Don't ask local band Automatic Redial to describe their sound. Progressive, experimental, hardcore, metal... their list went on and on. Finally, singer Gary Taylor summed it up.

"Just rock, hard rock," he said.

Over the five years of their existence, the band has undergone numerous lineup changes, but currently they consist of Taylor, guitarist Marc Munoz, drummer Sean Weimer and bassist Andrew Bledsoe. Of the six, Matt and Weimer are the only original members, guitarist Matt Bledsoe, guitarist David Bledsoe and bassist Andrew Bledsoe. Of the six, Matt and Weimer are the only original members.

"We started in January of 2005, there were five members then," said Matt. "We've gone through three bass players. In 2007, we re-located the guitarist with David. In 2008, we lost our singer, and Gary replaced him. Matt started in February of this year."

Two of the additions to the band were Matt's own brothers. David has been playing guitar for a year. Andrew only took up the drums two years ago because he was "forced into the band" when their other bassists needed to be replaced.

"I think it's cool because, besides the Jonas Brothers, there aren't many other bands who have three family members, especially all brothers," said Andrew.

With the evolving lineup came an evolving sound. Everyone contributes to the music writing and, although Taylor has been the primary lyricist, the band is trying to collaborate more.

"The stuff we had before, we scratched it, said Matt. "With the current lineup, we've started writing new stuff, and I think the songs have just gotten better."

What hasn't changed for the band is their name. Matt explained the history behind the name, which the band came up with while trying to think of a cool name.

"We couldn't ever decide on something, and something was going through their phone and said Automatic Redial and thought it was funny. Somebody mentioned naming our band that, said Matt. "We ended up keeping it because we didn't want to like-everyone else who has 'dying' and 'yesterday' in their names."

Automatic Redial won a Battle of the Bands contest in 2007 and used the $5,000 prize money to record their first full-length CD, which was the third recording in the band's history. Currently, the band is working on a new EP which is due out June 4. The same day as their next big gig: the Rockin' Roots Festival. It will be a different scene from the one the band is used to. Taylor said the band has played "almost every bar" and other Bakcellusive venues, like Jack's Pizza and the Dome. The band said the experience is different depending on what time they play.

"At a bar, people go there to drink, and sometimes they don't even go there to listen to music," said Munoz. "As a venue, they go there to have some type of social event."

The band expressed gratitude for the fans coming to their shows.

"Fans are the foundation. Without them, there wouldn't be anything," said Andrew. "You can have a huge label, a big manager, but without your fans you can't do anything."

In addition to the Rockin' Roots Festival and their upcoming EP, the band is preparing for a tour of California this summer and a MySpaceweep with pictures from a new photo shoot. With so many steps in the pursuit of their dreams, their family and friends' support is key for Automatic Redial.

"We have a one-of-a-kind support system," said Matt. "A lot of bands don't have the opportunity of bands and chances in to what we have done."

By Kelly Ardis
Editor in chief

BC professor extends teaching

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Baseball looks to close the gap in conference play

By Julian Moore

Reprint

With four games to go before the playoffs, the Bakersfield College baseball team is 10-6 in Western State Conference play, and is tied with Cypress for second in the conference. The conference title and conference playoff berth will be decided on April 17.

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Swim team getting ready for conference

By Vincent Perez

The Bakersfield College swim team has been swimming well at their last events, according to head coach Charlie Pike. Yet, they do have a plan for the swimmers. “We have to train them in different off events. Try to mix it up because sometimes if you swim the same events over and over and over again, you’re going to get burnt out on it,” Pike said.

Pike added, “It’s good to stay busy and have more events for a while. It makes them hungrier to come back and do it when they do it at conferences.”

Pike reflected on the current state season and the tapering off of the swimmers’ times. “Our team is hard during the year that the whole idea of the taper is to let your muscles recover and get some rest. We’re doing maintenance so that they don’t burn any muscle – just stay when they’re not working too hard.”

Pike said about the tapering, “It’s going well. We trained one tapering out because [National Meet] conference [championships] in next Thursday (April 22) in Santa Clara.”

Pike added that the college leaves the qualifications for state until the Sunday night after conference. Because they take the top 15 swimmers in the season are accepted. Pike said that he hopes that he will have a women’s relay team at conference quality for state.

Pike added that he doubts that he will have a men’s relay team qualify for state. This is sure that Katie Lopes and Bridget Alexander are “close to state mark. I’m eighty percent sure that they can qualify.” Pike also gave praise to Sara Brady, Katherine James and Karina Nafarate who made it tough on us.”

Pike said about the controversy suits that were ruled out this season. “They banned these tech suits. Last year, they had full body suits – these are out now.”

Pike explained, “The girls’ suits can’t go past the knee and that is because they can’t go above the neck and they can only wear a harness. But they can’t wear the full suit now.”

Pike said there was a difference in times in last year due to the suits at state championships but not by much. “I think the last year were a little bit faster than this year.”

Pike commented, “Not a whole lot, but enough to open the door for girls and boys that wouldn’t have been able to do it a lot past.”

Pike added the NCSC swimming championships at College of the Canyons April 22-24.

Bakersfield College softball looks to end season on a favorable note

By Natalie Rodriguez

Bakersfield College softball L.A. Mission College traveled to Bakersfield College on April 15 to play the Bakersfield College softball team. “We can’t afford a walk off, run home run hit by sophomore Courtney Hockett,” according to head coach Charlie Pike. Pike has a plan for the swimmers. “We train so hard during the year that the whole idea of the taper is to let your muscles recover and get some rest. We’re doing maintenance so that they don’t burn any muscle – just stay when they’re not working too hard.”

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Scottish gathering at fairgrounds entertains

Above left: George “the Giant” McArthur spews fire at the Kern County Scottish Gathering and Games held at the Kern County Fairgrounds on April 10.

Above right: One of the flags representing the many Scottish clans attending the gathering flies in the breeze at the Scottish Gathering and Games.

Right: George “The Giant” McArthur has a volunteer stand on his head while lying in broken glass.

Left: Piper Richard Harrison plays at the Scottish Gathering and Games on April 10.

Bakersfield College Art Student Exhibit 2010
April 8 - May 5 @ BC Library Gallery

13th Annual Ed Kuehn Memorial Golf Tournament
April 23 @ Rio Bravo Country Club

Garden Fest Green and Clean
April 24 @ Bakersfield College

Bakersfield Festival of Beers
April 24 @ Stramler Park

Kern County Public Health Fair
April 25 @ Central Park

The House of Blue Leaves, a play by John Guare
April 29, 30 - May 1, 6, 7, 8 @ BC Indoor Theater

Free Electronic Waste Recycling
May 1 @ Umans in Bakersfield

Artisans Fair
May 1-2 @ Patriots Park

BC’s 11th Annual Health and Wellness Fair
May 4 @ BC Free Speech Area

Ice Worlds - Planetarium Show
May 6 @ BC Planetarium

Sponsored by Mayor Harvey L. Hall

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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.