

BC tennis players prep for new season

By Julian Moore
Reporter

The Bakersfield College women's tennis team was rained out of their first scrimmage of the season against Fresno City and as a result, was rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 1.

Head coach Gene Lundquist was looking forward to getting the team out to see what they can do in a live situation.

"Well, obviously it's the first match of the year and I just want to see how they perform under pressure," Lundquist said.

"Things change a bit when you actually get in a real match as opposed to hitting with each other."

The team has nine players on the team that coach Lundquist feels are all close in talent.

"From top to bottom, we're all just about equal, [and] that's how you win, by being strong from top to bottom."

Megan Pate-Raphael is the Renegade's number one seed, followed by sophomores Jessica Burrow at two and Emily Camal at three, freshman Katja Thacker is fourth and Jaylin Chan rounding out the top five. But coach Lundquist isn't sure if it will stay that way.

"That's all in a state of flux, you know, depending on how we do in the first half of the year."

"We always have a good team but this year especially, we're really deep. We're all the same level so our 1-8 could all beat each other any given day," added Emily Camal.

The team has one major goal in mind for the season, to win conference, and the players know it's going to take a lot of work.

"We haven't done that for several years and we really want to, so we hopefully will this year," said Lundquist.

Burrow said, "I really got to step up my game this season because our goal is to win conference."

Last year BC came in second in conference to Cuesta, but the school has recently dropped their tennis program.

"I'm disappointed we won't get a chance to bat them since we took second place to them the last two years," said Lundquist. "Ventura will be tough and Glendale, [while] Santa Barbara and Santa Monica in the past have been a little bit down but who knows."

Pate-Raphael, who took last year off from tennis, feels the team was a bit deeper at doubles two seasons ago but still believes the team is strong throughout the ladder and with the departure of Cuesta, will win conference.

Coach Lundquist said the team has adopted their motto from former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, "We never ever give up," he went on to add, "we also teach total sportsmanship here and our team has a reputation of comporting themselves in a way Bakersfield College can be proud of. And I'm really proud of that."

The team is also going to be playing on courts that have recently been resurfaced, the first time in 20 years.

After the Fresno scrimmage the team plays Sierra College and Fresno City on Feb. 6 and home against Glendale on April 6. and at the Ojai tournament which most of the team is looking forward to.



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Bakersfield College number two seed sophomore Jessica Burrow serves against number four seed freshman Katja Thacker, in a challenge match on Jan. 30 at BC. Burrow won and retains her number two seed on the team.

Michael Morrow
Sports editor

The Bakersfield College men's tennis team is ready to start off strong after a fourth-place finish in the Western State Conference.

Head Coach Regina Csibi-Krueger spoke about how the team has to do more in order to accomplish some of their goals, and what they expect out of the conference.

"The conference is always hard, but we feel we always have a chance. Ventura is generally the best team in the conference, so we try and match what they do as far as wins," said Csibi-Krueger. "We can do it. We have pretty good depth. We don't have any one outstanding, but we still have expectations of the lower players to play well."

The Renegades first match was against College of the Sequoias on Friday Jan. 29 at home. The team's number one player, Nick Jacobs, won the match 7-5, 6-2. and the team's number two player, James Griffin won his match 6-0, 6-1. The team's only returner and number three player, Matt Booth, won his match 6-0, 6-1 also.

In doubles, the team was far enough ahead in overall total matches that they had the ability to change the order of which teams played against COS first team.

Booth spoke about facing off against COS. "It was a good first match as a team. We had an ego about beating them last year, so I'm glad to get the win," said Booth. "It was just a good first win."

Jacobs spoke about the win

and what the team accomplished right away.

"It was a good win. I'm a freshman, so I was a bit nervous. I'm glad that we got out to an early lead. It definitely helped us gain confidence," said Jacobs.

As for how the team expects to do the rest of the way, several players commented on what they expect and what they see happening down the road.

"We play in a tough conference, we have Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Glendale, so hopefully we can do well," said Booth. "I think we can manage to place 3 or 4, just because the level of competition in the conference, plus we don't have the advantage of playing some of the teams we thought we would be able to beat, because some don't have teams any more."

Ryan Grisso, the team's number five player, talked about the same subject.

"I really don't know. Last year they [the team] did not [do] the best, but we have a much stronger team this year, so I think we can do much better," said Grisso.

Booth talked about what he was doing to help his incoming teammates and how he felt about being the only returner.

"It's a little scary, but we have some good incoming freshman, so we should be ok," said Booth. "Just talking to them about what they should expect, and how they can improve their games by the end of the year, for the Ojai tournament."

The Renegades are 1-0 on the season and will face Fresno City College in a rescheduled game Monday Feb. 1 and Saddleback College Tuesday Feb. 2 at home.

BC gets off on the right foot

TRACK AND FIELD | Coaches get runners ready for season at Antelope Valley College; high hopes for returning sophomores and freshmen

Michael Morrow
Sports editor

The Bakersfield College men's and women's track and field teams are getting ready to start the season and are hoping to have a productive year.

With several members that head coaches Dave Frickel and Pam Kelley say are athletes to look out for, the Renegades feel they are in good shape to make a good run at the top three of the Western State Conference.

Frickel has Robert Quintero, Conrad Dahl, Brandon Gooden, and Darien Moore as members he is expecting to do well.

As for Kelley, she is expecting good things from Dyaneca Adams, Chanel Reaves, Ashley Weber, Ashley Colbert and Chelsea Cassulo.

The Renegades' first meet was at Antelope Valley College for an All Comers event on Jan. 30.

The team used this meet as a warm up for the season and only hopes to improve from this meet.

Frickel spoke about his comparison of last year's team as compared to this year's team.

"I think we're much stronger in both the men's and women's program this year."

"We had a lot of freshmen last year and with this much experience coming back, we should have a real good shot at making the post season, Southern Cal pre-lims, finals and state meet," said Frickel.

Kelley talked about what the team has done to improve from last season.

"We started a little bit earlier with competition which will get everybody going a little bit better and so we should see more improvement a lot earlier and throughout the season," said Kelley.

Kelley went on to talk about how she expects the team to do for the rest of the upcoming year.

"We just want to move our players to the next level. That's the main goal, is to get our athletes into the next level of their lives," said Kelley.

"And in order to do that, we have to go out here and just perform well."

We got off to a good start, so we will see how things go from here."

Frickel was asked about his expectations of the team in the first couple of meets, and he talked about the first meets as a sort of warm up for the conference meets.

"The first couple of meets are real low-key, and we're really not looking for any real good performances for about another month," said Frickel.

"Some of them are in pretty good shape, some of them aren't, so we'll find out about ourselves real quickly."

"If the kids perform well, then great," continued Frickel. "We're just hoping that at the end of February they start to round into shape. We should start to see the good performances around then."

On Feb. 6 and 13, the teams travel to Northridge and to the Pomona Pitzer Feb. 20.

Women's basketball faces issues

Natalie Rodriguez
Reporter

On Jan. 23, the Bakersfield College women's basketball team went into overtime but came up short against Santa Monica College.

Coach Paula Dahl talked about the Jan. 23 loss.

"I was quite pleased with our efforts against Santa Monica. Our issue has been the same all season, which is we don't dominate the boards like we should," said Dahl.

Santa Monica took a three-point lead within the first two minutes of the game, and continued to lead for the first half. Sophomore guard Julianne Thomas commented on number 25 Newell and number 32 Danganan of Santa Monica.

"Those were two really good players, I think the game would have been different without them, and for us we wouldn't have had to worry about stopping them so much," said Thomas.

Freshman guard Alexi Smith also talked about the two players and said, "They lead their team. If they weren't in the game it would have been a completely different game, but I'm proud of my team."

Thomas and Smith got BC on the board with a layup and a few 3-pointers to make the score 18-7 with 9:30 left in the first half.

Smith then scored for her team by her free throw shots, and soon after got the rebound from Santa Monica and made two 3-pointers back to back. Sophomore guard Ashlee Taira also made a three pointer with 40 seconds left in the first half to make the score 25-21.

The Renegades ended the first half behind at halftime 27-23. In the second half, BC came back more aggressively as did Santa



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Bakersfield College's Kaileigh Christensen (left) plays against Santa Monica on Jan. 23 at BC.

Monica. Freshman guard Kaileigh Christensen made two free throws at the four minute mark to then have BC only behind by four points.

With three minutes left in the second half, Smith made both of her free throws to help BC get back into the race with a two-point deficit.

The score was tied at 52 at the two-minute mark, and with one minute left, Christensen gave BC their first lead of the second half by two points to make the score 54-52.

commented on the game tying shot, "I was very excited when we came out of time out with 8.5 seconds left and the team executed exactly what was asked of them to put the game into overtime," said Dahl.

She talked about the last five minutes of the game before overtime how BC took control of the board and how the roles reversed in overtime.

"The last five minutes of regulation, Santa Monica College couldn't make a shot and we dominated the boards. In overtime that reversed, we had problems scoring and they dominated the boards, but after our game the night before, I was pleased with our performance. We were a completely different team than we were at Los Angeles Valley College," said Dahl.

The Renegades then traveled to Glendale on Jan. 27 to take on Glendale College. BC won a tight game 73-71.

"We dominated the first half and the second half," Dahl said. "Glendale found their shot and we struggled with the boards once again."

In a close game BC was able to get back on track after Glendale started putting points up on the board.

"BC once again executed what was asked of them in the timeout, allowing us to get the ball in and win the game," said Dahl.

Julie Thomas led the team with nine rebounds, Smith led the team with 16 points and five blocks and Ashlee Taira led with five assists and four steals.

On Jan. 30, BC played against Citrus College and lost by 14 points with a final score of 70-56.

Smith led the team with 12 rebounds and 14 points and one block, Taira led with four assists and three steals.

RIP NATION "Who is going to win the Super Bowl and why?"

Editor's note: Rip Nation is a feature that highlights Bakersfield College's athletes' opinions.



Alexi Smith, women's basketball: "I don't know who's going to win, but I'm going for the Colts because it's my little brother's team."



Erika Collier, women's basketball: "I don't even know who's playing, isn't it the Saints? OK, I'll say them."



Katja Thacker, women's tennis: "Saints, because I like Reggie Bush."



Jessica Burrow, women's tennis: "I don't care, because tennis is the best sport ever."



Adam Pritchard, swimming: "Saints, because it's their first one but I'm going to be realistic and say Colts."

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Team has high hopes

By Julian Moore
Reporter

Bakersfield College's baseball team will start the season hosting a tournament with an opening game against Irvine Valley on Feb. 4.

Renegades head coach Tim Painton feels they have improved in every aspect of the game and this is in large part due to having the luxury of playing a full season at home.

"Everything will improve over last year," he said.

"Last year we played 38 home games on the road and that's just not how baseball is meant to function."

The Renegades are bringing back 14 players from a team that went just 11-17 in conference with an overall record of 13-27-1 and Painton is looking for them to "just be better than last year."

He attributes some of the rocky freshman play last season to the difference of talent from high school athletics, but acknowledged that the players went through a lot of growth over the previous season and is pleased with his team.

"We've seen that [growth] throughout the fall. So we're happy with our returning players and what they've done," he said.

"As far as our current freshmen, its going to be a learning experience as well for them because game situations and the caliber of play we're going to see is different than they've played against in the past," Painton said.

Sophomore shortstop Joe Ramirez knows what it's like to be a freshman on a collegiate level team as he recalled, "Last year I was a little nervous, I got to admit, but I'm going to be there helping them through everything and lead by example. Hopefully people will follow."

Sophomore first baseman/pitcher Art Charles feels another area of the team's



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Greg Fowler throws a pitch during a simulated game in the newly renovated Dean and Adah Gay Sports Complex.

Bakersfield College's baseball and softball teams are inviting everyone to the ribbon cutting and the grand reveal of the newly finished Dean and Adah Gay Sports Complex on Feb. 4. The games following are free.

improvements is in the clubhouse.

"Team chemistry is just off the charts right now. We've grown so much as a team over the summer, so there's just not much we need to do. We're already doing it," he said.

Charles added, "I have a good feeling about this year, Final Four is calling our name."

The Renegades will also be without outfielder Jarret Martin, who hit .331 with 11 home runs (a BC record) and was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles.

"I think overall we'll have a better offense, a more balanced offense," Painton said. "You know its tough to replace 10 home runs, but we have some guys in our lineup that are capable of doing that, so we'll see what happens."

"I think offensively we've got a good ball club. I really like our pitching. I think we'll play good defense. You have to do

all three of those things in baseball to win.

So I think we're a pretty well rounded ball club that has good balance and depth," Painton added.

The Renegades pitching staff gave up an average of just above five runs a game and is coming around this season. The team has 12 right-handed and two left-handed pitchers.

Pitcher Greg Fowler said of the team, "We've improved as a group, greater than last year [and] sooner. Last year, we were behind at this time but I think the team really gelled together and we've improved faster over the course of time."

Fowler said he is ready to show what his pitches can do and throw his "be" ball which will as he said, "Be where I want it to be."

Through all the changes over the summer, the Renegades feel that they ready to get the season underway and distance themselves from a rocky season last year. The Renegades have a doubleheader later this month, Feb. 20. They also play College of the Canyons on March 20 at home and at COC on the 23.

Softball will play at home

By Natalie Rodriguez
Reporter

The 2010 Bakersfield College softball team is more than ready to start the new season, especially now that BC has a new field to call its own.

"We are very excited for the new field," said coach Sandi Taylor. "We played off campus last year, and it was a nightmare so we are excited beyond belief. I'm also anxious to see how our players respond to the newness of the season because these players have never played at BC at our home field, under our lights, with our crowd, with the environment before and it's a great collegiate environment."

Sophomore left fielder Jessica Newton-Smith said, "The best part about the new field is not having to take everything and set it up, so it's a lot easier and I think it will help bring our team together and our attitudes will be better before and after games."

When asked if the new field would help the team step up their game, Taylor said, "Yes, I think so because last year we played in a facility that was not adequate to a collegiate team, and just the whole demeanor we will have daily and the pride you feel in your home facility, and having your home field makes a huge difference in how you play."

The new softball field, named Dean and Adah Gay Sports Complex, was made possible by a \$250,000 donation from the Gay family. Dean and Adah Gay are related to BC through their granddaughter Trish Gay, who works at BC as a softball assistant coach.

"It's a great opportunity to have a field like this," Trish Gay said. "My grandparents were huge community people always giving back so hopefully they appreciate this. It's just a fantastic opportunity to have."

"It's a special feeling for us and for her and her family to be involved," said Taylor.

Mayor Harvey Hall will be at the opening game for the ribbon-cutting along with BC's first-ever pitcher and catchers Mary Valenti and Michelle Saroiberry, who will throw out the

first pitch in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of BC softball. The opponent for the night is Fresno City College. Fresno was in the playoffs last year and is extremely talented.

"We have our hands full with this opponent, but we are excited to get this season going and just be in our own environment and comfort zone," said Taylor.

BC will also host the state tournament in the middle of May and will continue to be the home field for that event for the next five years.

This year, the softball team has 13 returning players. "The returning players will have to lead and show the way for the new players," said Taylor.

Sophomore first baseman and pitcher Joni Lagerston said her expectations for this year are to do well. "I think everyone's really excited, I feel we have a lot of fire behind us and everyone wants to do well this year, come out with a bang and we have our own field."

The expectations for this year are, "really high and everyone wants to be in the state championship games, and it's our goal. The bar is set higher on purpose," said Taylor.

Newton-Smith also commented on her expectations for this upcoming season.

"I expect more wins than last year, just because we will have more of a home field advantage and especially with all the sophomores here, I think it will help bring us all together," said Newton-Smith.

Taylor talked about her overall hopes for the team this year.

"I am hoping for the team to just settle in and get into our normal routine," she said. "Last year we didn't have a routine, and it affected us on the field so we are trying to establish a routine. I hope for a calming season, not a lot of ups and downs like last year."

As for the team's expectations for Thursday's game against Fresno City College, Lagerston commented, "I don't know. I think a lot of players will be nervous including the returning players, but I have to just see what happens. But I definitely want to say we will win."

Scorecard

Men's Basketball

Jan. 6 Citrus 66, BC 65
Jan. 9 BC 100, West LA 90
Jan. 13 BC 69, Canyons 67
Jan. 22 L.A. Valley 70, BC 65
Jan. 23 BC 85, Santa Monica 78
Jan. 27 BC 74, Glendale 68
Jan. 30 Citrus 84, BC 80
Feb. 3 West L.A. - 7 p.m.
Feb. 6 at Canyons - 7 p.m.
Feb. 13 L.A. Valley - 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Jan. 6 Citrus 67, BC 48
Jan. 9 BC 88, West L.A. 62
Jan. 13 Canyons 84, BC 62
Jan. 22 L.A. Valley 64, BC 53
Jan. 2 Santa Monica 69, BC 62
Jan. 27 BC 73, Glendale 71
Jan. 30 Citrus 70, BC 56
Feb. 3 West L.A. - 5 p.m.
Feb. 6 at Canyons - 5 p.m.
Feb. 15 L.A. Valley - 5 p.m.

Baseball

Feb. 4 Irvine Valley - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6 Golden West - 5 p.m.
Feb. 9 at Alan Hancock - 2 p.m.
Feb. 12 at Hartnell - 11 a.m.
Feb. 13 at College of Marin - 11 a.m.
Feb. 14 Golden West - noon

Softball

Feb. 4 Fresno City - 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 El Camino - 5 p.m.
Feb. 9 College of the Sequoias - 5 p.m.
Feb. 13 at Saddleback - 1 p.m.
Feb. 14 at Cerritos - 10 a.m.
Feb. 14 at Antelope Valley - noon

Men's Golf

Feb. 1-2 Larry Carr Invitational - All Day
Feb. 12 at Rio Hondo Classic - 10 a.m.
Feb. 15 WSC match at Citrus - 10 a.m.

Track & Field

Feb. 6 Long Beach/Northridge - 9 a.m.
Feb. 13 at Northridge - 9 a.m.

Men's Tennis

Jan. 28 BC 7, College of the Sequoias 2
Feb. 1 Fresno City College - 1 p.m.
Feb. 2 Saddleback College - 2 p.m.
Feb. 4-5 at Modesto Tournament - TBA
Feb. 9 Reedley College - 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Feb. 2 at College of the Sequoias - 1 p.m.
Feb. 5 at Reedley College - TBA
Feb. 6 at Sierra College - TBA
Feb. 6 at Fresno City - TBA
Feb. 12 College of the Sequoias - 1 p.m.

Swimming

Feb. 1 at College of the Sequoias - 3 p.m.
Feb. 19-20 at Mt. San Antonio - All Day

Stuebbe to return in mid-February

By Michael Morrow
Sports editor

Director of Athletics Jan Stuebbe has been out since the beginning of the semester and is said to be returning in February.

According to the Associate Director of Athletics Sandi Taylor, Stuebbe should be back within the month.

"He's out on medical leave," said Taylor. "He should be back in mid-February, that's the hope."

Taylor is taking over responsibilities for Stuebbe in his absence. When asked if taking on extra duties right at the beginning of the softball season would be a problem, Taylor spoke openly.

"I'm just helping out," said Taylor. "No. No it doesn't have any effect on me or the team."

Also in the sports department, men's and women's golf coach Larry Cook is being replaced for personal reasons. According to Taylor, Cook's replacement will be Bill Kalivas on an interim basis. Kalivas is the Renegade wrestling coach.

Taylor talked about Cook's departure.

"It's a personal issue, and I can't say anything else about it," said Taylor.

When contacted, Cook hesitated but went on to talk about his absence.

Cook was asked if he is the current coach and he replied with, "Yes. As of now I am." Cook spoke about being away from the golf team and when he expects to be back.

"It's temporary for now. It hasn't been decided when I will return."

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BC's Ricky Wofford (3) attempts a layup against Santa Monica's Bryant Crowder (11).

Rebounding key to loss for Renegades

Michael Morrow
Sports editor

The Bakersfield College men's basketball team is 18-5 and 4-3 in the Western State Conference after a loss to conference rival Citrus on Saturday night.

The Renegades are trying to get back to form after dropping two of the opening four conference games. With early losses to Citrus at home and L.A. Valley on the road, the Renegades continued on in conference play in third place.

Head coach Rich Hughes talked about the team's early struggles and how they can make a comeback in the conference.

"We have work to be done, because we're third in conference, and we're just not used to that," said Hughes. "We have to dig in deeper than we have been, inside ourselves, and try to find a way to keep getting some more wins."

"We can do it, we're good enough, we just have to do the little things to keep winning," he continued.

Hughes went on to say how he keeps them team in focus for the last round of conference games.

"We're in third and every game is important. I've told them we can't look ahead, we just have to keep winning and hope for some help from some other teams along the way," said Hughes.

"I think our first round [of conference games] had the tougher away games, and I believe our second half favors us. Hopefully

we can respond and just keep getting wins." Hughes went on to talk about the strength of the conference and how teams are just getting better all around.

"It's always a strong conference, it's just that much stronger this year," said Hughes.

BC went on to play Glendale on the road and came out with the win moving them back into second place in the conference. The Renegades defeated Glendale 74-68. Sophomore forward Bobby Fisher led all scorers with 21 points and 11 rebounds.

Up next was another shot at Citrus.

Citrus defeated the Renegades 84-80, but BC remained in second place in conference although they are tied with Canyons and L.A. Valley.

The Renegades struggled in multiple areas according to Hughes.

"Rebounding and defending were our major problems. We just haven't been effective on the glass," said Hughes.

There were things Hughes liked about the what his team did, however. He spoke about the positives he's seen, and what he expects for the upcoming game against West L.A.

"We played well as a team, and we showed we can play with any ranked team in the state," said Hughes. "The game against West L.A. should be a high scoring game, and I think we can pull out the win if we just rebound well and just continue to do the positive things we talk about in practice."

Next on the calendar for BC is West L.A. at home on Feb. 3 and at College of the Canyons on Feb. 6.



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BC's Skylar Vaden attempts a layup against Santa Monica on Jan. 23. BC defeated Santa Monica 85-78.



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BC's Skylar Vaden goes up for a dunk during a game against Santa Monica.

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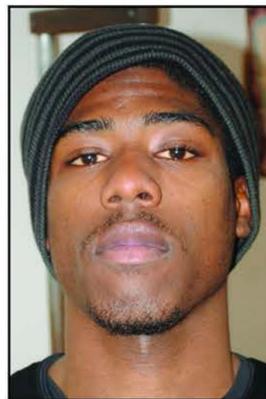
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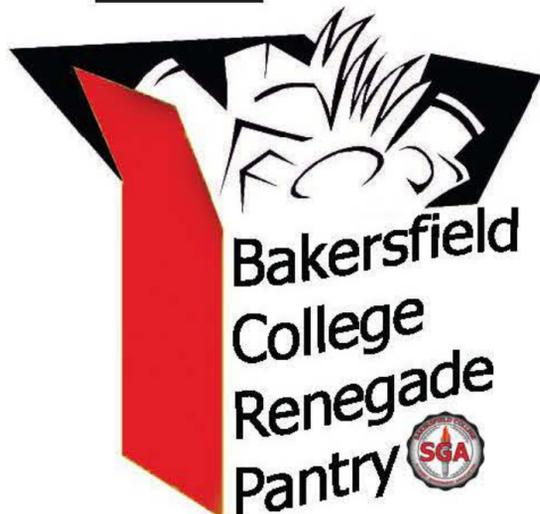
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What is provided?

Students have a choice of canned vegetables, fruits, soup, pasta, rice, and cereal. In addition, other items will be provided as they become available such as: macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned tuna, pre-packaged meals, and hygiene products. Food offerings depend on budget restrictions and availability of products.

How does it work?

Students are asked to come to the Student Activities Office (Campus Center 4) with their Bakersfield College IDs to sign up for services. At that time students will choose from a list of available goods and be given a designated pick-up date.

Who is eligible?

Any currently registered student in need of food. No student will be turned away.

What is the procedure for getting the food?

Students in need must come to the Student Government Office, located in Campus Center 4, to sign up prior to any of the distribution dates. This will ensure that the student receives the appropriate amount of self-selected food. Family size will be taken into consideration.

2010 Distribution Dates

The following dates are for pick-up only: January 28, February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25, April 7 & 22, May 6 & 27, June 10 & 24. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SGA summer hours are subject to change and will be posted on the Bakersfield College SGA Facebook page and SGA website by May 14, 2010. Please feel free to contact The Renegade Pantry Director for more information on how you can contribute to The Renegade Pantry's mission.

What is the procedure for connecting with the Renegade Pantry?

You can connect with the Renegade Pantry on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/BakersfieldCollege or stop by the SGA office, located in Campus Center 4.

What you can do to help...

Business Partnerships: Organizations that can provide regular needed donations can help improve our services to the students a great deal. We will accept non-perishable food items, personal care items, along with monetary donations. **The Renegade Pantry is a Non Profit Organization. All monetary donations are tax-deductible.** Checks should be made payable to the Renegade Pantry and mailed or dropped off at: "The Renegade Pantry" c/o Student Activities Office, 1801 Panorama Drive, Bakersfield CA 93305. Individuals can donate using the above described procedures.

Financial Donations

Funds for the Renegade Pantry are raised through charitable donations from organizations and college and community members like you! Because our food is purchased entirely through student funds and the generosity of individuals and groups like you, your monetary support is essential to the success of our service. If your group would like to have a food drive for the Renegade Pantry, let us know! We would love to help! We are available to come speak at your place of business or organization.



Tammy Stevens and her service dog weather the rain on the first day of the Bakersfield College spring semester Jan 19. DAVID KARNOWSKI / THE RIP



FRANK BRUCE / THE RIP
A man walks under cloudy skies along the Panorama Bluffs on Jan. 27.



DAVID KARNOWSKI / THE RIP
Lizette Huerta (left) and Kara Wesley walk along rain-covered concrete on the BC campus during the first day of the spring semester Jan. 19.



FRANK BRUCE / THE RIP
The full moon shines in the sky after a day of heavy rains stripped pollution out of the air Jan. 31.

Rain, wind dampen first week of spring semester

By Michael Wafford
Reporter

Bakersfield College students and staff were greeted by record storms as they returned to school. According to data gathered from the National Weather Service, over .80 inches of rain fell during the first week of school slowing traffic, flooding streets and forcing students to search for cover in attempts to avoid getting wet.

The weather is expected to remain cloudy throughout the week with showers continuing in early February according to forecasts from the National Weather Service.

Several students such as Charli Lozano, business administration major, reported that the storm had not interfered with their first week but that they did have to do things such as leave home earlier and drive more cautiously. Other students, such as Kaiyla Stoddard, said that the storm had a more calming effect, making it hard for them to wake up in the morning.



GREGORY D. COOK / THE RIP
The rising sun silhouettes Bear Mountain on Feb. 1.



Upcoming Events around Bakersfield

- CSUB Casino & Auction Night
February 5 @ CSUB Icardo Center, 6 p.m.

- Bike Bakersfield
February 6 @ Bike Kitchen, 10 a.m.

- Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra
February 6 @ Rabobank Theater, 8 p.m.

- Gift and Home Bazaar
February 10 @ Brookside Senior Apts., 11 a.m.

- Harlem Globetrotters
February 11 @ Rabobank Arena, 7 p.m.

- Bakersfield Community Concert Association
February 11 @ Rabobank Theater, 7:30 p.m.

- Friendship Valentine Tea
February 12 @ Country Rose Tea Room, 4 p.m.

- Mariachi Festival
February 12 @ Fox Theater, 6:30 p.m.

- Valentine's Run for Your Heart
February 13 @ CSUB, 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Animal Drawing at CALM
February 13 @ CALM, 1 p.m.

Featured Event

First Friday Art Gathering
February 5 @ Downtown Art District 5 - 9 p.m.

A Message from the Mayor's Desk

*Bakersfield College Students,
Please help keep our city clean from litter, trash and debris. Use trash cans, ashtrays and recycling bins. Take pride in Bakersfield.*

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