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Students shake up the SGA

BC students voted for their representatives in the Student Government Association during Spring Fling week March 26-March 30.

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Attention students of Bakersfield College: You have a new leader.

John Lopez, BC computer science major, defeated the SGA veteran Alan Crane to win the presidency of the Student Government Association.

Lopez defeated Crane by securing 66% (364 votes) of the votes while Crane only secured 33.3% (184 votes) of the votes.

Crane said that he was a little surprised by the 66% margin but added, "The students have spoken and said that they want John as a president. I am sure he will do a fine job. He will have the support of a team which is absolutely the most qualified executive team ever put together at BC."

Crane, who currently serves as legislative liaison of the SGA and president of the statewide student senate, added that he is planning to go back to being a regular student when his state term is up in June.

"I plan to dedicate my time to my studies, my wife and my bass guitar."

Lopez said he was excited and happy that he won. "It was a long week of campaigning. I was just relieved to get it over with," Lopez said.

Lopez outlined his goals for his term in office, "I want to create more publicity for the SGA, I want students to be aware that we have an SGA on campus," Lopez said.

"I want students to come to me with their ideas; I look forward to working with everyone who won whether they ran opposed or unopposed."

Other positions that were filled: Leah Crane, running unopposed, won vice president with 60.5% of the votes (305 votes), while the other 39.4% (197 votes) went to write-in candidates.

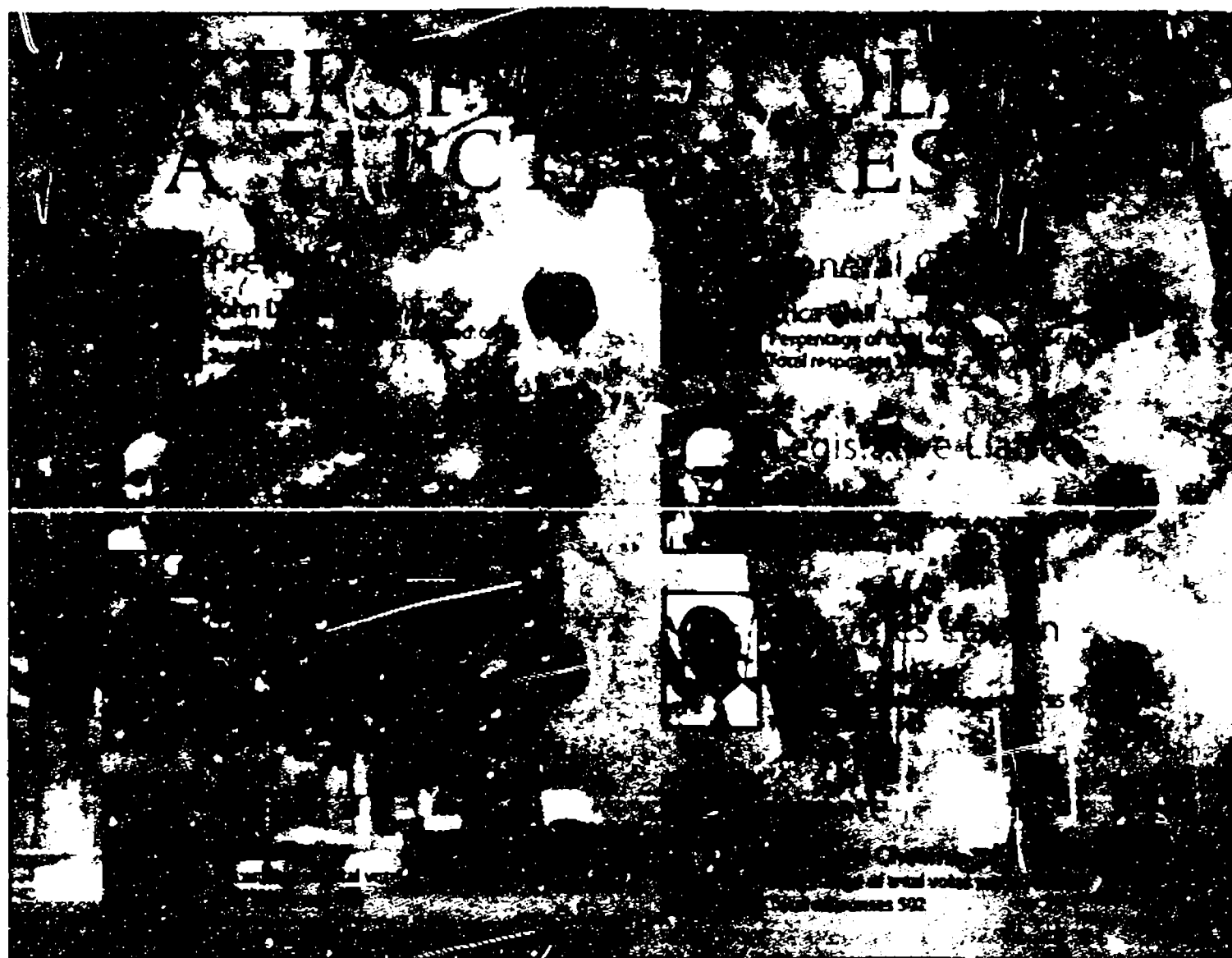
Osmond Parson, running unopposed, was re-elected as secretary with a margin of 92% (322 votes); the other 8% (28 votes) went to write-in candidates.

Kristin Trailor bent out Tamara Langdon as treasurer with a margin of 61.2% (295 votes). Langdon took 37.9% (183 votes).

Former SGA Vice President Erica Grall defeated Victor Ekamem with a margin of 55.7% (214 votes) to win the position of general counsel; Ekamem had 43.4% (167).

Former SGA President Ash West won legislative liaison with a margin of 97.3%. West was also running unopposed. Matthew Jenkins won activities liaison with 95% (347 votes) as he was also running unopposed.

Voter turnout was 566 people, which is approximately



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BC pediatric nursing student Natasha Aaron, 29, uses a laptop in the Campus Center to vote in the student government elections.

3.7% of the student body.

Langdon expressed her disappointment in not winning re-election. "I am going to miss being treasurer. I am a

little disappointed, but it's just someone else's time to hold the office," Langdon said.

Langdon said that she still plans to be a part of the SGA. "I am going to apply for a senator position. I am looking forward to being a senator again. I have no problem with that," Langdon said. "I love being a part of the SGA, and that's what it's really all about."

Parson said that he was honored to be re-elected as secretary. "I want to thank all the students who checked out our slate website and all the teachers who gave their students the information on how to vote. I look forward to working with the new group next year."

Dean of Students Don Turney said that he appreciates the help that the faculty gave in announcing the elections and the events that the SGA had during the election week. "It was a good hard fought election. I was happy with how all the candidates conducted themselves during this election," Turney said.

Turney speaking about the newly elected group said, "We have a real nice blend of new faces and old hands. Almost every position was contested this year as opposed to last year where only one position (president) was contested which was kind of neat."

Burglar caught by security

Car burglary suspect apprehended by campus public safety officers in the parking lot on March 21.

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A burglary suspect was apprehended and arrested on the parking lot at the northeast side of campus for three felony counts of car burglary, including one felony count of possession of burglary tools and a felony count of grand theft auto.

The arrest was made on campus by Bakersfield College public safety officers after one of the officers observed the suspect peering through the windows of several vehicles before breaking the passenger-side window of a car and removing a purse from inside.

Two separate vehicle burglaries occurred on March 14. A purse and camera were stolen from one of the vehicles and nothing from the other. Both vehicles had been broken into from the passenger-side window.

Bakersfield police detectives recovered the stolen truck that the suspect reportedly drove to BC when the March 14 burglaries took place, prior to his arrest on March 21.

As part of a planned investigation into the burglaries that occurred, public safety officers compiled a description and mode of operation of the suspect.

Using this information, public safety officers appeared ready for what took place March 21.

"I was working a burglary suppression unit," reported officer Richard Cox. "I was advised by Sgt. Counts that he saw an individual matching the description of the suspect."

According to the report, officer Cox came upon the northeast student parking lot at approximately

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'The Vagina Monologues'

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God. Water. Sweet ginger. Sweat. Damp moss. Wet garbage. Something between fish and lilacs. The beginning.

These potent words are used to describe the vagina and its smell by characters in Eve Ensler's play "The Vagina Monologues."

The play was performed in Bakersfield College's Indoor Theatre March 29-31 as part of BC's Women's History Month and was a special salute to the internationally acknowledged V-Day. The play was directed by BC's Kimberly Chin.

"The Vagina Monologues" was produced at BC in conjunction with the organization Lipstick Mafia as well as the Bakersfield College Theatre Club and BC's Alumni Club.

This play was meant to be the final assault upon unenlightened sexism during a month-long attempt to cease global violence against women and to raise awareness of women's issues.

During the final rehearsal for the controversial play, one of the ensemble cast, a red-haired, sweater and flip-flop-wearing cast member (Staci Aguilar), whose character remains nameless, suddenly stood up on a black draped makeshift bench on the stage and vociferously reclaimed the infamous epithet typically wielded against women by pugnacious men and sometimes by other women.

"Cunt! Cunt! Cunt! C'mon! Say it! Cunt! Cunt!" she shouted at the rest of the cast, and they thereupon jumped up, rushed to the forefront of the stage, yelling in unison, "Cunt!"

"Cunt! Cunt!" The cast hurled the word at the imaginary audience, inviting them to reclaim the

word along with them.

"Say it like you're screaming for your favorite football team," shouted Gene Goff, BC student, and light operator for the show, from his seat in the audience. "Say it like you're screaming for your favorite Chippendale's!" he hollered and then laughed. Goff, sitting with a copy of the play in his lap for the duration of the last rehearsal, periodically yelled out missed lines for the actors.

Director Chin then triggered the music cue from a boom box and the cast danced back to their bench. Another member of the cast (Colleen Melton) rose up and calmly delivered a monologue about the rapes of Bosnian women during captivity.

"Their faces were beautiful, young and destroyed... the public rapes of sisters, grandmothers... they lost their homes, their identities... our us-ness unravels..." she said.

According to the cast, this monologue and others like it draw focus on the denigration of the female body by physical and verbal assault. The denigration of the female body is the same as dehumanizing humanity, the cast feels. The play itself is a stand against the denigration and violence against women, many cast members said.

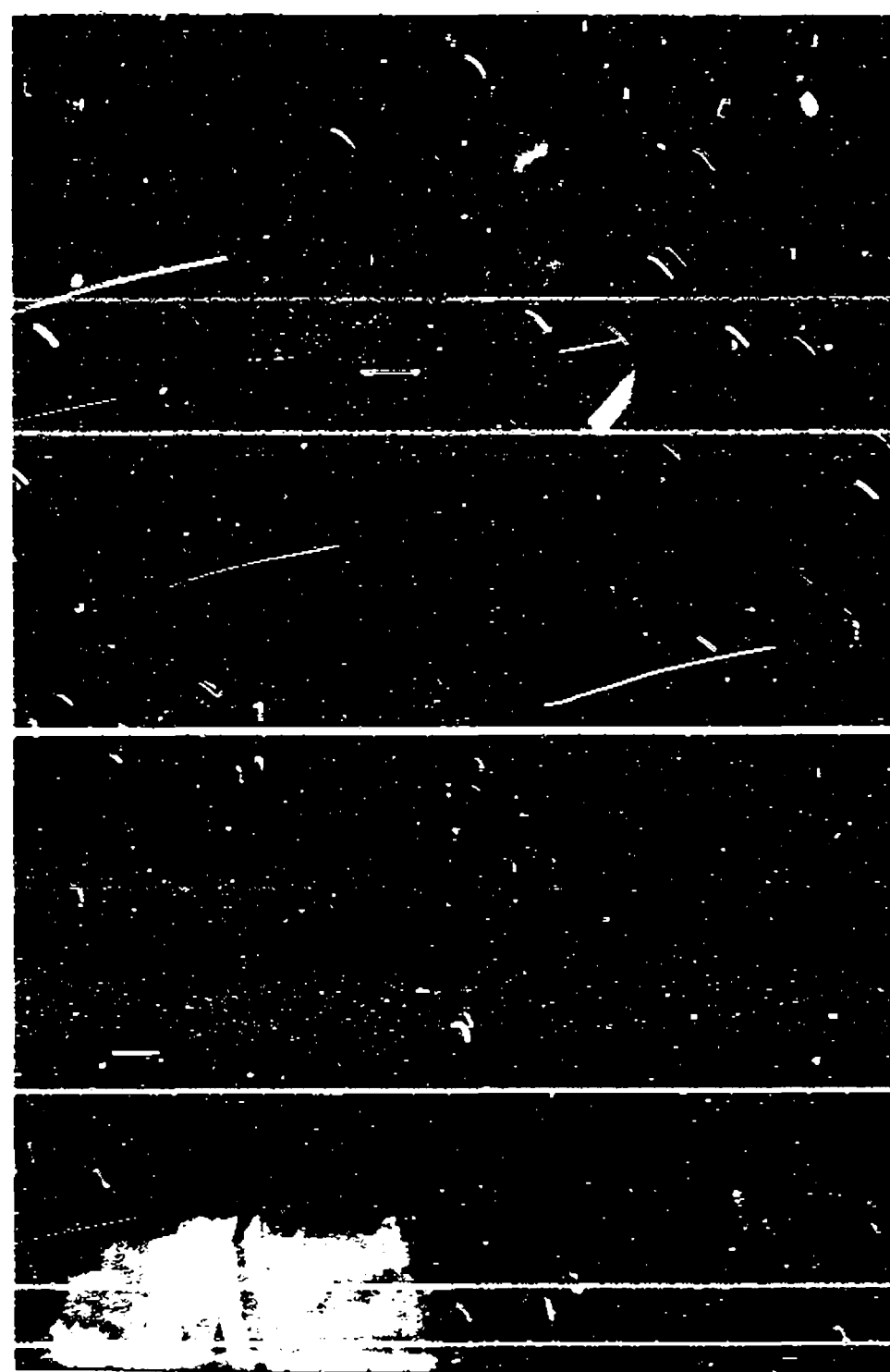
"We're calling ourselves activists, not actors," said cast member Christina Mammen, 20, former BC student, and current CSUB student double majoring in criminal justice and psychology.

Somewhere within the various monologues, the ensemble cast collectively asked the question: "If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?"

One cast member got up and said, "a silk boa." Another stood up and said, "anemalis." Another

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Fainter helped by governor



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California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger assists one of the two high school honor students who collapsed during his speech at Cesar E. Chavez High School in Delano March 29. For story see page 3.

MAIZE honors Chavez

Richard Chavez, Lori de Leon and BC professor Jack Brigham all spoke about Cesar Chavez.

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Bakersfield College's MAIZE club held a ceremony celebrating Cesar Chavez Day in the Fire-side Room on March 28.

People all over the country honored the birthday of the United Farm Workers founder and civil rights leader from Delano who fought for fair working conditions for farm workers, particularly those in the Central Valley.

Lori de Leon, a representative of the Dolores Huerta Foundation and daughter of the civil rights leader for which the organization is named, spoke about her experiences with Chavez growing up as a little girl.

De Leon told the story of "La Marcha de la Reconquista," a march that began on May 5, 1971 and went from Calexico to Sacramento to gain support for the Chicano movement. Even after the ceremony in Sacramento was over, said de Leon, Chavez continued marching up California with hardly anyone behind him, going from town to town informing people on the movement. "It just really showed his dedication," she said.

De Leon then introduced Richard Chavez, Cesar Chavez's younger brother, before he came on the stage, explaining his integral role in helping to establish the UFW, how he built the first UFW office, and how every one went to his house to use the phone, as he was the only one who owned a telephone in the neighborhood. Richard could only stay for a short time as he had to speak in Los Angeles that afternoon.

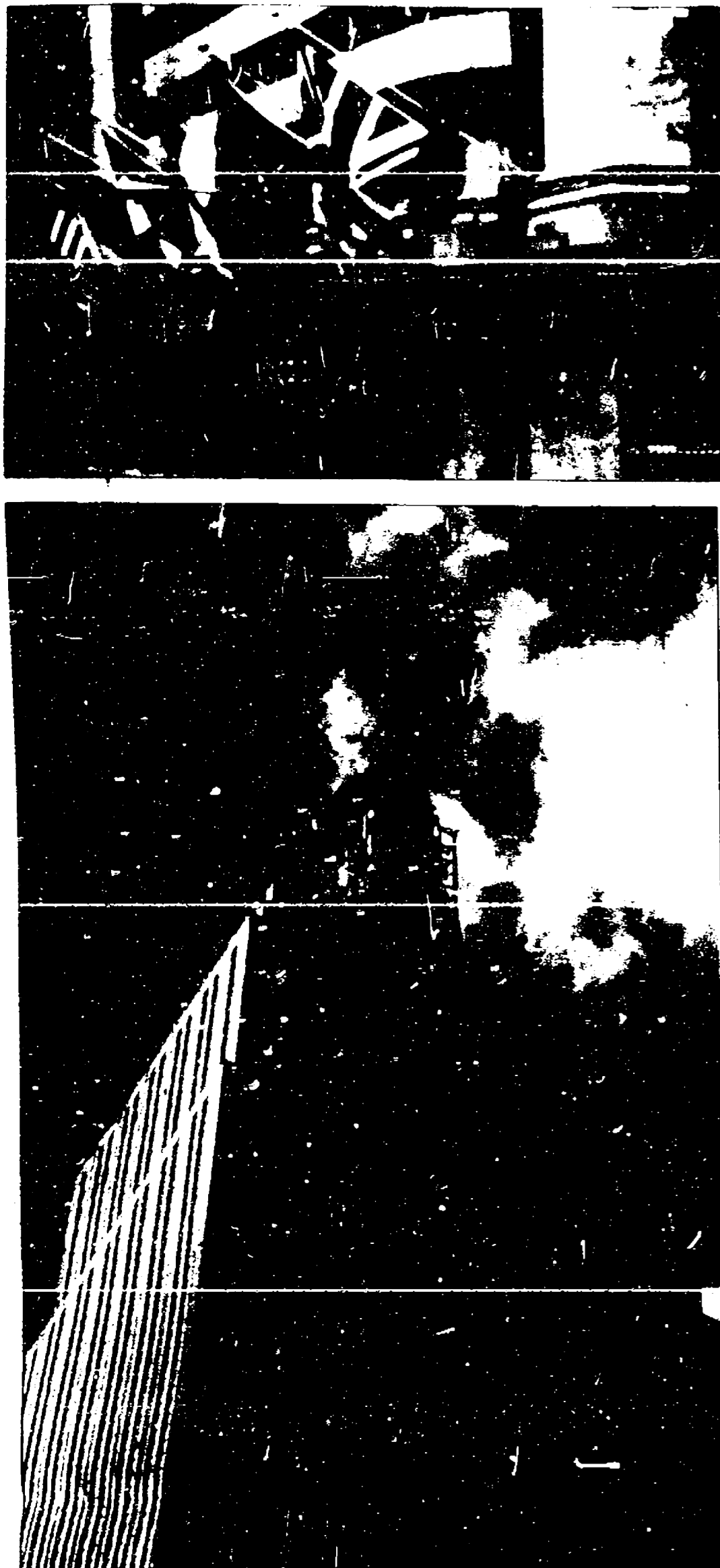
Richard focused his speech on two issues facing the farm working community today: this winter's citrus freeze and immigration.

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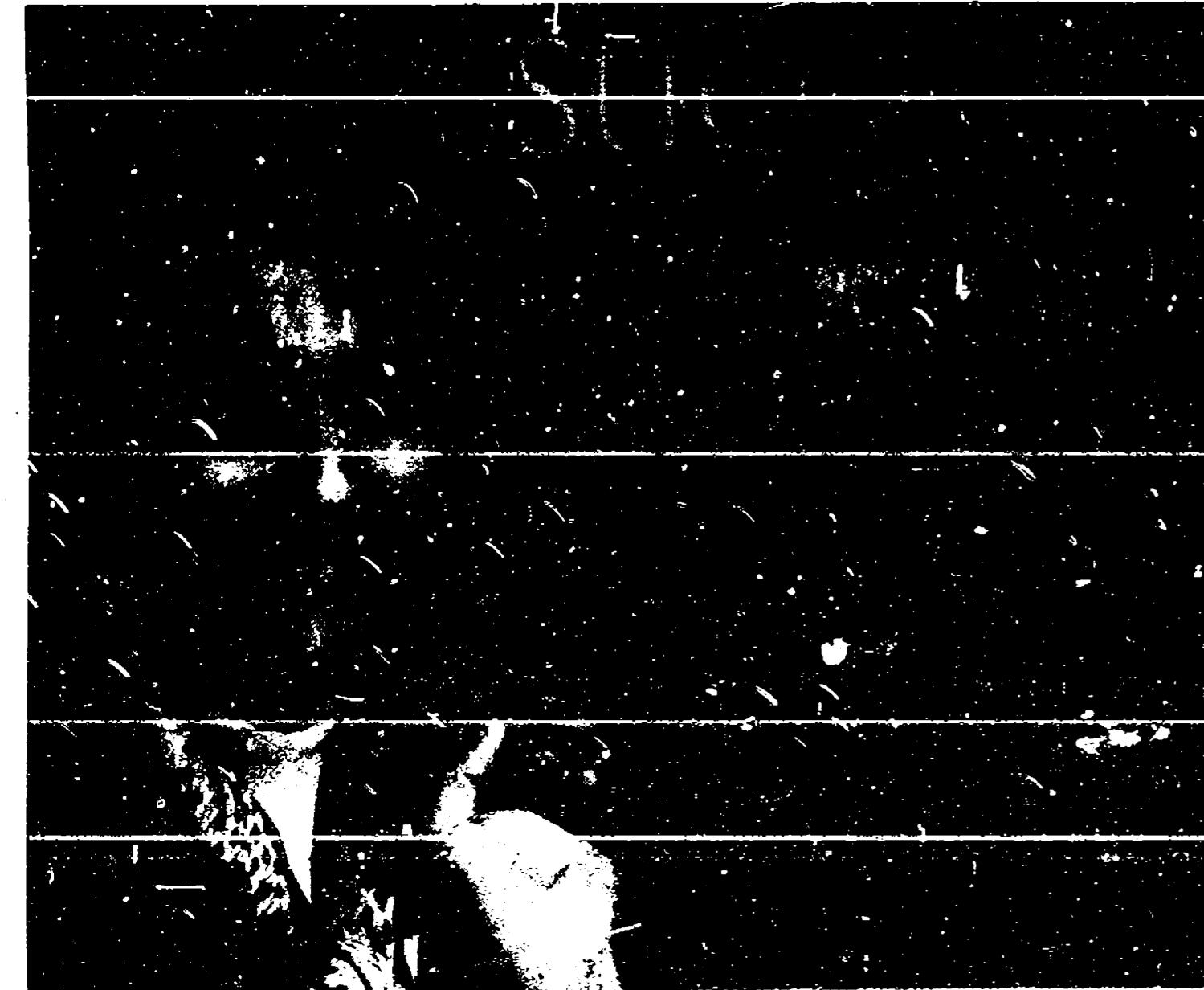
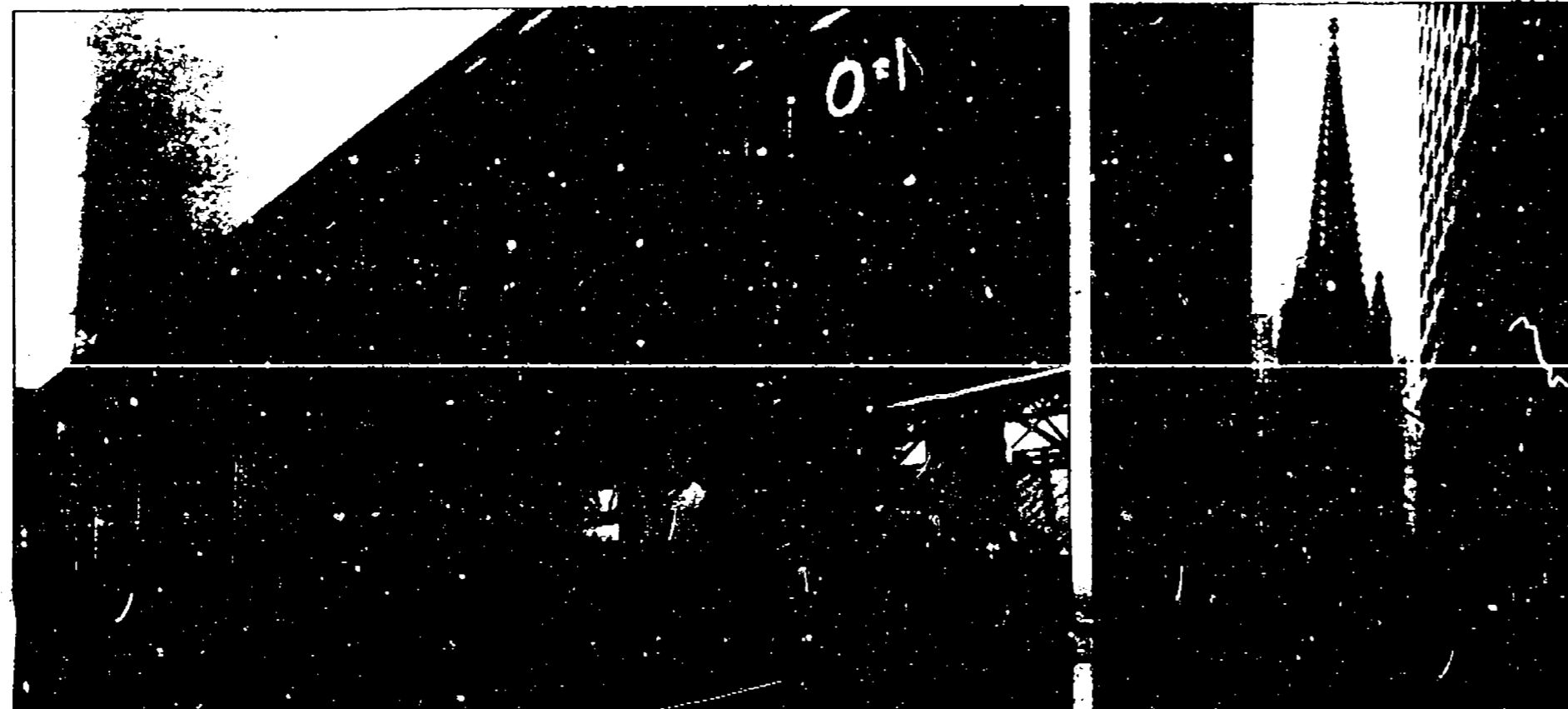
Rip on the Road: New York City

Photos by Erik Aguilar / The Rip



Over Spring Break, Rip photo editor Erik Aguilar visited New York City. He took these pictures to document his trip and share his experience with the students of Bakersfield College.

Clockwise, from the top left: Famous financial center, Wall Street; The Brooklyn Bridge connects the island of Manhattan to Brooklyn; Times Square on a relatively calm afternoon; Comedian Tina Fey is interviewed by Matt Lauer during her visit to The Today Show; The New York City Trinity Church is one of oldest churches in America. Three different Trinity churches have been built and the most recent church was built in 1946; The World Trade Center Path Station is next to the site of the 9/11 disaster and connects to several New York City subway lines; The Empire State Building in Manhattan.



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NEWS

Governor comes to Kern to honor Chavez

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger spoke about the legacy of Cesar Chavez in his hometown of Delano.

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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger spoke to Cesar E. Chavez High School students March 29 in Delano.

Schwarzenegger was just one of the guest speakers in a memorial hosted by a high school named after Chavez, in the same valley the UFW was formed and where the majority of its leaders still reside.

"Right now, when we get ready to introduce the governor, we want to do a farm worker applause, a unity applause," said UFW President Arturo Rodriguez before introducing Schwarzenegger.

The high school students joined in, clapping exuberantly in unison with Rodriguez.

The presentation, meant to motivate and remind people of who Cesar Chavez was and what he stood for, was halted abruptly when Schwarzenegger moved to assist a young lady who appeared to have fainted

on stage in the middle of his speech. Schwarzenegger helped her to her feet and she returned to the stage before continuing.

"I've held a lot of speeches, but I've never made people faint," said Schwarzenegger.

During his speech, Schwarzenegger praised Chavez and advocated education, "heat regulations" for farm workers, public service and general good will.

"We should not take this Saturday and just look at it as a day off; it's a day on," said Schwarzenegger. "We should think about what can we do in order to really honor Cesar Chavez on his birthday."

"Hear me now and listen to me later. I'll be back," said Schwarzenegger at the end of his speech.

Also in attendance was Chavez's granddaughter. "My grandfather once said, 'Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students; what better book can there be than the book of humanity?'" said Natalie Hernandez.

"Governor Schwarzenegger's presence here today is symbolic of the humanity that my grandfather believed in."

A portrait of Cesar Chavez, taken by Otto Sturke, was donated to Cesar E. Chavez High School by the Chavez family. It was unveiled at the



Above: Natalie Hernandez, granddaughter of Chavez; Eloise Carillo, daughter of Chavez; Schwarzenegger, and Arturo Rodriguez all stand beside a photo of Chavez which was donated to the school. Right: Schwarzenegger speaks to students at Cesar E. Chavez High School in remembrance of Chavez and what he stood for.

end of the presentation.

Aside from being a speaker as part of the high school's Cesar Chavez presentation, Schwarzenegger met with local officials to discuss other business.

Before the Cesar Chavez event today the governor met in Delano with about 25 south valley mayors as well as local community groups to

discuss the governor's efforts to help the central valley during this year's freeze," said Sabrina Lockhart, deputy press secretary to the governor.

"Following the Cesar Chavez event, the governor will head back to Sacramento where he will meet with a number of California mayors to discuss the gang problems facing California."



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Protestors march on leader's day

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"What do we want? Justice! When do we want it? Now!" chanted more than 600 protesters gathered in the Martin Luther King Park on an early afternoon March 31 to celebrate Cesar Chavez's birthday and demand justice.

La Campesina radio station began to set up their equipment at 9 a.m. and the California Correctional Peace Officers Association began setting up at the same time. People began showing at 10 a.m. for the noon march.

Armando Salvador Rodriguez, president of the United Farm Workers, attended the Bakersfield march to honor Cesar Chavez's birthday because he knew him personally. He said there are still many conditions that have not been taken care of.

For example, the wages seem to stay low for farm workers and are being ignored by the big companies. Rodriguez got into the Chavez family by marrying one of his daughters. "These were the best years of my life," said Rodriguez, who has been involved with the UFW since 1973.

Out of all the places in the United States, Rodriguez picked Bakersfield. "I love Bakersfield and the people be-

cause they are hard working people," he said.

Making better working conditions is not only for farm workers, but also for factory workers, mine workers, construction workers, and any other similar jobs, he said.

"We continue to remember Chavez's work because a lot of people still need help," he said.

Armando Elenes, who organized the march, spoke about the reasons why March 31 is an important date. The executive director of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, Camila Chavez, spoke about a future march, which will be on April 29 in Lamont.

A couple of other leaders spoke about Chavez and one of them was Congressman Howard Berman.

Berta Gomez came along with her family of seven members, including a little boy named Alonzo Avila, 3.

"Si se puede" said little Avila holding a small American flag.

Gomez heard about this event on the radio. "We came for better justice," said Gomez, "and we will support our people, even though we are U.S. citizens. We are here to help!"

At nearly 1 p.m., the public was beginning to form a line to begin the protest. At 1 p.m., the line began to march east

toward the MLK pool and go south on South Owens Street and East 10th street.

The march went on through different streets where many bystanders watched as the protesters walked in front of their houses.

Chants like "si se puede" and "the people united will never be divided" kept people active throughout the march.

Amelia Olivas, 37, watched the protest in front of their house and then joined the protest.

Olivas came along with six of her sons who will celebrate Cesar Chavez's birthday each year.

Olivas' father worked in security for Chavez and met Chavez whenever he came by her family's house. Her mother was also intimately involved with the UFW.

After Olivas' mother passed away, she got a tattoo on her right arm of the UFW flag with the words "In Loving Memory Esther."

She also has a flag of a combination of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Unions and the UFW with autographs of different group leaders.

"The dispute right now is nationalization and to have his birthday (Chavez) as a legal holiday. One day the legalization will come true," said Olivas.

After an hour of walking through



Emilio Negrete and daughter Yolosine of Bakersfield participate in the march.

streets, the march peacefully ended back at MLK Park. More speeches were given by Arturo Rodriguez and Armando Elenes. There was also a live band that played for the crowd.

"I want to encourage all Bakersfield College students to study and work hard and go out to help the community because each and every one of you can make a difference. It's better for the community and for the people who need help," Rodriguez said.

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CHAVEZ: BC professor Brigham spoke about friendship with Chavez

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Richard talked about how the low temperatures this winter made the citrus crops freeze right on the tree and how UFW, in collaboration with a number of organizations, are doing what they can to assist in what the U.S. Department of Agriculture has declared a state of emergency for farm workers.

"We are trying to do everything to help these workers. I'm sure that if Cesar were here, he would be right in the thick of it," he said.

Richard then gave his opinion on the current immigration controversy in the United States, saying that undocumented workers do the hard work that no one else wants to do and that if they weren't here, "the economy of this country would collapse in two days."

"A lot of people in this country think that all that beautiful produce in their grocery stores grows right there on the shelf," Richard said.

Richard believes that there should be restrictions on immigration, but

"we can't think of [undocumented workers] as less than human beings. We have to find a way that they have to work for their keep."

Everyone then proceeded from the Fireside Room to the Campus Center, where Americoipos acted out a piece based on "Teatro Campesino," a theatrical troupe formed in 1965 to entertain striking farm workers.

The skit was about two girls unaware of the accomplishments of Cesar Chavez but who eventually come to respect him when someone explains his legacy.

Everyone then proceeded back into the Fireside Room where BC history professor Jack Brigham spoke about his experiences with Chavez and various members of the Chicano movement.

Brigham's most memorable experience was a political focus group for Richard Ibarra.

Brigham, along with 11 other people in the focus group, wrote down five things they felt were important to the Ibarra campaign on a poster



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and hung it on the wall. Chavez then found what everyone agreed with and created a platform based on it.

"That focus group was the most important thing about me understanding Cesar," said Brigham. Two films were shown during the ceremony.

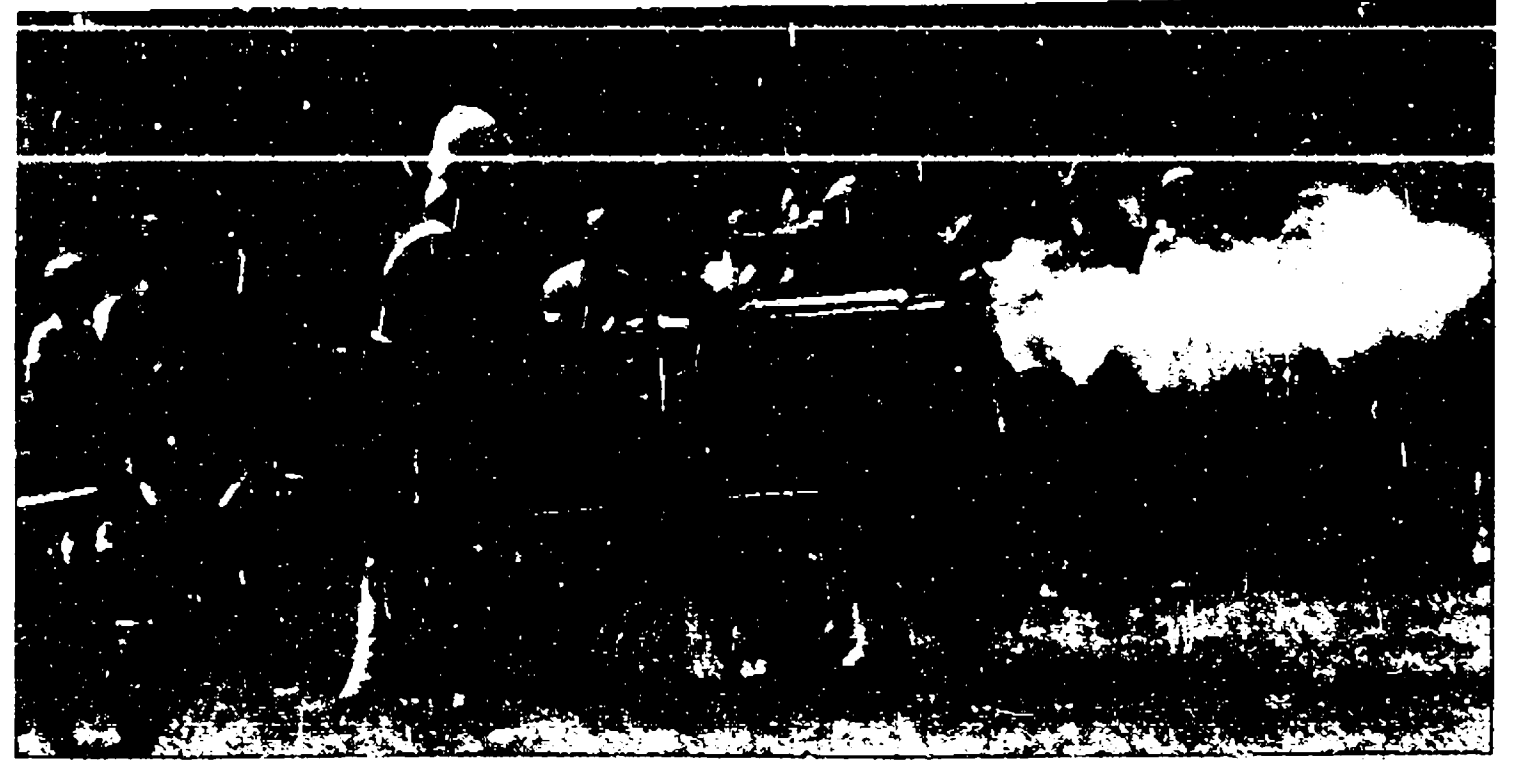
The first, "Fighting For Our Lives," is an Oscar-nominated documentary about the 1973 grape workers' strike, where grape workers from Coschella to Fresno quit their jobs to fight for a union contract.

The second, "The Fight in the Fields," was a PBS documentary profiling Cesar Chavez and the farm workers' movement.

Display in the Fireside Room on March 28 celebrating Cesar Chavez. The display was put together by the Maize Club.

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Let the Scottish Games begin



■ Scottish culture comes to Stramler Park for the 12th year. Food, drink, dance and games make the day.

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Men in kilts, women in tartan and the sound of bagpipes filled the air at Stramler Park on March 31 for the Bakersfield Scottish Gathering and Games.

The park was overflowing with great Scottish culture that provided Scottish and non-Scottish to participate and enjoy the day. Some of the events included The Scottish Tea Room, where the slogan was "a place to relax and drink Scottish culture."

There were also a variety of dancers that performed on stage while the heavy athletics games such as Putting the Braemar Stone and a Hammer Throwing competed.

George the Giant and Ye Olde Silversmith attracted crowds that watched as George performed his show and the silversmith made medallions out of gold, silver, and bronze.

Vendors were around the park, selling anything from teddy bears with kilts to swords, knives and pirate costumes.

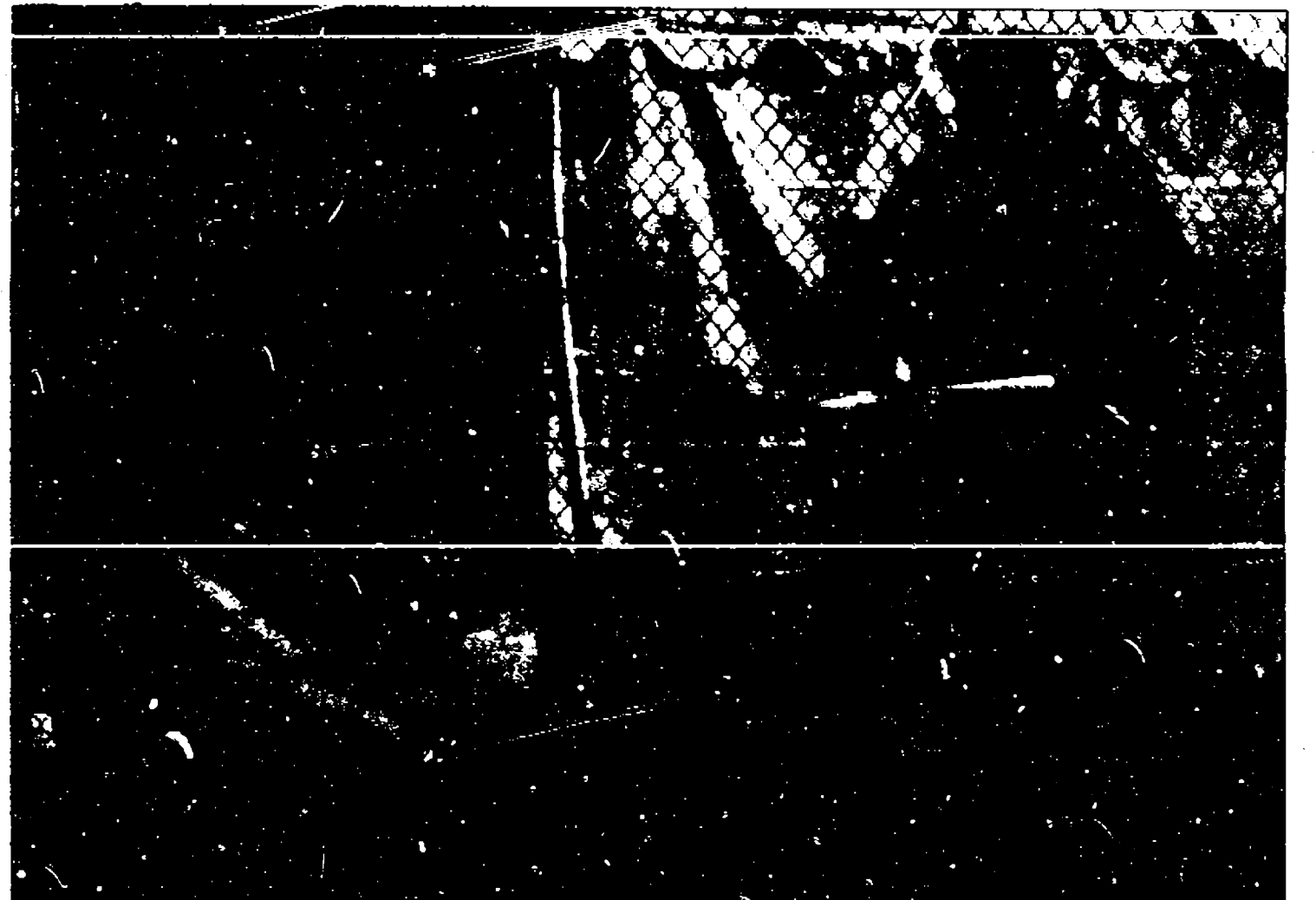
There were 32 clans present, waving their banners and representing their names. Tammie Vawter, who is from Clan Macleod, said, "A clan is tied to a specific area. Each name represents a specific land in Scotland."

Throughout the day, bands from Oakdale, Fresno and Tehachapi played the pipes and drums. As they played, many stopped to listen and begin to tap their feet, clap their hands and move to the tune. With each song, the crowd gave a round of applause.

The Opening Ceremony began with the bands playing music and the clans following behind representing Scotland.

This is the 12th annual Scottish Gathering and Games sponsored by the Kern County Scottish Society, Inc. According to the program given at the event, the KCSS formed to promote Scottish heritage and culture.

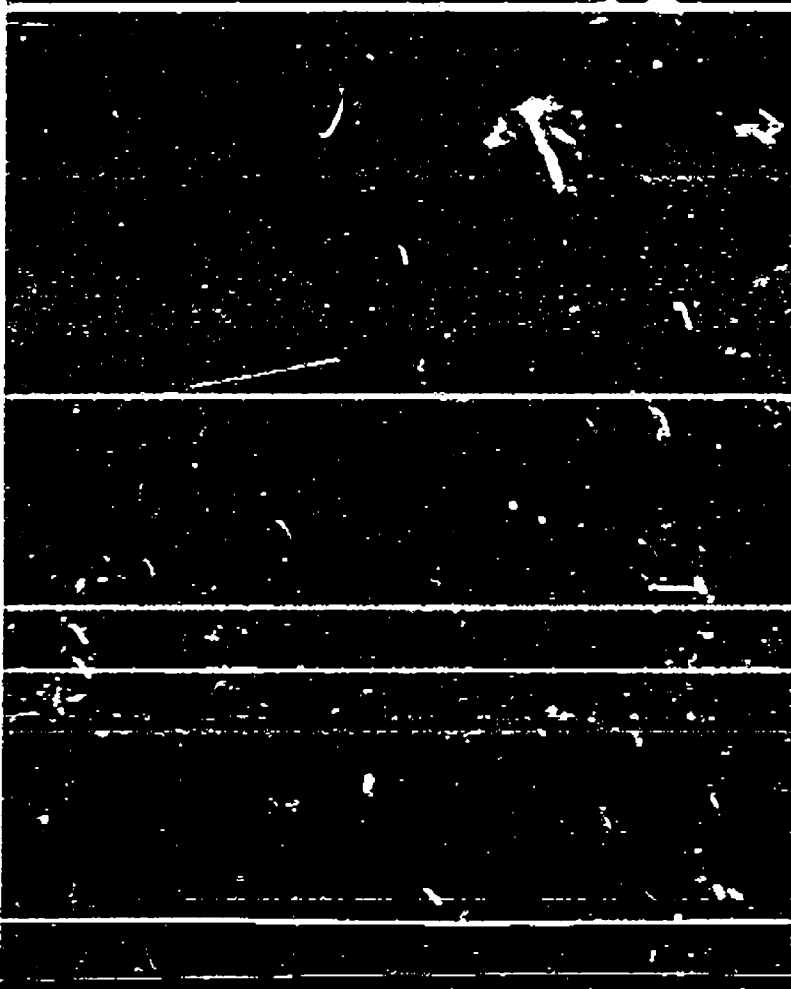
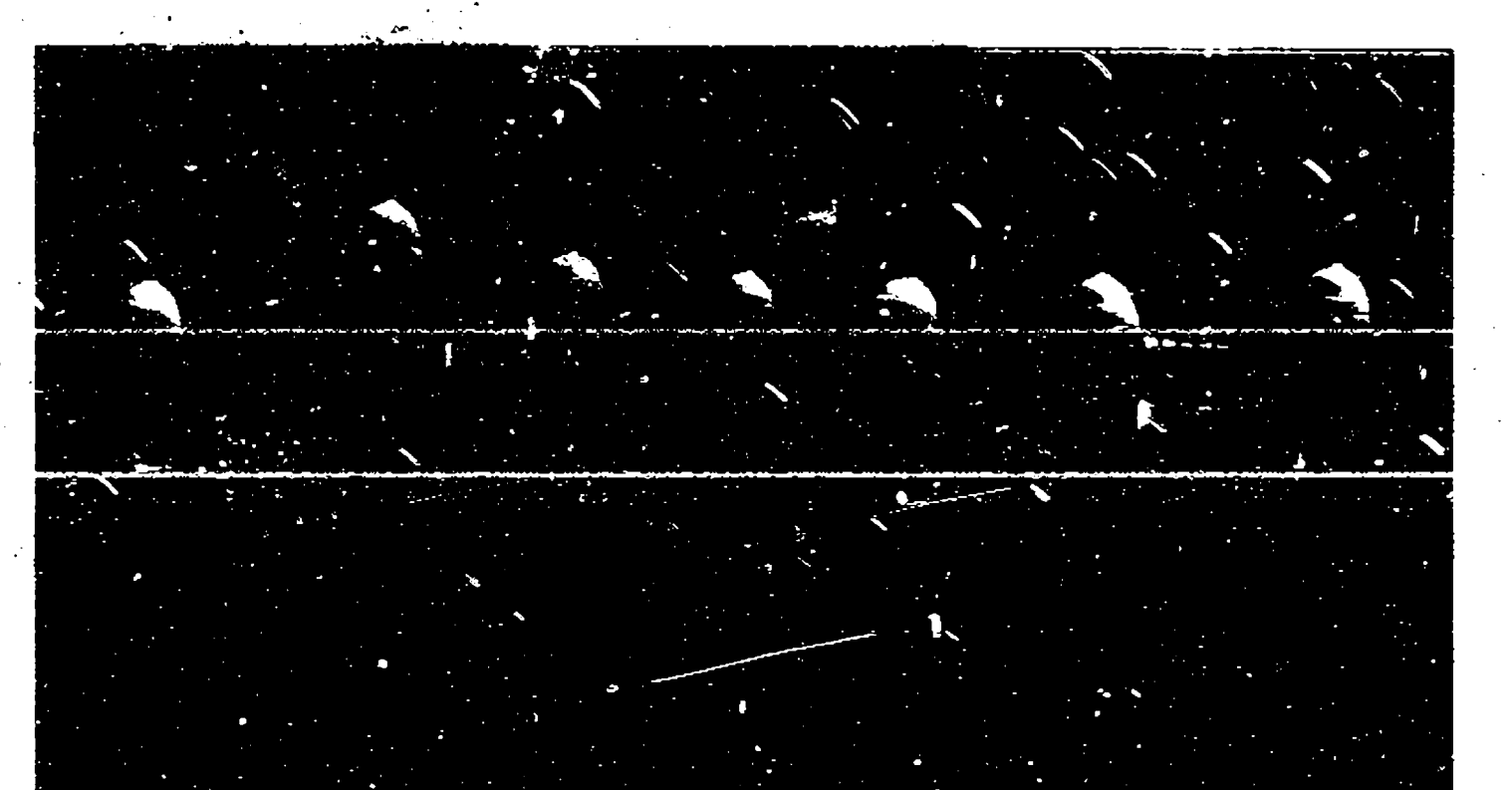
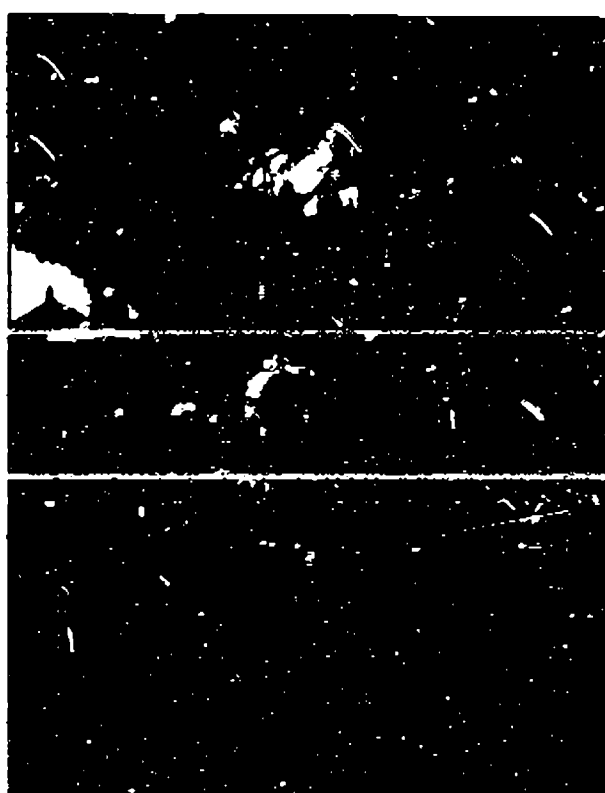
They are a member of the Arts Counsel of Kern, The Downtown Business Association, and Tehachapi Arts Coalition.



Above: George the Giant assures the crowd that he has swallowed the sword. Top right: A model 1876 Gatling gun is used by Gary Harper and loader Ben Gillaspay to re-enact the battle of Tel El Kebir. Right: George the Giant lies on a bed of nails while his wife, Stacie McArthur, breaks concrete on his chest with a sledgehammer.

Clockwise from lower left: Ron Palmer cracks a smile between posing for pictures with children and other patrons; Josh Hocienec throws 22-pound stone during a Braemar Stone Putt competition. Right: The group Byland Forever recreates the first battalion of the Gordon Highlanders and their 1882 battle in Tel El Kebir, Egypt; A group of marching bands and Scottish clans join during the opening ceremony of the Scottish Games.

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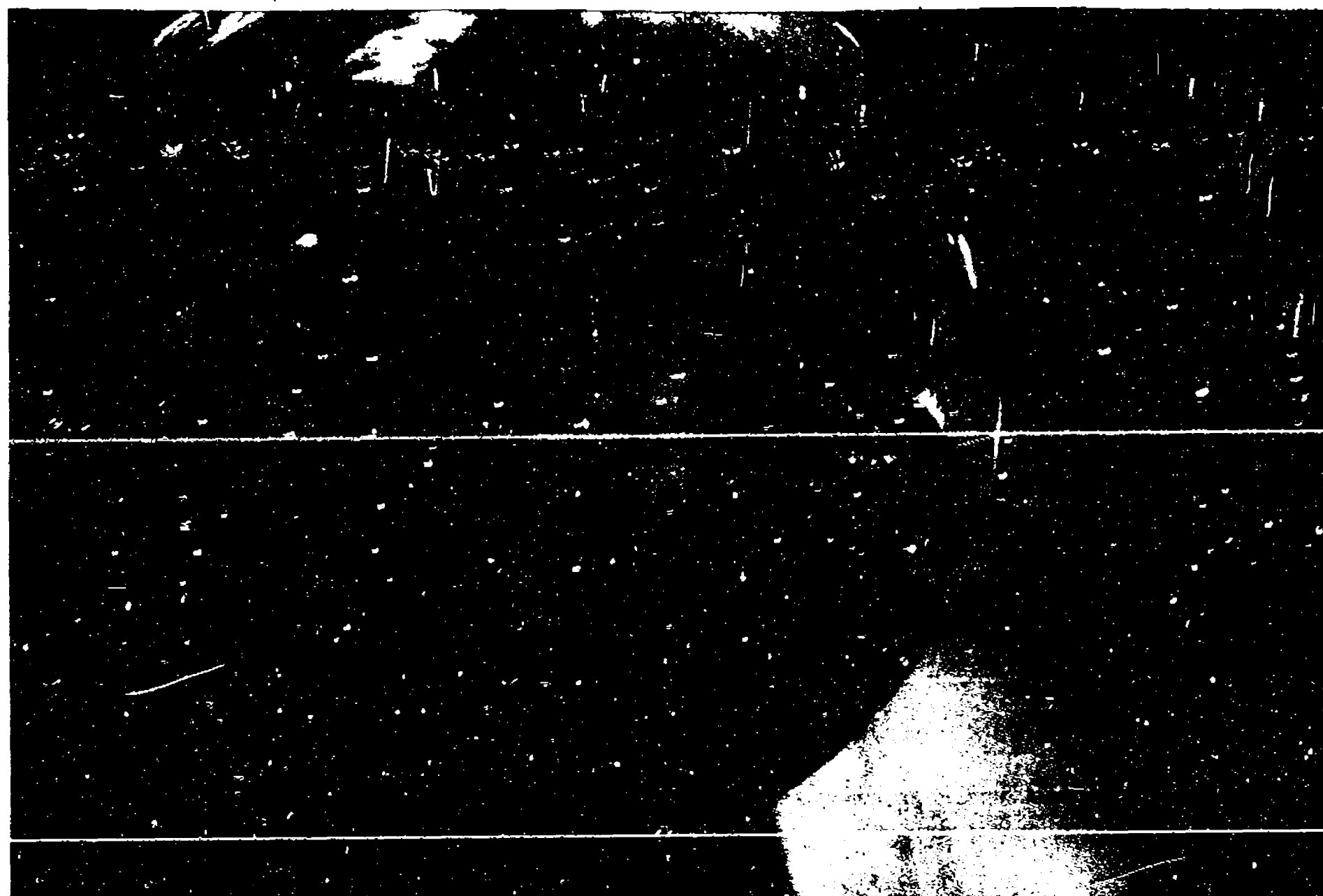
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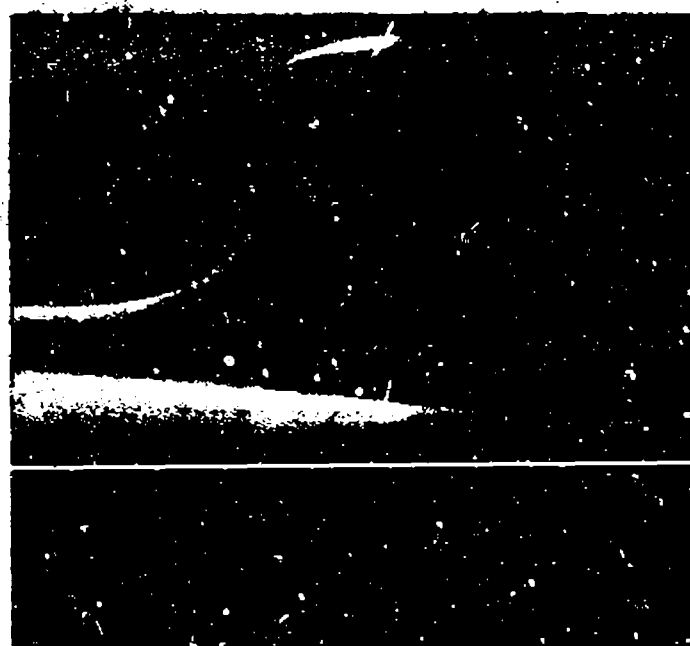


The annual War Birds In Action Air Show at Minter Field in Shafter showed off vintage warplanes on April 21.

Above: The reflection in the propeller cap of Paul Dixon posing his grandson Charlie Sexton. S, next to a B-25 "Heavenly Body" as a crowd from the airshow looks on. The "Heavenly Body" is armed with 14 .50 caliber rifles. There are only 30 left in the world.

Right: the tail of one of an Aero L-29 Delfin. The Delfin was a training jet that is now used by the Thunder Delfins aerobatic team. For more pictures and story, see page 5.

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BC safety a concern after VT shootings

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The day after the Virginia Tech shooting, Bakersfield College experienced a minor bomb threat that most students on campus didn't know about.

It brought to question student safety on campus, and, in the case of something like the Virginia Tech shooting actually occurring on campus, the emergency procedures and what students should do.

"Now (after Virginia Tech), people will be interested in what we need them to do in case of an emergency; we don't have time to explain things in situations like that," said BC President William Andrews. "We need them to do what we want them to do, and we need them to want to do it. When we receive threats like this, it's taken very seriously."

In light of what happened at Virginia Tech, education coordinators are urgently preparing for some of the worst-case scenarios and a Homeland Security grant has been contracted with the Global Community College, Inc., to provide expertise, direction and leadership.

"The tragic incident at Virginia Tech this past week reminds us of the urgent need to diminish the vulnerabilities and enhance the security of our own colleges," read a letter from state community colleges Chancellor Mark Drummond. "After all, the safety and welfare of our students, faculty, and staff is our ultimate responsibility."

The Virginia Tech shooter, Cho Seung-Hui, shot and killed 32 people before shooting himself. Now, ac-

ording to MSNBC, schools nationwide have been reporting would-be copycat threats.

"I'm sure it was a copycat, although we went through the normal bomb threat procedures," said Andrews. "Our challenge is that we're an open environment; anyone can walk onto campus, but we need it to be a secure safe haven. This sort of thing can happen anywhere, the only thing we can do is be prepared. We could only stop it by building a 20-foot wall all around the campus with gates and metal detectors and even then, who knows? I hope we'd never come to that."

One thing that BC would like to improve upon is getting buildings cleared faster. According to Andrews, BC did learn something from the bomb threat. BC was unable to contact its first and second responders, which is a very serious problem, but there will be a debriefing. Very importantly, they will be getting cell phone numbers for all responders.

"We've been planning to start training in the fall," said Andrews. "Next year, we are planning for a campus-wide drill, in the worst case scenario. Then the BPD, Fire Department and emergency responders will get involved. We're planning on locking down the schools, but students will know that it will happen. We don't want to create chaos, unless we have to. People react chaotically, and if you don't have levels of control, things get out of hand."

The day after the Virginia Tech shootings, e-mails were sent out to BC faculty members on April 16 at about 1 p.m., warning them and others to stay where they were and that

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE

Election controversy sparked by photo

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A photograph on the front page of the April 11 issue of the Renegade Rip has brought controversy to the recently concluded student government elections.

In the photograph, handouts from President-elect John Lopez's campaign can be seen tiled neatly surrounding the laptop that the student is using to vote on.

According to the by-laws governing the elections, it is against the rules to have campaign literature within 100 feet of a polling place. Because the ballot was online, every Internet-capable computer is considered a polling place.

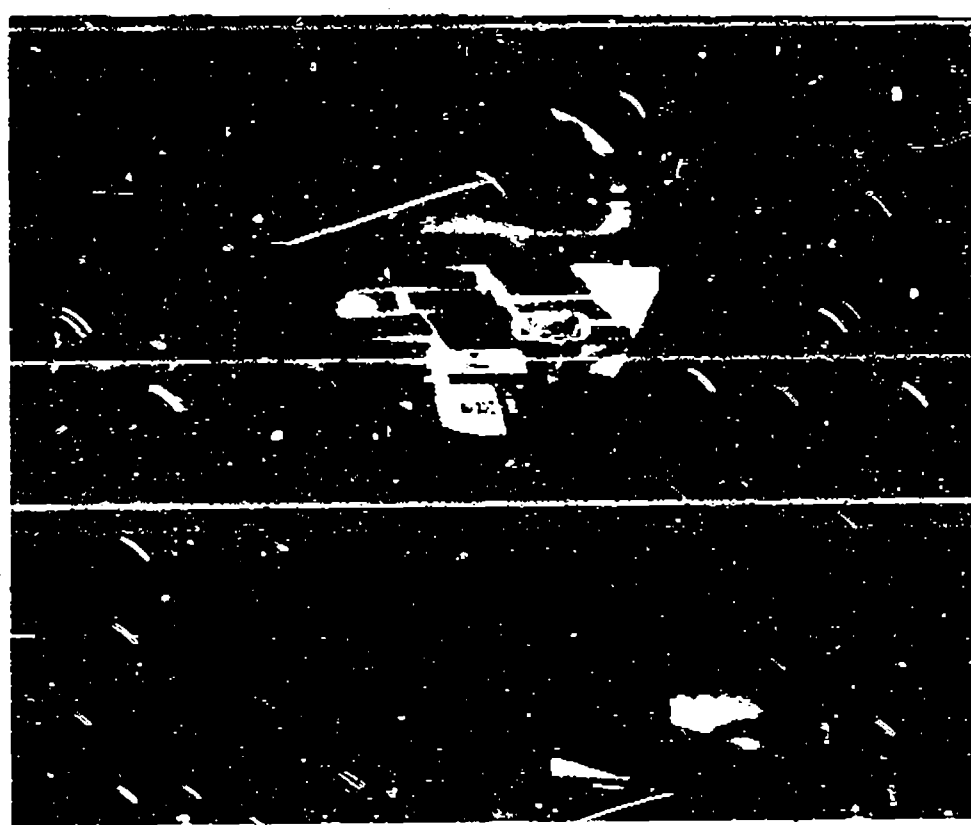
Lopez said he is innocent of any

foul play during the elections. "I was even \$20 under on the spending limit, to make sure that I was within the guidelines of the campaign." The spending limit was \$75 per candidate, with this cost including donations.

Although Lopez had not seen the picture prior to being interviewed, he said he had been made aware of the issue on Wednesday of the election week. Lopez said that he did not put the fliers there, and that he "explained to people helping me that they could not put them [in the breezeway], could not put them near computers."

He does not feel that the fliers had a large effect on the vote, believing that they were there for "maybe a couple of hours."

Dean of Students Don Turney said it is hard to place judgment on



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The circled areas show the handbills which violate the election by-laws.

a candidate for breaking these rules. "My opinion is that every candidate committed some kind of infraction," he continued. "From candidates

campaigning 99 feet from the polling place, to candidates speaking in classrooms that have computers. See ELECTION, Page 4

New SGA president to keep doors open

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When John Lopez was first told about the Student Government Association elections, he heard that one position had a candidate running unopposed and the other one might be open.

Lopez was told that the position of treasurer might be open because Tamera Langdon might have her term limit up if the amendment to extend her term limit didn't pass. The constitutional amendment did not pass, with 59% of the students voting no on it.

Lopez added that after hearing about the treasurer position he inquired about the position of president, where he learned that current

legislative liaison Alan Crane would be running unopposed.

"I like to see a lot of representation, at least a choice, especially at the leadership position. I wanted to give students a choice of who to pick, and not say 'well there's your leader,'" Lopez said.

That prompted Lopez to run for president, and in a surprise victory, the computer science major was elected by the students of Bakersfield College.

Lopez mentioned that this will be his first time holding a leadership position. "It's not like I haven't practiced any leadership skills. This will just be the first time that I will be looked at. I have to lead where people want to go," Lopez said.

Lopez reiterated his desire to let

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BC Student Government recognized as poster child on ASGA website

The 2006-2007 SGA was deemed a model representative for the other 518 university SGAs in the nation.

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Bakersfield College's Student Government Association was one of the poster children,

or model for the American Student Government Association's website.

A picture of the 2006-2007 team was displayed.

Out of 519 member schools including four-year universities BC's faces were chosen to represent.

"I think they chose us because of our status," said Dean of Students Don Turney.

"Our students are very active, they participate on national and regional levels."

The SGA was the highest-rated host college for the West Coast and was chosen for

the first time to host the Community College Student Government Training Conference last fall.

"We're the only community college to host this kind of event in the country," said Ash West, next year's legislative liaison.

According to SGA members and Turney, they feel as though their involvement is what made them recognizable on a national level.

"We probably got recognized from going to conferences as well as holding them," said General Counsel member Lean Crane.

"It's a good way to communicate and ex-

change ideas with other schools."

Turney feels as though students have a strong voice on campus and that the ASGA knows community college leaderships is a tough "gig."

"It's a commuter campus," said Turney. "Students don't want to get involved with things on campus, they have other responsibilities."

Or it could be because everything that BC's SGA does is pushed through this paradigm. "What's best for our students? What can we do to become the best?"

"It was flattering," said Crane. "We're one out of 519 member schools and to get recognition is pretty cool."

Though, no matter what, the SGA has worked to become the best, bringing in consultants from the ASGA to evaluate everything that they're doing.

Figuring out what they're doing right and working on what is not yet ideal.

"It's continuity, the fact that we worked so hard to be inclusive and include all students," said Turney.

Garden Fest gets a green thumbs-up

Above: The Orchid Society displays dozens of their orchids, none of which are for sale. Right: Ron Everett and Meg Kirkeby admire the orchid display owned by the Orchid Society.

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Garden Fest was held Saturday April 21 on the Bakersfield College campus. The purpose was to highlight the Environmental Horticulture program and bring public awareness to the joys of gardening.

"I'm a horticulture student. I was out here last year to help. It's more interesting this year; there's a lot more people," said Luanne Eichler. Garden Fest open house and seminars were free to the public.

Groups and organizations both on and off the campus were allowed to raise public awareness and funds for their group. "This is the second annual Garden Fest. It's all plant oriented; we cover all areas of agriculture," said Sally Stems, horticulture technician.

Garden seminars with the pros were held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Seminars covered lawn care to pond building, and everything in between. "I came to look at all the beautiful flowers and to learn something from the seminars. I'm actually going to take a class with the Orchids Society," said Donna Jens.

There was kitchen-made barbecue provided by BC chef Pat Coyle and his crew. The menu included ribs, hotdogs, salad, chili beans and popcorn.

Krazy Kids Petting Zoo was also at Gardenfest, with a llama as the main attraction.



Photos by Anna Bohland / The Rip

One of the many displays at Garden Fest was prepared by the Sequoia National Forest Service. They had a display showing fire hazards and fire safes. It also showed defensive planting for homes and fire resistant plants.

Other displays included arts and crafts, mowers, tree services, nursery information and much more.

"I'll be here all day. I teach business enterprise, and I want people to learn how to successfully start up their own business," said Anna Vilalobos, ROC teacher.

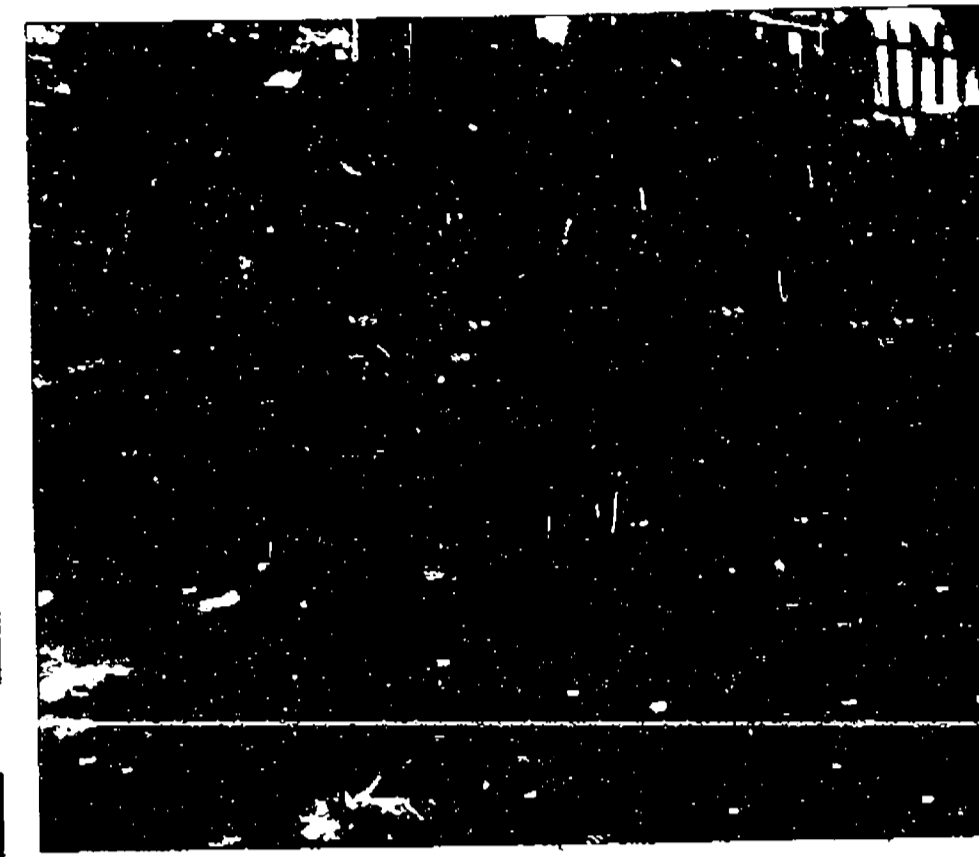
BC Environmental Horticulture, high schools and local garden clubs had a chance to sell their plants to make a profit.

"Students grow plants and sell them to pay for field trips and other needs," said Brian Combes, an agriculture teacher from South High.



Above: Nasturtiums, or "Cherry roses" were among the plants that were for sale at the Garden Fest.

Below: Kiki the goat cries out for her mother Anabel as she attempts to feed.



Above: Jesse Garcia and Joanne Carpio sell their plants. Below: Mike Bricker, owner of Krazy Kids Petting Zoo, feeds Precious the llama.

Old birds fly off of their perches for another year

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Above the crowd, the roaring engines were vibrant and alive as history flew by. War Birds in Action was not just an air show, it was a piece of history in the present, restored and preserved.

The air show took place at Minter Field in Shafter, April 21.

There were still planes arriving when the show started at about 11 a.m. Because of the weather, many of the aircraft were not able to arrive when expected and others not at all.

"Weather always trumps everything. All you can do is try," said Dean Craun, director of public relations for the Minter Field Air Museum. "It's kind of like putting an air show together. All you can do is ask people to show, and even if people tell you they are going to show, sometimes they don't."

"We were going to have a MiG here, and it's not coming," said Craun. The MiG was the Russian fighter plane counterpart to the American fighters, made famous during the Cold War in movies like Top Gun.

One of the last planes to arrive was the Fieseler-Storch, a World War II German airplane.

"They were produced for liaison, reconnaissance, artillery spotting, and transport," said Steve Ericson from Lancaster, pilot of the Storch.

"About 1,000 of these were built and only about a dozen of them remain, and this is the only one in the world that is flown routinely."

It's ability to take off and land within a minimal distance is distinctive. According to Ericson, "It's capable of landing and taking off in very, very short distances, typically measured within a couple of fuselages or wingspans."

"The major generals all had their own Storch so they could get around the fronts and observe the troops. It was like a jeep."

"It is armed with a machine gun at the back and that was called a 'respect gun,'" said Ericson. "That was in case a fighter came in behind you trying to shoot you down, you'd make him think twice about it. But it's more of a defensive weapon than an offensive weapon."

Also present for viewing was a Japanese Mitsubishi A6M Zero. "There's no war history on this, it's just pieces that were put back together and made into an airplane," said Jason Somes, pilot of the Zero, which were used by the Japanese during World War II. In addition to being a pilot, Somes is the air show coordinator for the Commemorative Air Force, a non-profit organization

dedicated to preserving and showing historical aircraft. "That's ours as well," said Somes pointing at the plane next to the Zero. "That's an American Northrop-Grumman F-6 Hellcat, that was the nemesis of this airplane, (referring to the Zero.) These airplanes fought in World War II."

The show was not limited strictly to World War II era aircraft. "The air show commemorates the World War II aircraft primarily, but we do branch out into other theaters. The Vietnam War is represented here. The Korean War will be represented," said Craun.

Robert Stambovsky, 63, brought his Jet Provost T5 to the show. "The British Royal Air Force used those airplanes from about 1972-1992," said Stambovsky, a retired Marine of 39 years. "They trained RAF and Royal Navy pilots in it, a primary trainer and lead in fighting tactics."

"It's got a Rolls Royce engine producing 2,500 pounds of thrust. I love it, oh man, I tell everybody I drive a Rolls Royce."

According to Stambovsky, it takes passion to do what he does.



Above: Two L-19 "Bird Dogs" show off for the crowd on April 19.

Left: Dylan McClintock explores the German Fieseler in Action air show in Shafter.

Below: The crowd looks up at the flying showcase of the War Birds in Action Air Show.

Photos by Erik Aguilar / The Rip

"You've got to have a passion for it, either you do or you don't," said Stambovsky.

The Thunder Delfins, an aerobatic team from Southern California, were also present and flew their four L-29 Delfins in formation back and forth across the field.

The L-29 Delfin was the first jet ever designed and constructed in Czechoslovakia.

After the Thunder Delfins' demonstration, the crowd cheered and waved as they landed and taxied back to where they were parked for the audience to view, in between Stambovsky's Jet Provost T5 and the CAF's Japanese Zero.

The U.S. Army provided two helicopters, an UH-1 Huey and an UH-60 Black Hawk, which were flown in from Fort Irwin, to participate in the show. People were allowed to climb inside the helicopters and did so freely.

Al Goss, a native to the Minter Field area, flew his North American AT-6, built in 1945, named the Warlock. "This was the advanced trainer. Before pilots went into any front line fighter they had to first go through this airplane and be checked out in an AT-6," said Goss.

Goss explained why the show was limited to mere flybys. "The show's a little different this

year because we didn't have an aerobatic waiver so nobody can do any aerobatic maneuvers. So everybody is having to fly kind of high for an air show, but at least it's an air show and we hope to get it back, like it was, next year," said Goss.

According to Goss, the reason they didn't have an aerobatic waiver was because the paperwork wasn't turned in on time.

Many of the airplanes, that were available for viewing, were for sale.

Early in the show, a remote control model airplane performed for the audience, flying by and then shooting straight up into the sky at an incredible speed for such a small aircraft.

The model planes were brought to the show by the Bakersfield Airplane Radio Control club and were on display near the main entrance to Minter Field.

"This has been great. Usually in the past the crowds kind of walked through and that was about it, they didn't ask a lot of questions. A lot of people really seemed interested and not just in the models, in everything else," said Al Lockhart of Bakersfield, model owner and guest of BARK's.

"This model is an F-15 Eagle. It's about 19 years old. It's from an original Byron's kit," said Lockhart as he described the small plane, about as long as Lockhart was tall, that can reach speeds



of 140-145 mph. Byron Originals is a company that makes model airplanes.

"I've been here in the past, twice," said attendee Curtis Fago, age 15. Fago said that the bomber B-17, known as the 'Flying Fortress' was not there, "but other than that, it was some good stuff. The jets came back, they flew first this time instead of last. That's pretty much what I came for."

There were many vendors selling toy airplanes and military vehicles, drinks, food, dog tags, and assorted clothing apparel. Two clowns, known as Nosey and Claydoh even made an appearance, dressed to amuse and entertain as they made balloon animals for children near one of the entrances to the field.

Although some plane owners did charge appearance fees, many of the pilots and plane owners were not paid to take part in the air show. Instead, besides hospitality, the only thing they requested for their participation was fuel for their planes. That and their love for aviation, the preservation of history and to share it all with the public, was enough to motivate the pilots, owners and everyone else involved, in preparing and participating in the air show.



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Beeman brings sustainable agriculture to BC

By MARYANN KOPP
Attendees of Randal Beeman's presentation, "The Sustainable Path to Peace & Prosperity," were greeted with wine, cheese, and live piano music at the Bakersfield College Fireside Room on April 12.

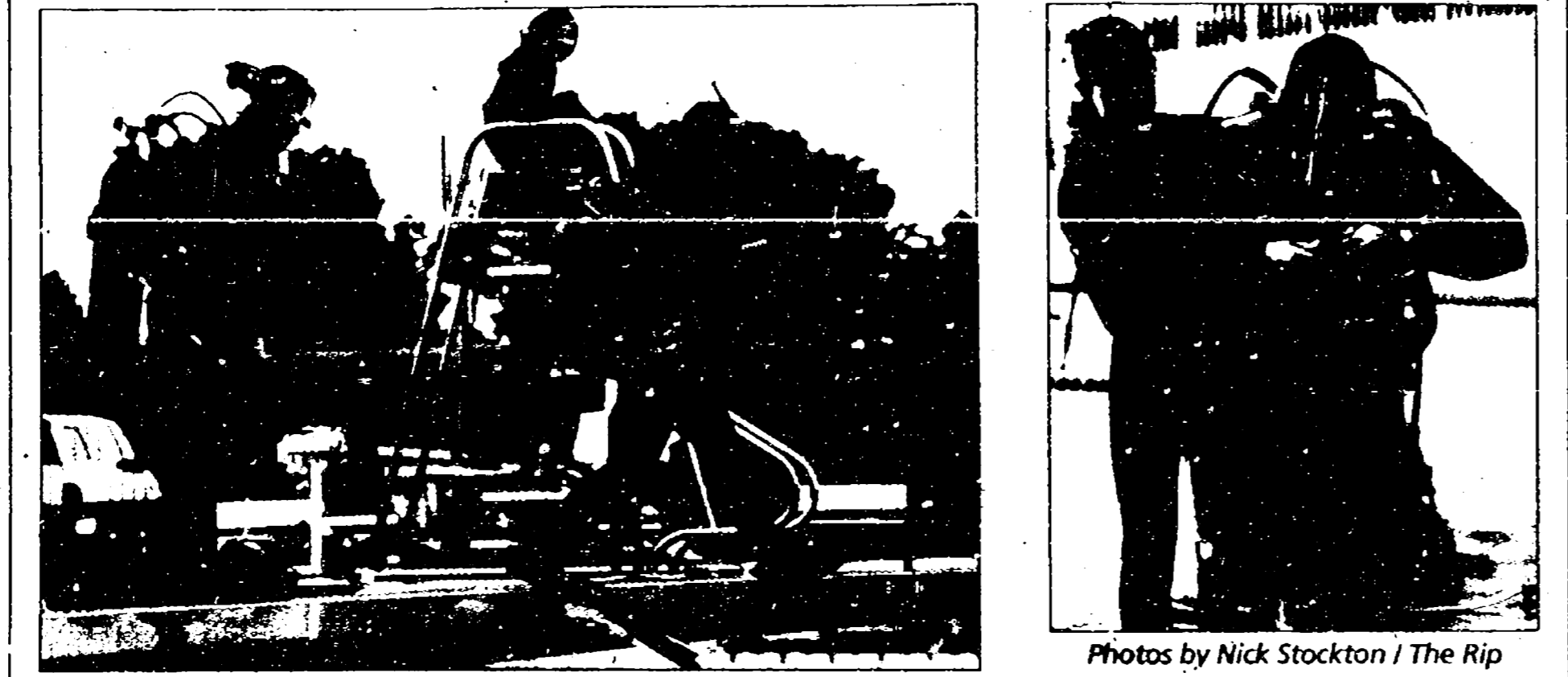
personal journey therein. Having worked on a family farm growing up and having come from generations of farmers, Beeman had a very well developed opinion regarding farming from a very young age.

Watching angry farmers protesting against the Land Grant College and the USDA by dumping truckloads of manure on his college campus while "calling out" the agriculture professors fueled Beeman's curiosity, as did myriad other instances.

Career Day to invade campus

A variety of businesses will come April 25, looking for potential employees. Expected to be the biggest Career Day ever at BC, Crawford recommends to dress appropriately, have a prepared resume, shake hands, get business cards and then follow up.

Scuba students immerse in lessons



Left: Scuba student Stephanie Gray watches as Gustavo Gonzalez takes his first fully suited dive into the BC pool. Right: Jasper Cardenas helps his dive partner Russell Rivas get his scuba gear on.

Death panel professors discuss the definition of death, life care in Fireside Room

Four Bakersfield College professors spoke in a panel discussion titled "The Meaning of Death & End of Life-Care" to a packed Fireside Room on April 23. Philosophy professors David Arthur and Reggie Williams spoke on the meaning of death, while nursing professors Michael Evans and Ray Purcell spoke on end of life-care.

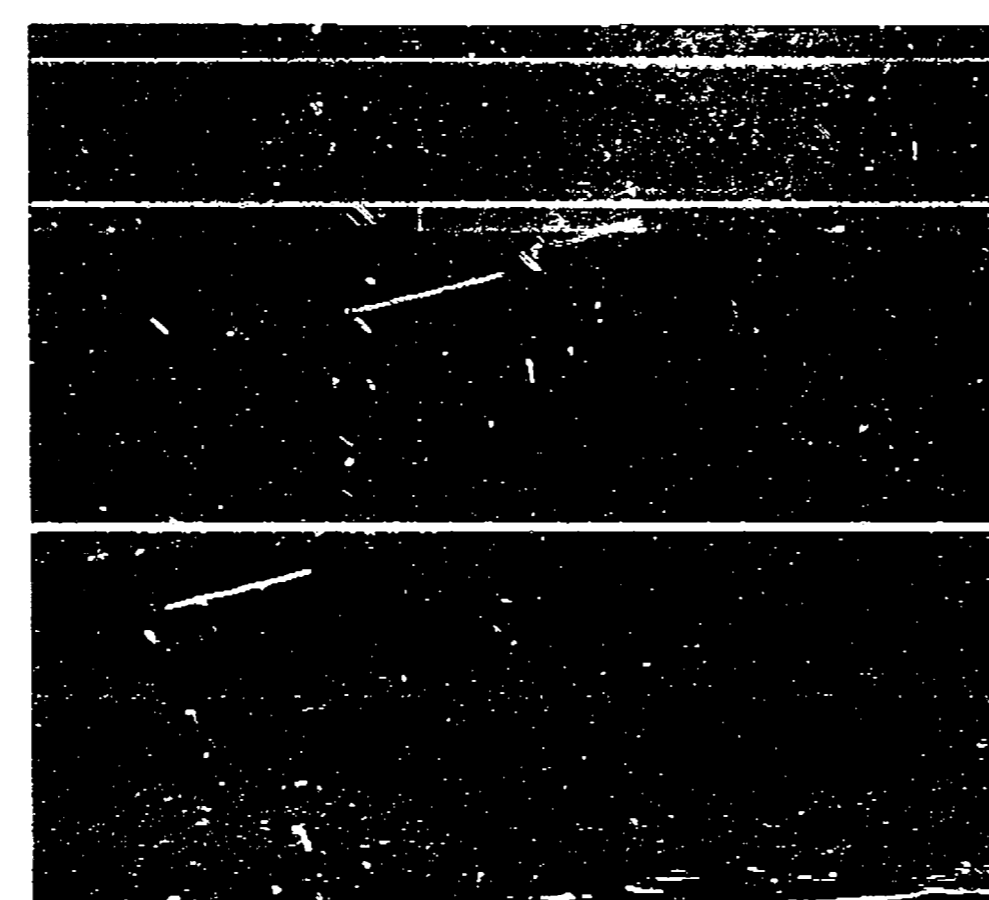
Arthur went through how the definition of death has "changed over the last 34 years." This discussion started back in 1852 with the invention of Bateson's Bellify, which was a clear example of how death was defined at the time - by the Cardio Pulmonary Standard, or CPS.

medical professionals are required to act in certain situations. One example presented by Michael Evans was that if a loved one suddenly has a heart attack or stroke and you call 911, the paramedics who arrive must, by law, do everything they can to keep the patient alive, and by calling 911, it is inferred that is exactly what is desired.

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues: 1 Down: In central England... 2 Across: A type of fish... 3 Down: A type of bird... 4 Across: A type of fruit... 5 Down: A type of vegetable...

Chagoya speaks about his artistic inspirations in center

By ANNA ROBLEDO
Mexican artist Enrique Chagoya spoke to a packed audience on April 19 in the Fine Arts building.



Chagoya speaks to students after his presentation in the Fine Arts building on April 19.

Chagoya went on to earn his bachelor's degree in political economics at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in 1975. Chagoya and his wife at the time later immigrated to the United States after she became quite ill.

Comment shows stereotype

"I'm from the Middle East, so I'm not used to this sort of thing, but I've been in similar situations," Jamal Alharghouti told CNN news agency. The "sort of thing" he is referring to is the shooting at Virginia Tech on April 16.

VT media coverage trivializes victims

The over-excessive coverage of the Virginia Tech massacre deadens the nation to the reality of the tragedy of the victims' deaths and the solemnness needed.

I don't know that such asinine copycat behavior can be avoided, but I do believe that the media's bleeding of the Virginia Tech story isn't going to help.

The tragedy at Virginia Tech is apparent and will plague the victims' families, the community of Blacksburg, Va., as well as the rest of the nation for a very long time. In my opinion, such a tragedy is only compounded by the media's incessant coverage of what is clearly a very fresh and volatile situation.

Besides the extreme nature of what took place at Virginia Tech, it's apparent to me that this does affect our own campus, and I feel it pertinent to ask just how safe we are at Bakersfield College, what precautions or plans are in place to protect us from something such as this?

I wish the media would help focus on that. I sincerely doubt that there's a single American that doesn't, by now, know what happened at Virginia Tech. Everyone involved in the response and assistance of the victims are heroes. The Virginia Tech students, faculty, law enforcement, emergency medical technicians, doctors, and even the whole community pulled together and did what they could in a horrific situation.

Daylight savings is unnecessary

According to physorg.com, daylight-saving time affects work habits. Hawaii and Arizona residents will likely shift their days forward, going to bed and getting up later.



Daylight-saving time. We can't just let our clocks be. Ever since I can remember I've been springing back and falling forward. I don't want to spring back and fall forward. At least we only have to change the clock twice a year.

Imus' comment pales in comparison to other groups

Don Imus calling the Rutgers basketball team "nappy-headed hoers" has no merit compared to everyday racial discrimination.

On April 4, Imus said, "They're some nappy-headed hoers" which caught everybody's attention.

Why are people still listening to music that promotes sex and drug use. There are far more things going around the world than just "name calling." Why not try to build a better future for the children waiting to be born?

'GAD FEEDBACK' section with reader comments and photos. Comments include: "I don't care, I just want..." and "I'm not exactly for it, but I'm not exactly against it..."

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REVIEWS

Kern 'Outskirts'

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There are a lot of little towns that make up the outskirts of Kern County. They all have their unique attractions and peculiarities to keep the citizens busy. By the same token, they are all very similar.

The most unifying feature among all of them is that they produce people who are tied to Bakersfield by proximity, but who are not defined by it.

- Shafter**
- Sno Fun**
101 Central Ave.
Sno Fun used to be the crown jewel of the Shafter Summer Hangout Trifecta. It stands alone as a monument to a forgotten era, because the other two landmarks, Front Row Pizza and Stringham Park have both fallen victim to development.
Sno Fun is such an important part of Shafter that their name is synonymous with their product. When Shafterians feel the heat of summer, they don't say to one another, "Let's go get some shaved ice!" Heck no, Shafterians say "Let's go get a sne fun."
- Brookside Deli**
123 Central Ave.
It's not really by a brook; it's by the tracks. But that adds to the atmosphere of this boutique-y sandwich shop. The service is quick, the girls are nice, and the price is reasonable.
- The Canals**
Okie skiing. If you grew up around canals, you know exactly what this means. It means waiting all winter for the next canal season to come around. It means buying booties and a wetsuit for riding during the winter.
It means trying to devise equipment that will keep the rope from dragging you toward the truck on shore as you are pulled at upward of 50 mph. It means getting trespassing tickets, getting chased by farmers and running from cops. It means getting excited when they release water from the dam at Lake Isabella so that the water is extra high. Mostly it means being able to have fun, no matter where you grew up.
- Foxy Lady**
308 State Ave.
The name sounds like a strip club, and

maybe it is that misconception that leads to so much longing by the Shafter youth to get in.

- Wasco**
- Wasco Union High School Auditorium**
1900 Seventh Street
For all their faults (the main one being the actual building of Wasco Union High School), the Wascolian leaders of the past got one thing right, and that was building a very classy auditorium. Anyone who has had the pleasure of attending a concert there knows that the awesome acoustics are almost wasted on its location.
- Blue Cube**
747 Seventh St.
Sometimes I get to hankering for a teriyaki burger. The problem is, I know that I am going to spend about 20 minutes for those kids at Country Boy to get me my order. No more! It is worth venturing into the lion's den that is Wasco in order to get a more punctual teriyaki burger that might just be better than the Country Boy version.
- Amtrak Station**
700 G St.
If you ever want to fulfill your Jack Kerouac fantasies by jumping a train at the dusty, lonesome Amtrak station in Wasco, you are on the right track.
It is a perfect setting for such a literary-based adventure. Just don't take the train south, because having to stop in Bakersfield and ride a bus the rest of the way to Los Angeles really ruins the romance of the whole deal.



A bed of roses that make Wasco famous runs in between the sidewalk leading to the Wasco Union High School Auditorium. Also seen are the distinctive Arabian-style arches in the entryway.

- Margarita Monday Party** to the next level.
- Old River**
The Monte Carlo
Corner of Taft Highway and Old River Road
Old River is the best town to be from if you are going to write a country song about your hometown. Getting drunk at the Monte Carlo is probably the best place to actually write the song on a dirty, tear-stained napkin.
For those who are not going to be country singers, the Monte Carlo is a good place to cool off after taking your little skater brother up Taft to impress to skate park honeys.
- Root Beer King**
11000 Main St.
One thing about having a really regal sounding name is that you have to back it up. The King of Root Beers should either be the guy who makes his own root beer, or serves a variety of delicious root beers from other brewers. That said, don't go naming yourself the Root Beer King if you are only going to serve Mug Root Beer.
- Lenny's Pizza**
10401 Main St.
Every one of these small towns has a version of Lenny's Pizza. In Shafter, it is Tony's
- The Foxy Lady is the most popular of the few waterholes in Shafter.**
- Pizza, and in McFarland it is Maria's. They all have the same features: named after someone, sassy girls behind the counter, and delicious, cheesy pizza.
Lenny's is the winner of these because of the flaky crust and the massive patio.



The Foxy Lady is the most popular of the few waterholes in Shafter.



Right: A massive welded sculpture of a horse stands at the entrance to the yard behind Bugni's Hardware in Pumpkin Center. Far Right: The flora of Buck's Landscape Materials.

Thorogood and the Destroyers come to party

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Above: George Thorogood accepts cheers from the audience near the end of the show at the majestic Fox Theater on April 12. Right: Thorogood plays a riff while exciting the crowd.

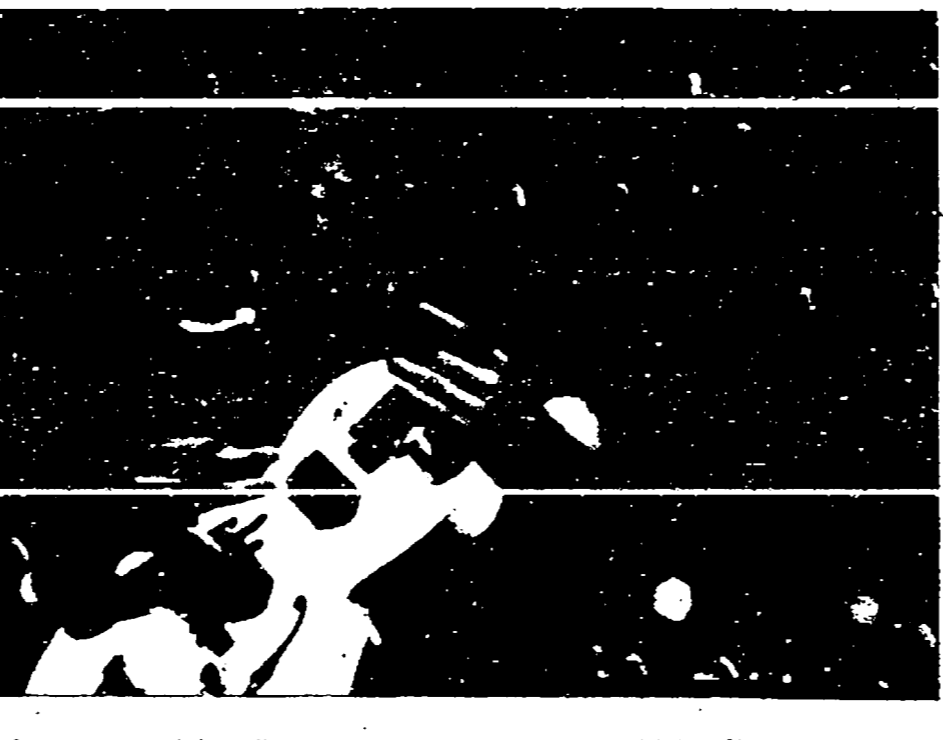
"I'm going to try everything in my power to get arrested tonight," said George Thorogood at the Fox Theater April 12.

He might have if it was a private party and everyone let go of their inhibitions; however, fans gathered even with their children to witness George Thorogood and The Destroyers let go of their inhibitions.

Instead of fire and smoke, Thorogood impressed the audience with his performance, his personality, and his music that he is famous for: rock 'n' roll blues.

This unique mixture of genres made this band "The Best Bar Band," which was displayed high through some of his songs.

It was all seats in the theater, but after a few songs, it became all floor. People stood and began dancing to



their favorites.

"One bourbon, one scotch, and one beer!" everyone in the audience chanted, including myself, singing along to the song.

However, in between songs, people screamed for "Bad to the Bone" and after anticipation had built, Thorogood planted the rock hit on us.

Even if one has never heard the name George Thorogood, most have heard this song. The song is a one-of-a-kind.

Not only were the songs fun and nostalgic, Thorogood was also a sight to see.

Let's get dirty; Let's get nasty, he would say and then get into one of his famous guitar riffs, holding his guitar high above his head while still playing.

He would also inspire people to dance by dancing himself. Quick spins and small rhythmic steps made the audience roar with excitement.

He even disappeared a few times, one time into the audience. Those who could not see, including myself, thought something was wrong. However, he reappeared claiming the girls

SPORTS



Above: Rip reporter Earl Parsons, wearing yellow Hawaiian print shorts, is in the middle of the action as the Rio Bravo 5k run begins. Below right: Parsons splashes himself with water as he passes one of the water stations during his run.

Balls To The Wall: 5k Race

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Insert fat joke here.

Let's just put it this way: I've never met a tray of enchiladas that I didn't like. I am out of shape. As a matter of fact, I really am no shape. My gut resembles an armchair shaking its flag off through your drinking water.

So when I was approached with the idea of running a five-kilometer race (which is approximately 3.1 miles for those who don't speak metric), needless to say I was a little scared. I hadn't even run a mile since the last time I had physical education as a sophomore in high school. That D grade kept me .05 grade points away from earning a 4.0 GPA (thanks a lot Mr. Burt).

Luckily, Rip Photo Editor Erik Aguilar was there as my motivational coach. As a runner and an Iraqi war veteran, he knew how to deal with lethargic recruits. However, I didn't have to be the Private Pyle to his Sergeant Carter necessarily.

When we got to the Bakersfield Track Club Rio Bravo 5K and 10 Miler, I felt a little out of place. All the thirty-something suburbanites talking about fabric softeners and their dogs' favorite chew toys were a little bit too "Leave It To Beaver" for my taste. Everyone was pretty nice, however, and recognized by the shape of my love handles that I was a newbie.

I signed up, mooched the money for my entrance fee off of Erik and waited for him to run the 5K by himself before the race even started. He came back in 20 minutes and appeared unscathed and still wearing his sweatshirt. I was simply amazed.

Everyone around me was stretching for the race, so I figured I might as well do so myself. However, I knew no stretches and just simply copied what everyone was doing, earning some strange looks at the same time.

Erik noticed that I had pinned my race number on like a picture frame after an earthquake and had to put it on me right like my mother would probably have to.

Attached to my gut, it resembled



I finished the race in 43 minutes, 52 seconds. I didn't realize how slow this was until the first place winner in the ten-mile race finished five minutes after I did. However, I placed 22nd out of 23 racers, so someone was actually slower than I was.

For finishing third place in my age group, of which there were three, I was given a red Bakersfield Track Club cloth, which I believe is supposed to be a bandanna. That and the sleeveless shirt I raced in make two things I can show my descendants as proof that I actually ran in a race once.

Spanking their way to finals

Hauling it in

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Campus editor

Bakersfield College's men's and women's tennis teams have given their opponents the backhand and the forehead; both teams spanked their opponents at their respective WSC tournaments April 19-21.

The doubles team of Marc Johns and Matt Greer defeated the Santa Barbara team of Millholland and King 6-0, 6-1. Johns and Greer qualified for the So Cal regionals. Johns defeated Glendale College's Norik Ohtsuka 6-1, 4-0 and qualified for So Cal's singles. Johns and Greer seeded fourth in doubles. Jake Desnie and Josh Halpin seeded 9 in doubles.

The men's team will go to the Ojai Tournament April 26-29. So Cal will take place on May 3-5. State will take place May 10-12.

According to BC's women's tennis Coach Gene Lundquist, Amy Cowen and Jacqueline Lebeck made it to the third round and qualified to go to So Cal for the singles.

"Our competitiveness has really improved from our early season," Lundquist said.

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BC's Ashleigh Pryor catches a fly ball April 17 against LA Mission the softball team won 14-0. Their record at press time stands 29-12 overall, 19-5 in the Western State Conference after their 6-1 win over Glendale April 19.

Men, women qualify to be champs

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Sports editor

Last Friday and Saturday, many of the Bakersfield College track and field team members qualified to compete in the Western State Conference championships while they were at Moorpark and College of the Canyons. The women remain undefeated at 13-0.

The WSC championships will take place April 28 at BC's Memorial Stadium. The field events start at 11 a.m., and the running events start at 4 p.m.

"Our goal was to get as many people as we could to qualify," said Coach Dave Frickle.

Anakia Jackson qualified for the King 6-0, 6-1. Johns and Greer qualified for the BC women. Jackson came in second for hurdles and third in the 400 hurdles. She also qualified in the 100, long jump, shot put and javelin. Andrea Jackson won the 400 and qualified seventh in the 200.

"I'm (coach Kelly) was pleased as far as women's performances go. It was nice and refreshing that most everyone made it," said Frickle. "The only disappointing thing was one guy that pulled his hamstring Brandon Bones got shot down during the hurdles race. It was a little disappointing."

Tyreece Lee and Attrial Snipes were among the top qualifiers for the men. Lee came in first for long jump and was fifth in the 100, while Snipes came in fifth in the 400 and sixth in the 200.

"Everyone that qualified will be out there training," said Frickle.

LaShay Bagsby practices her javelin throw at practice. Bagsby won at College of the Canyons to qualify for championships.

SPORTS

Pugilistic police duke it out for a good cause

■ Battle of the Badges puts colleagues against each other to raise money for Bakersfield Police Activities League.

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Law enforcement officers from all over Kern County brawled it out at the 13th annual Battle of the Badges event at the Bakersfield Dome.

The Battle of the Badges, coordinated by the Bakersfield Police Department's Police Activities League, is one of the biggest fundraisers that BPAL has all year, according to Sgt. Chad Jackman, BPAL director.

BPAL provides athletic and educational programs to children at no cost in an effort to keep kids from engaging in criminal behavior.

BPAL's facilities on 301 E. 4th St. are open from Monday to Friday 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., depending on the program, and on Saturdays for the boy scouts and soccer programs.

According to BPAL's mission statement, "BPAL targets at risk youth in high crime neighborhoods.

Through BPAL's quality programs in education, athletics, and social development, we strive to teach children to become successful, responsible, and caring individuals."

There were 11 fights, each lasting three rounds.

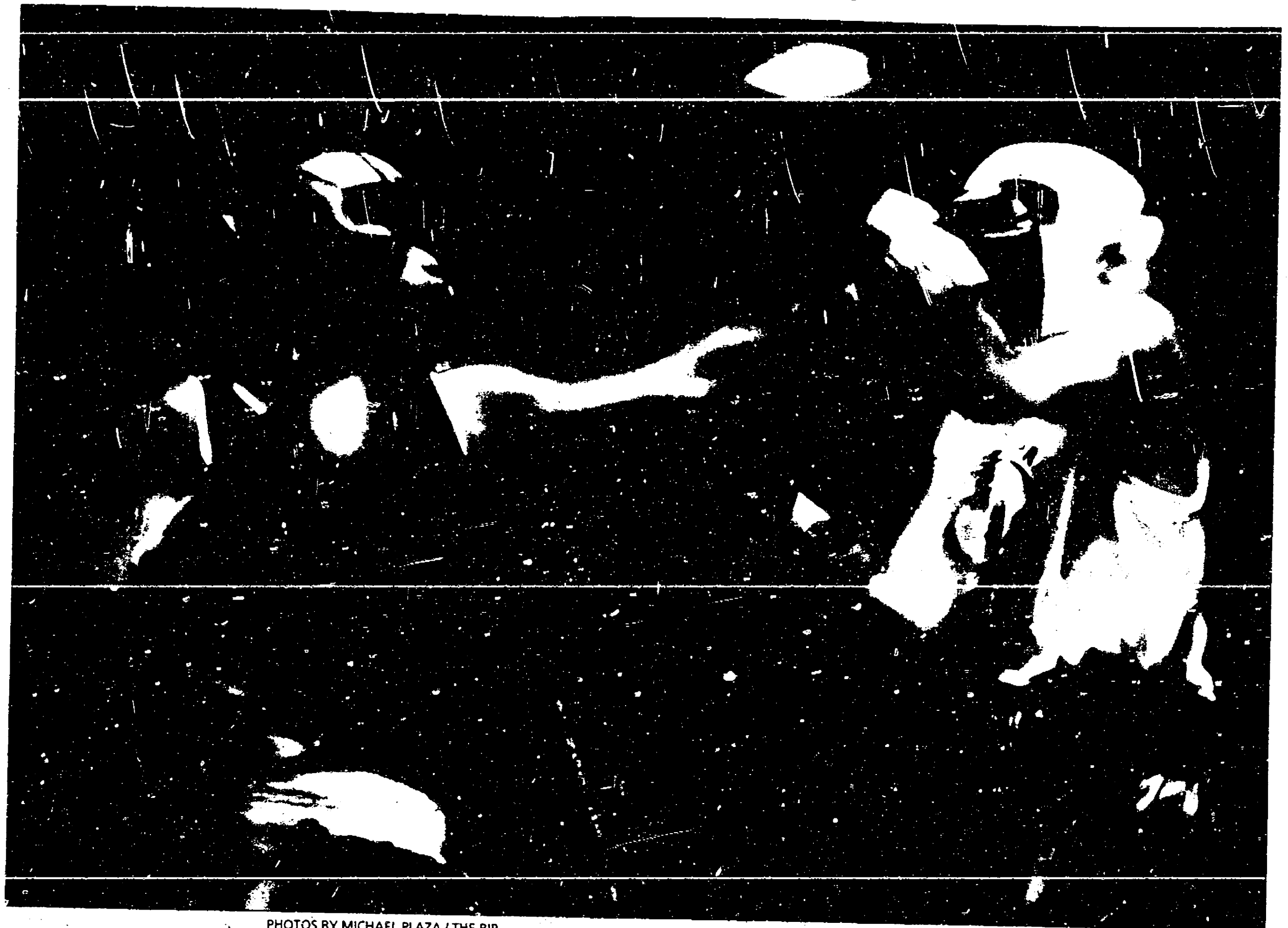
The announcer was KRAB radio DJ "Meathead" and the referee for each match was Mike Dallas, BPAL boxing coach and recreation coordinator.

The first fight, which was between BPAL girls Iliana Portillo and Lilianna Almaguer, was called a draw after three rounds.

Chris Knutson of the BPD knocked out Corey Beilby of the Taft Police Department in one round during the second match. Jessey Esposito of the Probation Department also knocked out his opponent, Chance Williams of the District Attorney's Office, in the first round.

In the fourth match between Eric Medrano of Probation and Louis Ortega of the California Department of Corrections, the audience began repeatedly chanting "Laredo," the name of the minimum-security facility located on the outskirts of town. Medrano won a unanimous decision against Ortega after three rounds. Darnacio Diaz of the BPD won a three-round decision against Julio Martinez of Probation in the fifth round.

BPAL boys Anthony Agüero and Julio Casas fought in the first match after the intermission. The match was



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Above: Julio Casas' jab connects with Anthony Agüero April 14 at the Dome. Right: Julio Casas gets taped before his fight.

declared a draw.

Mike Hale of the BPD knocked out Mark Jackson of the Kern County Sheriff's Department in the second round to win the seventh match.

The eighth match between Louie Salas of Probation and Jose Aceves of CDC was easily the most contested and the greatest crowd pleaser. Salas was declared the winner after a three-round decision.

Anthony Swanson of the CDC defeated Jaime Rodarte of Probation in one round. Tommy Howell of the CDC beat Mike Liljeroos of the California Highway Patrol in two rounds, and Jerry Miranda of the CDC beat Richard Figueroa of Probation in the second round to finish the event.

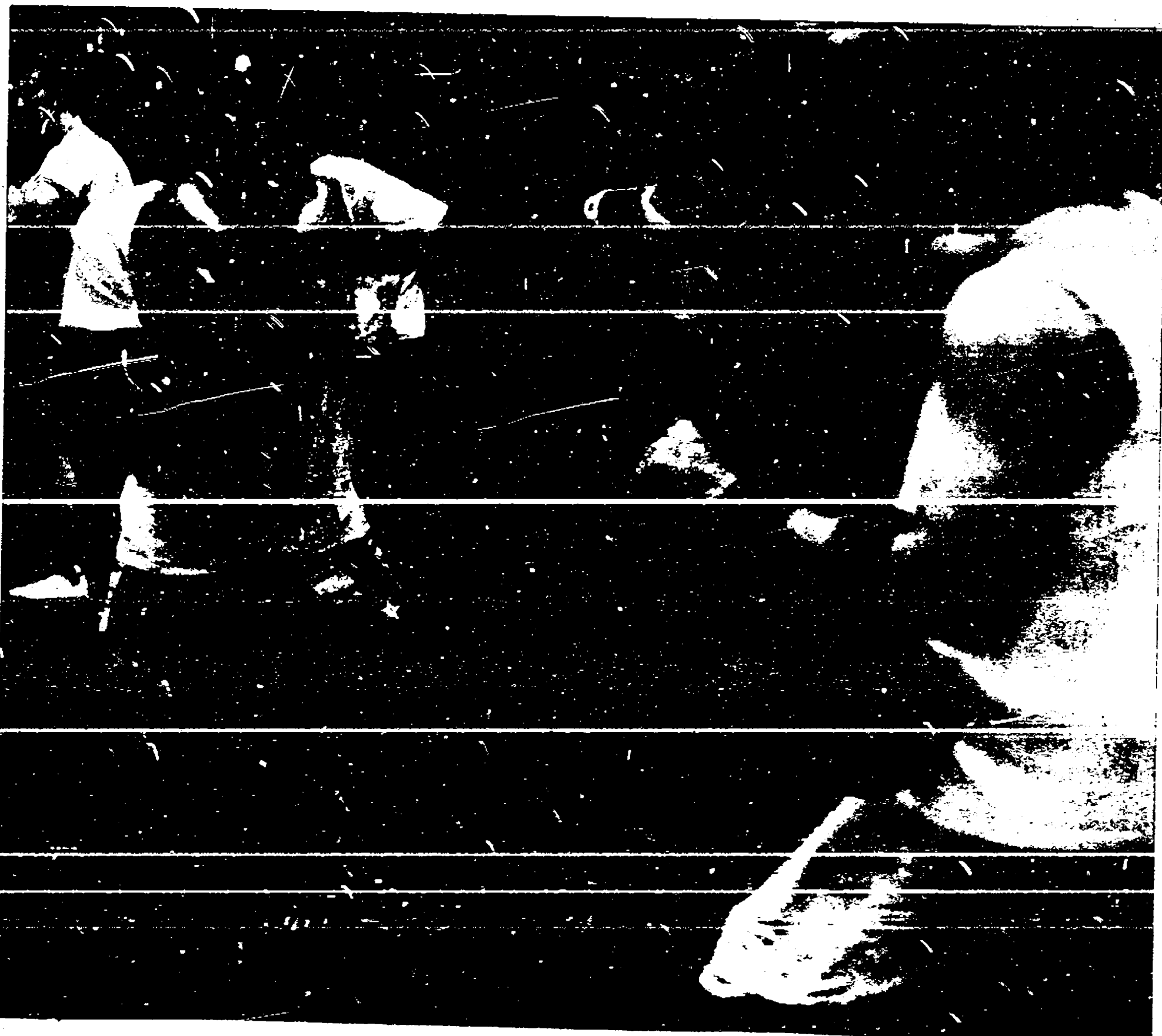
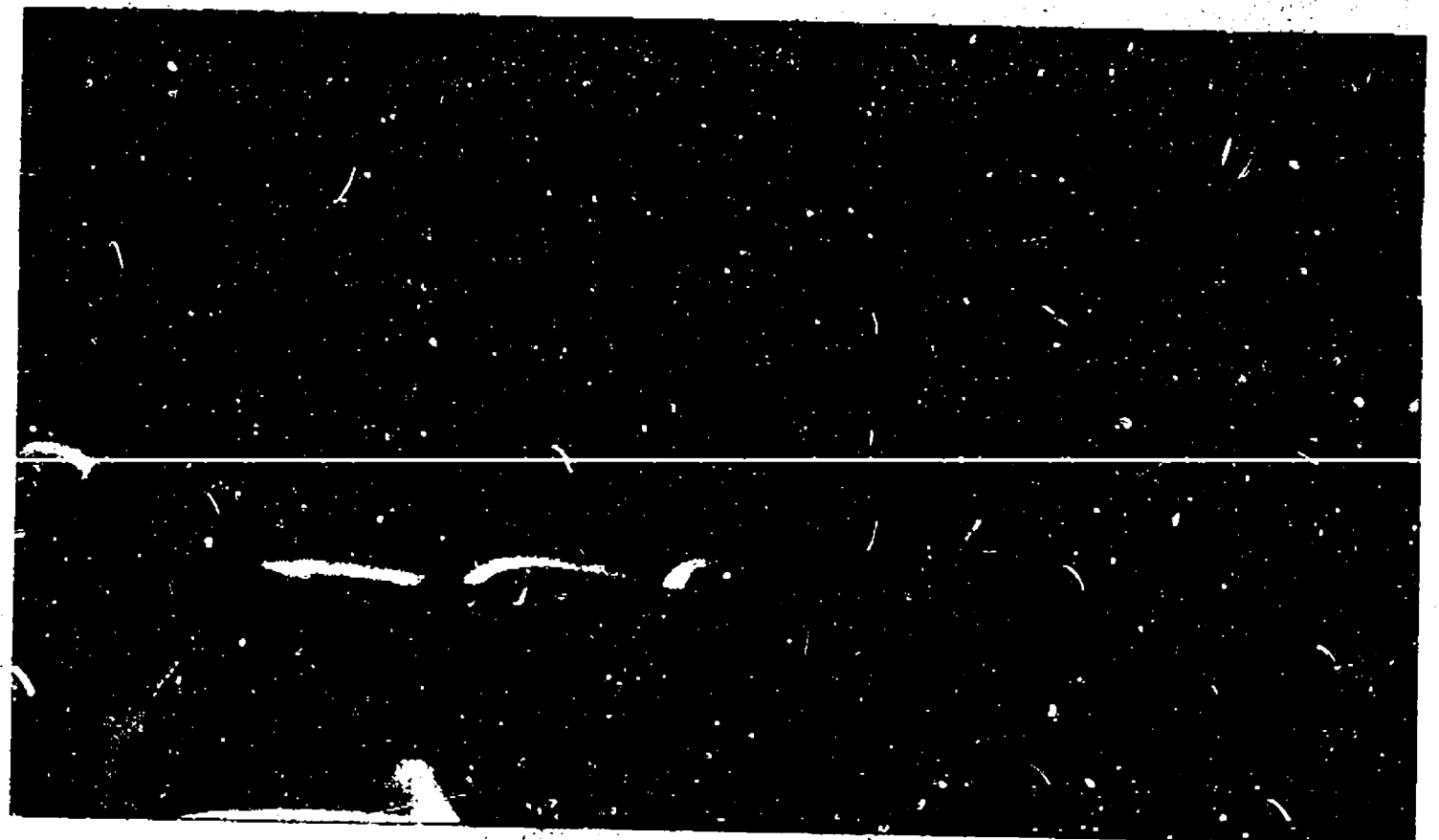
Among those present at the Battle

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of the Badges were Kern County sheriff Donny Youngblood, KFRQ channel 23 broadcaster Mike Hart and BPD chief Phil Rector, who opened with the story of a Eric South, a BPD officer who sustained wounds from chasing a suspect with a knife.

"This guy is a true fighter," said Rector.



English and communication major Bryson Paul trains in Muay Thai April 23 at Eric Nolen Extreme Martial Arts and fitness.

ERIK AGUILAR / THE RIP

BC student a knockout

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Bryson Paul, 23, is an English and communication major at BC and is currently training in the martial art called Muay Thai.

Muay Thai is an eastern style of kickboxing using elbows, shins, hands and feet. According to Paul, "it's one of the more popular martial arts in the world."

It is different from traditional kickboxing because, according to Paul, "you use your shins a lot more, it's not just a regular kick in Muay Thai it's more like a soccer kick were you use all your shin."

Although Paul is still in training, he has been attending many competitions around California. These tour-

naments are called "smokes."

Paul became interested in this art as a child who would attend classes; however, due to circumstances, he couldn't finish. He then told himself that he would go back and recently joined the gym and started training.

Paul said this is something he would want to go into professionally because it gives you the opportunity to see the world and see things you never would experience.

Paul encourages others to get involved in this art. He says that "anybody" that watches those kung fu movies... it's not hard once you get in there and become part of it; it becomes natural. It's like you're part of something bigger than yourself."

Paul is currently training three times a week at Eric Nolen Extreme Martial Arts and Fitness.

English and communication major Bryson Paul someday hopes to compete in Muay Thai kickboxing at a professional level.

