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Bakersfield College honored the BC men's basketball team on Monday night with a banner unveiling at halftime of the BC game against West L.A. College. The banner unveiling was dedicated to former BC coach Roy Huttson, who passed away last year.

“Hutson was the one who got me into basketball,” said Lester. “He helped me to prepare for any situation on the court and off of the court. Although I was only an assistant coach when, I coached at Bakersfield High School. During the 1977-78 season, the Renegades won the conference championship and the state championship with a record of 35-3. That's still the best all-time record in BC.

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"It's a great feeling. We've had great seasons before, but it's special to be honored here in this gym," said Levita. "I remember a lot of fun and rough days ahead, Coach really pushed us real hard. Coach really instilled some lifelong lessons in me and we've become really close friends.

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Tyler Poehlman and coach Tim Painton take a moment after the game against Golden West to have a father-son conversation on Feb. 11.

Tyler concurs that no special treatment exists. “A line has been crossed, but hopefully it doesn’t.”

This isn’t the first time a BC coach has coached his son, Tim said. One of the many recent cases was when football coach Jeff Cheedy coached his son, Bryce, back in 2007.

That year Cheedy named Coach of the Year and led the Renegades to a 12-1 record, winning the Western State Conference.

Tim feels a strong belief that a father should allow his son to make certain life choices on his own, with the game of baseball being no different.

“As a young dad, you don’t know if baseball is going to be a passion for him,” Tim said.

“I say let’s try to do this, but if he decides to continue playing baseball, or if he decides to do something else in life, that’s his decision.”

It’s incredible that he was an undrafted minor league player. When he went to the baseball tryouts in college, he thought he wouldn’t be picked, and he didn’t plan on going and going through his first two starts. But he also didn’t have BC’s designated hitter, not on the mound, batting. Not with three hits and a home run.

Tyler, a sophomore at the University of San Diego last year on a full ride scholarship but just missing the middle of the season and decided to come back to BC, where he states, is a better environment.

“I decided to come back here and get my two years back on the field,” Tyler said.

Tyler stated with his father on the field is completely different than that of the off-field.

“We keep it pretty separate,” Tyler said.

“Baseball is here and family and everything else is on the field. It’s like two different worlds really.”

The fact that Tyler acknowledges this divide isn’t a coincidence, as his father has managed this intentionally.

“TIm really needed to separate from baseball,” Tim said. “You really need to do that. We leave baseball at the field and don’t discuss it at home and it’s really a family.”

But just because the two worlds remain separate, does not mean they don’t directly influence one another.

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Henry Morales shows off book of his first poems. The main case of "Albert Herring" sings through one of their scenes in the Cal State Bakersfield's "Albert Herring."