for failure.

Men are expected to open doors for women. Some might think the act of opening doors is not much, but it shows signs of being a gentleman. And if it is not necessary, it is greatly appreciated and shows that chivalry is not dead.

Imagine you are on a first date with someone at Denny’s. Because why not? You show up a little early, but that’s ok. Your date is a little chatty but not enough to make you slam your head against the pan-cakes you ordered. Up until now your imaginary date has gone pretty fine. Interests are known, and you have decided a second date is on the horizon. After like an hour or so, you both have finished your meals and have agreed to end the date. Before leaving said date, the waiter brings the bill. He sets it in the middle of the table and says, “take your time.” You look at the bill then at your date, then back to the bill and you wonder who will pay? DUN DUN DUNNN!!!

There are many ways one could go about this. One option is paying dutch. Paying dutch is each person pays for their own meals and plan to pay, you plan to pay, you plan to pay, you plan to pay, you plan to pay.

Another option can be alternating who pays. You pay for the date this time, then your date pays next time. This is a good method couples can use. There are also creative ways of paying. One of these ways is to flip a coin. You would think it’s a good method until you realize the chance of you paying is 50/50 and you could be paying for most dates. Some games is to pick the credit card roulette. It’s when a server or whoever’s job to charge picks a credit card randomly to pay.

The best method is from a Facebook comment believe it or not. Taylor Wheeler, a commentator, explained her opinion in a comment forever ago.

“I believe the person who should pay, is the person who OFFERED to invite him/her on a date. Ok! This makes perfect sense Wheeler. She continues.

“Regardless of gender, I believe it’s common respect to pay for the date if you are the one who initiated the idea and invited that person to go on a date with you.”

Wheeler includes all genders when she states “regardless of gender,” plus, if you came up with the idea and plan to pay, you know your budget and can plan accordingly.

The last point Wheeler includes is the avoidance of some possible outcomes.

“Entitlement and assumptions on who’s going to pay for what can be mis-communications- awkwardness and possibly an argument.”

Just keep in mind if someone’s paying for your food or whatever, have some decency to not take advantage of your date, as revenge could be bitter, or in this case, expensive.

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Bakersfield College hires armed officer as a security measure for the campus

By Logan King

Many college campuses across the U.S. have hired armed security officers, including Bakersfield College. In addition to hiring the officer, Bakersfield College offered an active shooter response training in the Levian Center on Monday, March 4th.

Due to the increase in active shooter cases across the nation, many institutions have begun to re-address their security and response protocols.

One-way BC intends to increase security by hiring its first armed security officer. The response training was presented by Head of Security at BC Christopher Counts and Professor Brent Burton.

Counts explained his rationale behind having an armed officer present on campus. Offering an overview of active shooter situations from the past 10 years, Counts illustrated a trend.

Most active shooter situations end in the shooter committing suicide. "After being confronted by an armed officer, the shooter is more likely to give up," Counts explained. "Armed officers are there to seek and neutralize a threat in whatever situation they need to.

Counts asserted that having an armed officer present on campus can provide a means of ending an active shooter situation before it escalates to the point of catastrophe.

Furthermore, a key feature of limiting casualties in an active shooter situation is response training. The presentation covered a variety of response options from the assumed run and hide tactic to running an officer.

One key move Counts emphasized was to get behind a locked door. According to Counts, the probability of survival increases exponentially when you get behind a locked door. "Active shooters are not braking doors," Counts explained. He argued that active shooters are there to inflict as much damage as possible in a short amount of time, therefore a locked door is a waste of time to moot.

Making sure to be clear on his distinction, Counts explained multiple times the difference between targeted shootings and active shooter situations.

A targeted shooting is controlled and executed most often with precision, whereas an active shooter executes their crime with the intention of killing the most in the shortest time possible. That time is often dictated by the response time of the police.

The main argument offered by BC security is that armed officers can reduce the likelihood of active shooter scenarios.

Following the premises of Counts argument, there is some validity to reaching that conclusion.

There is contention and controversy as to whether armed officers should be allowed on college campuses. That contention doesn’t seem to be a problem for BC because they’re hiring an officer that will be present on campus in the near future.

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Eva Schloss, Holocaust survivor shares story

By Katalina Quintanilla

Editor-in-Chief

Eva Schloss, a Holocaust survivor, made a historic appearance as she shared her story to a sold-out Fox Theater on March 12.

As the audience was settling into their seats, Rabbi Shmuli Schlanger, co-director of the Chabad Jewish Community Center, began the ceremony with a background of the horrendous genocide of the Jewish community during the Nazi regime.

"Eva shares a story of pain, betrayal, and ultimately survival and optimism," Schlanger said.

Kern 1180 radio host and moderator, Richard Beene, started the discussion with the recent events that happened in Newport Beach with high school boys and the anti-Semitic remarks they had made.

Schloss made a special appearance to the kids’ school and conducted a conversation with the boys and their parents.

"I was very very willing to do this especially because I wanted to really tell you how those students, 16 years old, from a good school would be able to do anything like that," Schloss explained.

"Knowing that they would offend millions of people all over the country and not just the Jewish people but other people that suffered from the Nazi’s cruelty."

She let them know that anything that has to do with the Nazis is very terrible.

"They planned to murder, and destroy not only six million Jews but gypsies, gays, and blacks."

She recalled how the Nazis had no remorse for anybody including the one and half million children they murdered.

"Schloss’s story began with a thought-provoking question by Beene. He asked if Schloss thinks the world is doing enough to teach Holocaust justice by teaching kids about the Holocaust.

In Europe, the Holocaust is part of their curriculum, but Schloss feels the whole world to teach Holocaust education to its students.

Schloss feels that there is so much to teach on the subject, but the issue is getting educators to actually teach it.

As a child, she was forced to move out of her hometown of Vienna due to the regime coming into the towns as the began their destruction of Jews.

According to Schloss, from one day to the next, all of her family’s friends and neighbors had shunned them from their lives.

"Every student and teacher knew who were Jews. The very next day after the soldiers came in, the atmosphere had changed. All of our friends stood in the street and waved the swastika flag," Schloss said.

She shared a story of how her brother came home from school with a bloody nose and a swastika flag. The boy told his parents that his classmates did that to him.

The boy’s teacher watched it happen. The next night, because Beene asked about Schloss’s relationship with Anne Frank.

Schloss and Frank had a friendship that kept them occupied from being involved with the terrible occurrences happening around them.

"Anne didn’t go to the normal school," she went to a special school she was known as Ms. Quack Quack in school. "She could never stop talking," Schloss joked.

The soldiers finally came into the apartment the Schloss family was hiding in, and they were sent to the camps. Men and women were separated into different camps, therefore, Schloss and her mother went to one camp and her father and brother went to another.

"I call them containers. It was metal. No windows, there was a tiny slit at the bottom of the door. There were 80 people. We were standing, not sitting the whole trip. There were two buckets, one for eating and the other for the restroom," Schloss said.

Schloss and her mother were liberated but unfortunately, her father and brother were killed seven days before Auschwitz was liberated.

Schloss realized that it was necessary to tell the world her story so she began her journey to spread her story.

Mayor Karen Gough presented Schloss with a proclamation stating that March 12 is Holocaust Education Day.

Schloss lives by the idea of learning from the past, living in the present, and looking to the future.