Employers coming to Bakersfield College

By Keith Kaczmarek
Reporter

Career Day is coming back to Bakersfield College on April 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Campus Center, Florida Rooms and cafeteria.

“ar day is a good sign,” she said, “employers are reaching out to students. Employers don’t come to them if they don’t have jobs.”

The number cruncher at Bakersfield College’s Career Center is Carla F docker, who says there are more companies coming to the school than ever before.

She recommends that students come to Career Day with a resume and cover letter in hand, and be ready to talk about their skills.

“We are seeing a lot of employers reaching out to us and telling us they want to hire students,” she said.

Some of the companies that will be at Career Day include:

- Walmart
- Federal Express
- KPMG
- Boeing
- Kellogg’s
- General Electric
- Bank of America
- AT&T

The event is free and open to all Bakersfield College students.

The Career Center is located in the Campus Center, Florida Rooms and cafeteria.

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With the recent move about smoking on campus showing that a majority of students wanted ban all smoking on campus, SBC’s general counsel Sheri Kenner has been spearheading the effort to make the results into actual policy.

“The people have spoken, and that’s what they want,” said Kenner.

Kenner has been holding the Bi-Weekly program on campus, an anti-smoking initiative looking to highlight the passage of a new law in 2012 that took effect this year that allows California campuses to enforce smoking policies by levying citations and fines.

Roughly speaking, the proposed policy will be that students who smoke on campus, and all fines collected will go toward creation, anti-smoking, and awareness programs.

“Hey, we’ll ask the students,” said Crawford. “Employers are asking for students that stand out.”

Kenner noted that before finally being submitted to the Board of Trustees, the actual policy still needs to make it through several committees on campus.

While nothing changes might be requested during these meetings as an issue.

Bakersfield College’s interim president Robert Ritter says he wants a chance to review the policy before it goes to the Board of Trustees.

“I personally think it’s probably a good recommendation, it is important,” Campus health is important,” he said.

The big deal, said a potential smoking ban has to have high priority considering the other issues facing the school, “It’s not on my radar right now. I have bigger fish to fry,” he said.

“I hope that they be taking this as a little more imminent, “Class sizes, student services, assessments,” he said, listing several other issues related to BC’s current budget situation.
New owners bringing excitement to Blaze

By Nestor Fernandez

Renee Wallace and Wes Foothill have joined forces to bring excitement to the Bakersfield College athletic department. "The idea of the college working with the community is exciting," Wallace said. "I think this is a tremendous opportunity for Bakersfield College and we will endeavor to make this a win-win situation for everyone involved," Foothill said.

The two are part of a corporation that will own Bakersfield College's athletic department for the next 10 years. Wallace and Foothill are both well-known figures in the Bakersfield community, with Wallace serving as the former director of the Bakersfield College Foundation and Foothill as a local businessman.

The new ownership structure is designed to bring financial stability and growth to the college's athletic programs. Wallace and Foothill plan to invest in facilities, equipment, and coaching staff, as well as increase the number of spectators and fan engagement.

"We want to make sure that our athletic programs are competitive, that they are financially sound, and that they are a source of pride for the Bakersfield community," Wallace said. "We also want to make sure that our programs are successful on the field, court, or track, and that our athletes are well-prepared for their futures." Foothill added, "We see this as an opportunity to build a strong, sustainable athletic program that will benefit the college and the community for years to come.

The new ownership model will also bring changes to the way the athletic programs are run. Wallace and Foothill have made it clear that they will work closely with the college administration to ensure that the programs are aligned with the overall goals of Bakersfield College.

"We want to make sure that our programs are consistent with the college's mission and values," Wallace said. "We believe that athletics can be a powerful tool for student success and community engagement, and we will work to ensure that our programs support these goals." Foothill added, "We also want to make sure that our programs are inclusive and welcoming, and that they provide opportunities for all students, regardless of their background or abilities.

The new owners have already begun working on improving the facilities at Bakersfield College. The college's baseball field is being renovated, and improvements are planned for the basketball and soccer fields as well.

"We are committed to providing our athletes with the best possible facilities," Wallace said. "We want them to have a world-class experience, and we will work to make that happen." Foothill added, "We believe that the right facilities can make a big difference for our athletes, and we will do whatever it takes to ensure that they have what they need to succeed.

The new owners are also committed to improving the academic support services for student-athletes. Wallace and Foothill plan to work with the college administration to develop programs and services that will help students excel both on and off the field.

"We want to make sure that our student-athletes are prepared for success both on and off the field," Wallace said. "We believe that education is just as important as athletics, and we will work to ensure that our student-athletes have the resources they need to succeed." Foothill added, "We also want to make sure that our student-athletes understand the value of a college education, and that they are prepared for the challenges of the real world.

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Bakerfield Easter Basketball Camp was a success

By Tachion Ramirez

Bakersfield College camp instructors enjoyed the second annual Easter Basketball Camp held over the weekend. The camp was put on by BC coaches.

"This is a great camp for the kids because we help them learn the fundamentals," BC basketball coach Rick Hughes said. "This is our second real thing, it's good. It's a good thing that the parents get out here and see the benefits.

"Some of the kids a little bit above and some are a little bit below, but that's all part of the fun as well. We want to teach the younger kids the fundamentals," he said.

Hughes added that they get kids to play a fun game, and some are really competitive and they learn.

The camp involved four teams - Cuesta College, Antelope Valley College, L.A. Mission, and BC - and the coaches were very pleased with the results.

"I think the kid's really benefiting from this camp," Hughes said. "They get to work on the things that they need to work on.

"The camp was really good because it showed they really do get to work on the small things and make sure that they do them right.

"We as coaches had to show some of the techniques on how to review some of the drills that he learned at the camp.

"Yeah, I'm trying to get my team to work on some of the things, so they can get as good as well," he added.

Junior guard Drummond Scharmen, who was one of the players that assisted in the camp, commented on his experience.

"I think they really benefited from this camp and the parents really appreciated it as well.

"I think we learned a lot from helping out in the camp, which helps to learn a lot and you get a good feeling helping the kids has really taught you something you need to do," he said.

BC is scheduled to have another camp with two sessions in the summer. The first session will be on June 23-25 and the second will be on June 30-22.
The Renegade are two games behind in the conference standings as of April 17. With just a few remaining games on their schedules, including two against division-leading Glendale College, the April 18 season finale will be a mayhem for whether the Renegades will be able to make the playoffs. The Renegades are two games behind in the conference standings, which is used to select at-large berths for the playoffs that commence in May 4.

Coach Tim Payton's biggest obstacle is to make sure whether his team will come a play-off spot and how he will guide his team in the West Coast Conference South Division title, but he is confident that his team has put itself in a great position.

"I'm not sure, two teams will definitely get through," Payton said. "I think we have a good chance based on our RPI and based on other factors that go into making a team's RPI.

A team's RPI is based on three aspects: the team's winning percentage, its opponents' winning percentage and its opponents' opponents' winning percentage. Currently, BC is 25th in Glendale's RPI,

Payton points to the RPI as the only means of measuring success.

"These players don't put in the amount of time our RPI coaches don't put in the time they do to play a season," he said. "You have to continue to play. You want to play for something bigger. I try to keep the focus on the RPI and the amount of time we have put in."

The Renegades have been on a tear as of late, most recently defeating L.A. Mission 4-3 when closer Ryan Stapp nailed his 15th save, protecting starting pitcher Tyler Palomin's seventh win of the season.

The early months mark a change under coach Payton and the team looked to find its identity during the month of March.

"I think it would be nice to see," Payton said. "I don't think you can win a game or two more. I think you have to play hard for the rest of the season."

The team's RPI is based on 60 areas of study.

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Taking on every game of the 2012 baseball season will be a must for the team, but they don't have time to consider a season like this.

Sure you have the A's and Angels who made big news in the off-season, but California Poly's, with their dominant pitching rotation, won't be as worried about their inconsistency as the Angels will.

Another thing that is excusing is that the Angels are for the first time in years without Randy Wolf, who was signed by Los Angeles for the first time. Even if the Dodgers don't better the season, he will be a big deal in the season. Will the Phillies, Dodgers, Cardinals, Angels, Yankees, Tigers, and Giants, as well as the Dodgers, Cardinals, and Tigers, win a World Series? I'm not sure about that, but there is no one in the league that can say that.

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The end of March brings a long-held tradition to the Kern County Fairgrounds: the Kern County Kennel Club’s All Breed Dog Show.

The Kern County Kennel Club has been in existence since 1947, running two dog shows back-to-back annually — one complete show on Saturday and one on Sunday.

The point of a dog show is for dog owners to “showcase their breeding stock,” said Margie Haarsager, president of the Kern County Kennel Club.

The winners of the show are determined by judges who are considered experts.

“They’ve seen many top-quality champions. These people are going the people showing the dogs their opinion on how representative the dog is of that breed,” said Haarsager. She then went on to explain the qualifications for being a judge.

“The qualifications to become a judge are to have produced a number of champions in that breed and have shown the champions, to show you have developed enough knowledge of that breed to have a judgment on it. Every breed has a standard that’s written and every dog is judged against that standard,” she said.

The dog show took place around 170 breeds, including “the tallest breed, the Irish Wolfhound, to the smallest breed, which are the Chihuahuas,” said Haarsager. Haarsager was also the owner of the dog that won this year’s show.

“This is probably a medium-size dog show. The economy has certainly hit the dog shows in California. If you have a finite number of bills, you’re going to cut it back. The dog show has been cut from 1,000 dogs to having under 1,000 this year,” said Kim Enfold, who showed Hugel’s Corky Spanish this year, enjoying the technical aspect of the dog shows.

“I show my dogs because I love them. It’s about trying to get them to conform to some standard, how they look and how they should present themselves. It’s everything about their structure because structure equals functionality,” she said.

A large part of the dog shows in the groomers.

“They are the promoters to the crowds for the dogs. Camille Walker was one of the groomers at the dog show. She got the job by recruiting someone else. Another way to become a groomer is to have a natural talent for it. Many of the groomers also show dogs.

“It’s all about putting the dog together and enhancing the positive qualities and trying to cover up the bad points of the dog,” said Walker.

Gary Allison has been going to this particular dog show at the fairgrounds for 17 years now. He is the proprietor of Red Banjo, a website that sells dog treats, which is another large part of this dog show.

“The Kern County Kennel Club has worked really hard to keep up the event in spite of the weather,” he said.

After the show on Saturday, a storm came through and raised many people’s camps.

To Allison, this dog show is one of the better ones in Southern California.

“The fairgrounds are really clean, the show is really well managed, and the people are really hospitable.”

Competitors and their handlers prepare for the final round of judging for the Virginia Pomeranian at the Kern County Kennel Club’s All Breed Dog Show on April 1, held at the Kern County Fairgrounds.