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Renegades suffer season opening loss

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For the Bakersfield College football team, the season-opening game against Fresno City College was a tale of two halves.

After being down by a score of 20-3 at halftime, the Renegades battled back with a 63-yard touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Nick Gauthier to freshman receiver William Randle but fell short as they were defeated by Fresno 31-25 on Sept. 6.

"The biggest issue we had was getting off the field on defense which meant that our offense wasn't on the field long enough. We gave up too many big plays," head coach Jeff Chudy said.

One example of not being able to get off the field and giving up huge plays was witnessed late in the fourth quarter when Fresno faced a third-and-16 deep in their own territory with the Renegades trailing 28-25.

Fresno freshman quarterback Emmanuel Lewis hit receiver Dontrell Lee for an 81-yard pass. The long pass play set up a field goal for Fresno that made the score 31-25.

Lewis finished 11-for-22 for 279 yards with one touchdown.

After Fresno kicked a field goal, the Renegades got the ball back with 4:04 remaining in the game. But on first down, BC quarterback Nick Gauthier threw an interception on a deep pass.

"He (Gauthier) did a nice job of managing the game. He did a pretty good job for his first college game. He's going to get better as the season goes on," Chudy said.

Gauthier went 11-for-22 for one touchdown and one interception. Gauthier also added a one-yard rushing touchdown.

Chudy feels that despite the mistakes his players made that they can bounce back and learn from the game against Fresno.

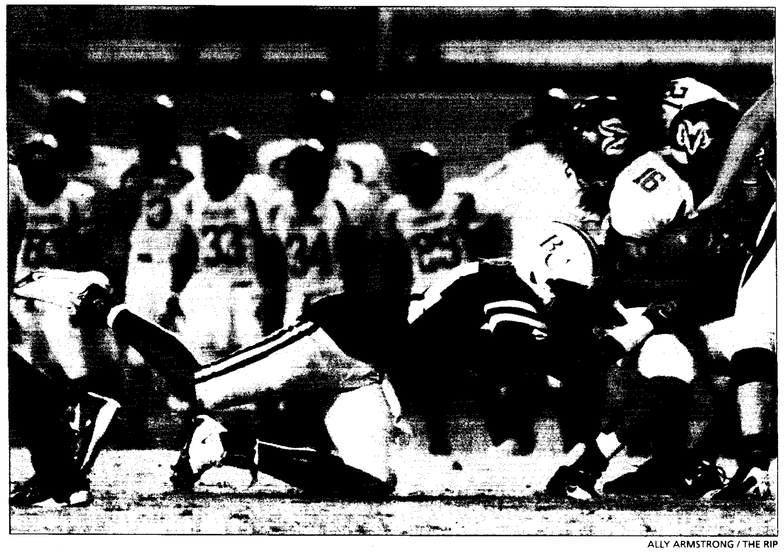
"We all have a lot to learn. Are we capable of righting the ship? Sure we are. Are we capable of being a really good football team? Sure we are. We had a lot of guys who got educated tonight," said Chudy following the game.

Chudy said, "We're going to get better we're going to eliminate those mistakes. Most of the mistakes we made were more mental than physical. They (the players) are disappointed, but I think they are eager to get back to it. I think our players are going to rally to the occasion and get ready to roll."

The Renegades next game will be Sept. 13 at LA Valley, while their next home game will be Sept. 20 against El Camino at 7 p.m.

Fresno had 435 net yards while the Renegades had 327. BC converted only 4-of-10 on third down conversations while Fresno converted 9-of-15 third down attempts.

BC sophomore running back Bruce Frieson had 17 carries for 128 yards. Fresno receiver John Romeus had four catches for 55 yards and a touchdown.



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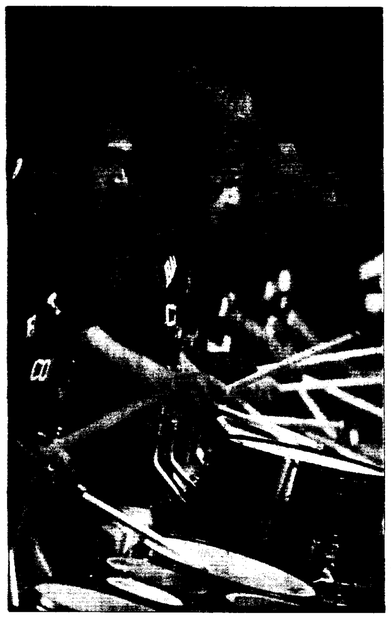
Above: BC sophomore Quintin Woods helps sack the Fresno City College quarterback during the Sept. 6 game.
Below: David Halopoff and Mitchel Knoy celebrate after BC sacked a Fresno City College quarterback.



BC's rivalry with Fresno excites fans

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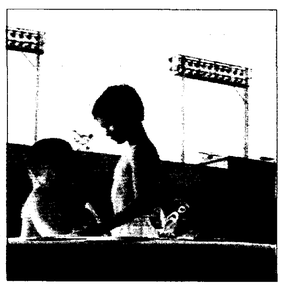
The Bakersfield College game against Fresno City College has spent years in the making. The season opening game on Sept. 6 was the first meeting between the two teams in 23 years.

The game has been dubbed "Battle of the Valley" because of the proximity of the schools and a reputation for quality teams. Each year they will alternate season opening home games.

"They're typically the best junior college teams in California.... It's a great rivalry started up again," said Jon Fredin, of Fresno, who was excited about the matchup. When BC and Fresno played each other in the past, BC lost only once.

"I think [the matchup] is good because when I get here I want to see a good game," said Paula Hooker, a season ticket-holder and alumna.

It seems that most fans agree that they would come to the football games no matter what team BC plays. "I'm just here to watch our boys. I don't care who they play," said Terry Pritchard, a season ticket-holder.



Far left: BC's drumline plays at halftime during the BC football game.
Left: Ethan Russell, 8, and Evan Riley, 3, eat snacks during the tailgating party.

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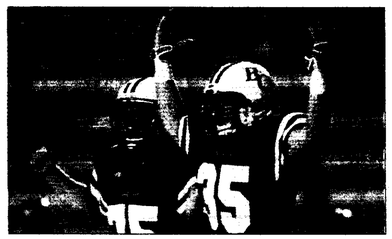

Coach not discouraged about scrimmage

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For those of you keeping score, yes, the Bakersfield College football team did lose a scrimmage against College Of The Sequoias 23-13 on Aug. 27, but coach Jeff Chudy wasn't worried.

"A scrimmage is like a pretest. It's not going to count in the gradebook, and it's not going to go against your final grade," Chudy said.

Chudy felt that his team played well at times during the scrimmage but added that his team made some mistakes. "We made some mental breakdowns. We shot ourselves in the foot, so to speak." Chudy said that the offensive line will be the biggest strength for his team this season. "I think the offensive line is going to be a real strong point of our football team."

According to Chudy the defense has a chance to perform the same as they did last season.

"I think defensively if we can pull ourselves together and play a team concept, we definitely have a chance to equal to what we were last year."

Despite the fact that the Renegades were unable to practice their kicking game during the scrimmage, their kicking game should be solid this year, he added.

BC soccer team kicks off season with veteran leadership, newcomers

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Ana Rosales tries to take the ball away from an Antelope Valley team member on Aug. 27.

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Coach of the year Scott Dameron and the Bakersfield College women's soccer team started the season with a 4-0 victory against Antelope Valley College on Aug. 27.

"The team's creativity, leadership and structure are some of our strong adjustments we have this year," said Dameron. According to Dameron, the team has developed a new strategic system to be used for each game. "Our overall control of the game and our organization among teammates have worked to win the game," said Dameron.

The new roster holds sophomores Ana Rosales, Jaymee Morales, Tawni White, Candice Schlecht, Jasmine Howard, Bre Bolerjack, among others. Newcomer freshmen like Molly Haugen, Marissa Behill, Kalley Goodell, Katie Collins and Jackie Frias have added a new style of play for the team.

"Some of our freshmen might feel a little intimidated because of our accomplishments from last year," mentioned Dameron, "but honestly the team is so diverse that there is no key player."

In their home game on Aug. 27, Schlecht scored two goals. Rosales scored one, and Haugen scored one, including an assist by Goodell.

"Our team has some confidence, and we will know how much confidence we have until we finish a game," said Dameron.

On Sept. 5, BC played a close game against Butte College with the final score of 3-3. Howard, Behill and Haugen all scored a goal and Bolerjack had an assist. "Some of our leadership and experience has been lost," said Dameron, "and that's our disadvantage for now."

BC had another game on Sept. 6 against Feather River College. The final score was 5-0, giving the Renegades their second victory of the season. Rosales, Schlocht, Howard, Morales and Haugen all scored a goal for the team.

The team's goal this season is to make it to the Western State Conference and make it to the playoffs where all of California will compete. "We will be playing some hard teams this season," said Dameron, "We are not too focused on the playoffs but just train and play the next games."

The women's team has three captains, Amanda Duran, Candice Schlecht and Lisa Boothe. Also assisting Dameron are Gina Flores and Stephanie Hall. The BC soccer team will have its next game against West Hills College on Sept. 10 at 4 p.m.

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Candice Schlecht intercepts the ball during a soccer game against Antelope Valley.

Students balance life

Caffeine could be bad for your health; sleep essential part of a healthy diet.

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Bookstore lines

Long lines at BC bookstore cause frustration for students this fall.

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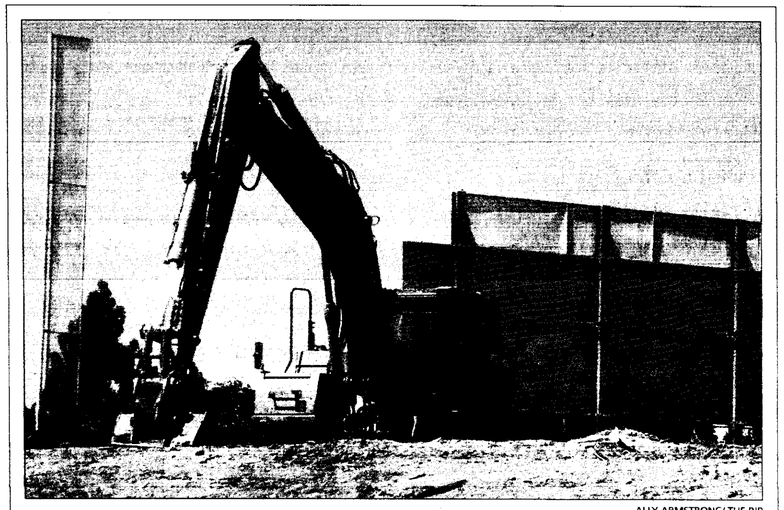

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A worker labors to renovate the new baseball and softball fields at Bakersfield College on Sept. 8.

Remodeled facilities on way

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Bakersfield College's baseball and softball fields are currently being remodeled and are expected by some to become one of the best facilities the state has to offer.

The remodel cost "approximately $1.7 million" according to Assistant Athletic Director and softball coach Sandi Taylor. Of the total, $250,000 was donated by Dean and Adah Gay through the BC Foundation.

"Due to their donation, the facility will be called the Dean and Adah Gay Sports Complex," said Hannah Egland, executive secretary for Institutional Development and Foundation at BC.

The remodel will help to address issues concerning safety and handicap accessibility as well as provide a more comfortable experience for spectators in general.

"My understanding is that the softball bleachers were only temporary, so there never really has been good quality seating for spectators," said Mike Stepanovich, the executive director of the BC Foundation.

The change will help the fields in meeting the standards of the American Disability Act, according to Stepanovich.

While this does help to create additional handicap parking near the fields, the project will also literally cut into BC's free parking area.

"The part of the free parking that has been torn out will be where the entrance to the new facility will be along with some landscaping," said BC Athletic Director Jan Stuebbe.

But both Stuebbe and Taylor believe that the effects of the changes will be very positive, overall, especially for those watching the games.

"On the softball field, it used to be that you couldn't actually see the entire field unless you were sitting center behind the backstop," Taylor began. "Now all viewers should have a definite line of sight."

Stuebbe also added that the bleachers for both fields will match, and that the seats in the middle will be "red, high-back seats," which will be reserved seating.

The permanent seating, however, will number 750 seats for the baseball field and 350 for the softball field, according to Stepanovich.

The softball field, while not as large as the baseball field, will also receive a new dugout and bullpens.

While both Stuebbe and Taylor expressed excitement for the new

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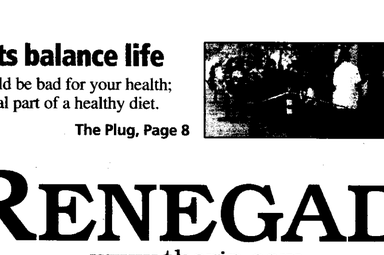

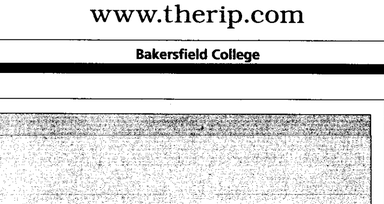

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An artist's rendition on what the Bakersfield College's baseball and softball fields will look like when remodeling will be complete on Dec. 19 and landscaping on Jan. 27.

Chamberlain to accomplish goals and plans

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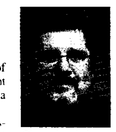

Chamberlain

While maintaining the traditions of Bakersfield College, new President Dr. Greg Chamberlain resembles a politician campaigning for change.

Chamberlain stated that professors and staff need to take a look at how they do things, and that all BC employees should make the right decisions for the new generation of students. He suggested that leadership should not get stuck in a comfortable process in a changing world of education.

"It's a discussion that needs to evolve campus wide," said Chamberlain.

As a former community college student himself, Chamberlain can identify with students attending BC and realizes what an impact this step in education can make on one's future.

"I was put on academic probation," said Chamberlain. "When I came back, the school provided me with the right resources to move forward, and it's something you don't forget. I understand the value of a community college in the area."

Chamberlain's predecessor, William Andrews, spent a mere three years attending to BC at a time when community college administration was at a high turn over rate. Behavioral Science chair Becki Whitson feels that Chamberlain has potential to be here for quite some time and could compare to former BC president Rick Wright, who spent 14 years as president and left in 1997 after leading BC into the world of multi-media instruction in 1991.

"He (Chamberlain) has a certain charisma," said Whitson. "He definitely has integrity and has respect from his peers. He is a die hard for BC."

Chamberlain made it clear that he has no other career goal or plan.

"I hope to be here a long time and bring positive change to BC."

He hopes to avoid putting off important projects as he transitions, focusing on three major areas. Chamberlain plans to move forward with the implementation of the 2012 Plan, and he commented that he doesn't want all the hard work done previously to sit on the shelf.

Accreditation for 2009 is also a concern for him. When a complete cycle of assessment and evaluation is done, faculty must link planned projects to the budget.

Finally, Chamberlain believes that an emphasis on the institute meeting student needs is of great importance.

"It doesn't matter if they're the kind of students we (faculty) were or students with special needs," he

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Raised cafe prices irk budgeting students

■ Due to the state of the economy, Bakersfield College has had to raise prices on food.

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The economy is thinning out everyone's wallet, and Bakersfield College students say they are no exception, especially when it comes to buying food at BC's cafeteria.

Many BC students realize that there is an overall rise in food and fuel prices in general, and the rising BC food prices reflect that upward trend. However, many students feel that in spite of the current economy, the BC cafeteria should try to be more sensitive to students' impoverished state.

"The cheeseburger I got cost me $5," said Rebecca Karnes, 24, a BC child development major, as she sat at a table in the BC cafeteria with her fiancé. She pointed to her soda cup near her cheeseburger.

"My soda was $1.50," Karnes said. "The food here should be cheap. That would make it easier for students without jobs and for students who have to pay for their own books," she said. Her fiance, BC welding student Stephen Goltz, 32, concurred with her.

"The prices here are a little steep," Goltz said. "They're trying to make a healthy cut, so they jack it up to make a profit."

Other students buy only certain items and will not pay for others.

"The prices are too high. I have to budget. I just buy chips, sodas and burritos here. Everything else here is too high," said Juan Cardenas, 20, undeclared major. In addition to being a student, Cardenas works at SOS Construction as a fork lifter and makes $14 an hour; he says this helps, but he usually eats at home because it is cheaper for him.

"The prices here will beat you up; the sodas are $1.50, but if you're thirsty, there's nothin' you can do about it," said Melvyn Cox, 21, business major.

Alex Gomez, BC food service manager, conceded that the cafeteria prices have risen because of fuel prices and also because of the rise in the cost of general commodity foods, such as sugar.

"It all depends on inflation; it is out of our control," Gomez said.

However, Gomez feels that the BC cafeteria prices are very competitive; he said that BC's food prices are still lower than in many other eateries such as sandwich and fast-food places as well as convenience stores. In spite of this, he admitted that the college cafeteria is not out to make a profit, per se; the goal is primarily to maintain the business without monetary loss.

Despite the rising food prices, the cafeteria has not lost any money, Gomez said. That is because enrollment at the college went up. With the current high unemployment rate, college enrollment tends to flip up; this helps the college food service. He said the cafeteria served over 2,700 patrons Aug. 27; this is 173 more customers served compared to the same day last year.

Gary Wallace, the owner of the River Oaks Espresso Bar, which is stationed in the BC cafeteria's dining area, admitted that he had to raise prices on his coffee and tea beverages two years ago to offset the cost of coffee and milk.

Wallace, whose business is not affiliated with BC, nor is it affiliated with River Oaks Church because the church is now defunct, regrets raising his prices although he tries to keep them as low as possible. He pointed out that his coffee business is one of the few left in town that still offers free drink cards.

Greek Festival offers culture and food

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The 36th annual Greek Festival took place this year at the Greek Orthodox Church on Truxtun Avenue. The festivities kicked off on Sept. 5 and ended Sept. 6. The yearly event is the church's major fundraiser according to church member Mark Pearse.

"It helps meet our expenses and keep the doors of the church open," he said as he took a break from preparing some of the delicious foods being served. The most popular food he reported was the Gyro, pronounced "yeero," which is beef wrapped in pita bread, tomatoes, onion and Tzaziki sauce.

Among many of the other Greek foods being sold were also a very popular dessert called Loukoumathes, which are donut holes glazed with real honey and cinnamon. "People come here just for these," said church volunteer Kelly Demestihas. Several other traditional Greek appetizers, desserts, dishes and drinks were being served. As the evening went on, nearly every picnic table seat was filled with members of the community enjoying the sounds of the live music being played.

Outside vendor Cathy Richards was making a great profit as several of the festival attendees were wearing the belly dancing skirts and Mediterranean-themed jewelry being sold at her stand.

Terry Tsitakis, originally from Bakersfield, comes down from his home in Palm Springs with friend James Rupp every year to visit family and attend the festival. "It's a tradition," he said.

When asked about his favorite part of the event, attendee Bill Camp replied, "Without a doubt the food," as he drank one of the many beers also being offered.

The event appeared to be a success; it attracts about 2500 people every year and raises several thousand dollars for the church. "Without this, we probably wouldn't exist," said Pearse, who also mentioned that some of the revenue goes to outside organizations as needed.

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A member of "The Dancing Greeks," coordinated by Kathy Exarchoulakos, dances at the Greek Festival on Sept. 5.