Four-year degree open to students

By Elizabeth Castillo
Editor in Chief

Bakersfield College announced on Jan. 20 that it will begin offering degrees in California to offer a four-year baccalaureate degree program. Students who participate in the pilot program will earn a baccalaureate of applied science in industrial automation. BC was selected by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to offer a unique program that focused on industrial automation.

“I am extremely excited to be selected because the program could not duplicate other programs offered in the California State University level,” said Liz Rozell, the Engineering & Industrial Technology Dean of Instruction at BC.

The program will comprise of 122 units, and the degree was designed to follow the CSU General Education Breadth of courses. Ninety-two units must be completed in lower division courses. Rozell said that she is excited BC is offering this program so that students can prepare for mid-management positions within manufacturing and automation.

“With this program, we can prepare students for the workforce,” she said. “Students who received an associate degree were tracked in their transition and later went on to study art history and earn a degree.”

The new program should be eligible for mid-management positions. The program allows students to learn technical management, industrial safety, quality assurance and other skills that will prepare them for managerial positions within the automation industry. Rozell hopes the pilot program can help improve the Kern County economy and give students more options for their education.

Currently, BC offers associate in science degrees for engineering, manufacturing technology, and industrial technology. With the baccalaureate program, students can further their education and earn a degree with classes that are missing from BC’s present curriculum. According to a press release, 15 percent of the population served by Bakersfield College holds a degree at the bachelor’s level. Rozell hopes the pilot program can give the Bakersfield community by providing a reasonably priced baccalaureate degree.

The program will begin in the fall semester.

Fun-filled fruit picking day for students

By Elizabeth Castillo
Editor in Chief

The annual Bakersfield College orange sale took place at the agricultural farm on the far northeast side of the BC campus on Jan. 27-28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students learned the process of how to pick a good orange and had the chance to participate in the agriculture experience. The event was open to the public and encouraged customers to pick their own oranges for $5 a bag, but they also gave the option to buy a pre-picked bag for $20.

The orange sale takes place annually during the second week of the spring semester.

BC’s mentor program receives recognition

By Elizabeth Castillo
Editor in Chief

The Making a Happen program at Bakersfield College won an Exemplary Program award for California Community Colleges on Jan. 21. The award, which included a $4,000 cash prize, was given to the MIH Program for being the top representation of this year’s theme, “Transitions from High School to College: Assisting Students for Success.”

The Making a Happen Program is a part of the Mih, the Mih Fund, and the Mih Foundation. The program is currently funded through the Foundation and is led and directed by Pagnucchini Student and Student Success at BC, and said that she was excited to win the award.

“It was a great honor for BC to be recognized,” she said. “It was a team effort and now we can reinvest that money into good things.”

Fulks said that she already has plans for the money. In addition to helping students the program nationally,” she said. While Fulks has attended the conference in the past to learn from others, this year she will be presenting on the MIH Program. She hopes to take two students who are currently enrolled in the program to the conference. The funds from the board will help pay for travel expenses for the students.

“We want to ask for a presentation at the conference and now we can talk about the program nationally,” she said.

Although Fulks has made progress with the program, she said that she has learned a lot about what isn’t working within MIH. One problem that the program has encountered is a lack of planning.
Owner clears the air

Pyrenees owner, Julie Crawford, engages in conversation with two Pyrenees customers.

By Amber Hayden
Online Editor

If you have ever driven down East 21st Street, you would have noticed both Pyrenees Café and Narducci’s. Many Pyrenees customers have been riveted by the re-arrangement that occurred a rift between Jimmy Narducci and Julie Crawford. But, according to Pyrenees owner Julie Crawford, there was never really anything for Narducci to be upset over.

She said she had always been forthcoming about her plans. “Jimmy, Drive-ins, and Don’s coming to film inside Pyrenees.”

“I told Jimmy, no this is for Narducci’s. But, according to Pyrenees owner, Julie Crawford, there was never really anything for Narducci to be upset over.”

By Elka Wyatt
Reporter

Retired Marine a great example of the motto ‘Semper Fidelis’

Retired Master Gunnery Sergeant Long shows off shoes he has been given by local kids.

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BC and BARC team up to help the campus

By Mason J. Rockfellow
Reporter

Bakersfield College has taken an initiative in sustainability on campus and has teamed up with local Bakersfield recycling company Bakersfield ARC.

On Jan. 30 at Bakersfield College’s Lecture Center, the Sustainability Building an Institution for the Future Generations symposium was held, where BC and BARC plans and actions for going green and learning with BDIC, were discussed.

This will be the first sustainability program for Bakersfield College. Craig Ronne, manager of Maintenance and Operations, said, “We believe in the 8-ball we’re about to be a green campus. They want to make the campus more green in order to make Bakersfield College a better place for the environment and the community.”

One issue BC is working on is making parking less expensive at the movies. They get funding through the public parking lot produces about one-third of the energy used by the Bakersfield College.

These solar panels follow the sun to maximum the amount of energy produced in a day and ensure minimal maintenance.

With help from state grant funding, BC replaced all of the toilets on campus with well-toilets, a low flow toilet uses about half as much water as a full-flow toilet. By using these toilets BC is saving millions of gallons of water per year.

There are now electric trucks around campus. These have replaced the gas-powered vans BC previously used. Bakersfield College provided 20 percent of the cost and the remaining 80 percent was covered by the state.

With these changes taking place, Bakersfield College wants to try to have all vehicles replaced by electric vehicles by 2016. BC has also replaced some of their old sprinklers with new LED lights and hopes to have all lights on campus replaced by June of 2015.

Some BC hopes to quickly formulate a grant to replace the current sprinklers and sprinkler system. New sprinklers and sprinkler systems could save up to 30 percent of water per year.

As part of Bakersfield College’s efforts of going green, BC has teamed up with BARC and have started a new recycling program.

Mike Grover, Senior Vice President of BARC, talked about BARC’s role as a business and as a service of the community, as well as their role as BC.

BARC’s mission statement is “BARC is the mission to build a stronger community by helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities achieve individual goals for a better life.”

BARC works with four types of people with disabilities; people with epilepsy, cerebral palsy, autism, and intellectual disabilities.

BARC gives their three projects these way. They get funding through donations, state funding, and through the services and programs they provide competing in open market.

“Sustainability is about planning well... and making sure the next generation gets to use BC exactly how it’s made of.”

On the Jan. 26 edition of EquityTV, O’Dell interviewed guests with knowledge and experience regarding returning-home veterans.

Over the course of the hour-long broadcast, viewers learned of the many services that Bakersfield College offers to veterans, as well as success stories of those that have taken advantage of similar programs that have benefited them throughout their lives.

Guests on the show included Paul Beckworth, Justin Whipple, Dick Taylor, Jeannine Evans, Armando Tijiji, and Joe Acosta on veteran issues.

By Duonene Mangram
Reporter

Being a college student and having a daily life as the norm is not always easy. Students, are not the only rich people on earth and here, buying books, supplies, and paying for college that they don’t have much money left to live on. Which means they have to be careful what they spend on during their limited time.

After a long day of work, lectures, reading and homework, everyday monotonous and deserts a break from all the stress.

There is no better way to de-stress than to have some fun while socializing with someone you care about or want a chance to get to know. So, this semester the Renegade Rip is going to offer some great ideas for going on dates that can cost around $5 per person, or less on two of the addresses in this paper.

Besides the obvious choices of taking a walk in the park or having a picnic you can always go to the movies. I know what you’re thinking and yes, there is such thing as going to a movie that doesn’t cost an arm and a leg. You can always take your date to the Dollar Movie at the Surprise Cinemas.

Surprise has movie ranging from $1 to $3.50 per person depending on the days, times, and dimensions of the movie you want to see. On Tuesday’s the 2D movies are $1 per person and the 3D movies are $3 per person all day long, the rest of the week the 2D movies are $2 before 6 p.m. and $3 after 6 p.m., and 3D movies are $5 before 6 p.m. and $3.50 after 6.

If you’re fortunate while watching a movie you can always treat yourself to a $3 hot dog or fill up your pockets with snacks from the Dollar Movie. Their theory they don’t check your bags so you can always bring bottled water or refreshments.

There is also the possibility of watching a movie anywhere. Sנכino Cinemas, located at 4200 California Avenue, Bakersfield, California, 93305. For more information call 661-809-1049 or visit www.sancino- cinemas.com.

If you want to be extra nice, have fun, and enjoy spending time with someone at the movie.

The solar panels that were installed at a cost of nearly $100,000 and still produce enough energy produced in a day and re- installed in the northeast corner of campus.

The programs that BARC runs and teaming up with BC, one of the reasons these disabilities learn how to work and help themselves.

“We provide the opportunities but they are to choose what they want to do,” said Grover. “You can be one of BC and BARC sustainability plan has already started.”

If you haven’t noticed yet, they have put in place their recycling bins accepting co-mingled recycling around campus, anything recyclable with the numbers one through seven on it can get into the bins, this number will be inside of a triangle made of arrows usually located at the bottom of the recyclable, this number is called the resin number. The resin number identifies what types of recyclable materials are made of.

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Certified hypnotherapist Rich Aimes returns to Bakersfield College for another Mind Surf’ show at the Panorama Grill, located in the Campus Center on Jan. 27 to a crowd full of BC students. Aimes has performed over 20 years.

Aimes isn’t a stranger to Bakersfield College and has been performing professionally for over 20 years. Performing at BC also gives him the ability to perform in front of whom he calls the best type of audiences.

“I love performing for college students. College students are able to laugh and have been trained to perform for big corporations, and I’ve never seen an audience laugh the way we did,” Aimes said.

As the show got under way, Aimes began by picking a couple of volunteers from the audience in attendance. Two students successfully had their hands stripped and then held up a jacket, blocking the audience from viewing his escape but making the trick more mysterious.

Aimes explained that Harry Houdini was able to free his hands in less than three seconds, whereas Aimes wasn’t able to free his hands in less than three seconds. Occasionally Aimes would raise a single finger and point to a person in the audience. Then on the count of two, Aimes was able to free himself while an amused crowd gave him a round of applause.

“The magic is that we’re not doing any magic, I don’t have a degree in that,” Aimes said. “That’s what we do.”

Despite not faltering at all, Aimes then explained that he is a skeptics or call him a fake.

“Most people think hypnosis is what you see on television or the movies and that’s it. But when you see a real hypnosis show, you realize hypnosis is more mysterious,” Aimes said.

At the show’s conclusion Aimes explained that hypnosis could be used to help students become more successful in their everyday lives.

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Middle: Rich Aimes calls on BC student Kevin Bravo for help during one of his mind reading presentations. Above: BC students enjoy their lunch and would randomly select a student to visit.

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One college may want just a smoke-free campus.

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Michael Wesch, the first keynote speaker of the event, is an associate professor of cultural anthropology at Kansas State University. Wesch was named an Emerging Explorer by National Geographic.

He will also be present-

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Learning with new devices

Bakersfield College will host a conference, Learning Technologies on Feb. 5. The conference will include different speakers who are experts in learning technol-

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BACCALAUREATE: New four-year degree offered at Bakersfield College in industrial automation

According to Fulks, 2015. Students currently attending BC have already expressed interest in the program. Eric Rodriguez, 25, said that he wants to enter the program in the fall so that he can earn a baccalaureate degree at a cheaper price and stay in Bakersfield for his family. "I have a son that's 1 month old," he said. "I don't want to leave him, and I don't want to miss any moments." Rodriguez is a full-time student for the computer integrated manufacturing lab at BC and hopes to find a stable job within the manufacturing and automation industries. He said that he enjoys working with the equipment because it's a large amount of automation and he's interested in learning tools that are used in the field.

"When the equipment breaks, the professor makes us fix it," Rodriguez said. "We take apart the controller and put it back together again." Students learn how to communicate with each other in a hands-on environment. "If you do something wrong, you will break it," Rodriguez said. "The CIM lab will be a part of the baccalaureate program's lower division requirements and students learn how to use programmable logic controllers. These controllers have been used at the Dreyer’s Ice Cream factory in Bakersfield. Rodriguez said that Dreyer’s was a large amount of automation and he’s interested in learning tools that are used in the field.

"The primary mission of the baccalaureate program is to serve the community of Bakersfield College and the City of Bakersfield by exhibiting a diverse range of contemporary art made by students, faculty and the general public in the fine arts.”

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Transportation available to thrill-seekers at China Peak Ski Resort

By Marcus Castro

This ski season, China Peak Mountain Resort is offering transportation to the resort from Bakersfield by chair for the first time.

The bus offers an alternative way of transportation where the riders can relax and not have to worry about the stresses of driving. China Peak is also considered safe in the sense that not only are you being driven to the ski area but the bus also stops at Bakersfield so you can purchase tickets or drop them off if you do not have a car.

The bus picks up the riders at Bakersfield and also stops in Visalia to pick up any riders there.

In Visalia, the bus stops in a way for people with families or friends who live in or near Visalia to link up for a day of skiing or snowboarding.

"It's a wonderful deal and a great opportunity for beginner and regular skiers and snowboarders," said Nolan.

The best ticket price is $48 for adults and $18 for children from the age of 6-12. Not only do you get the bus ticket, you can also purchase an all-mountain ticket for $39 and seniors for $25. The price is for the all mountain ticket at the resort and is $69 and the seniors ticket price at the resort is from $39-

There is a deals where you can purchase the bus ticket for the regular price of $48 but you can also purchase a beginner's package for $59. This beginner's package comes with two lift tickets, lessons, and rentals. For an adult over the age of 17 the beginner lift ticket price is $54.

There is also the option for big groups, such as churches, schools or big families to rent the charter bus. The price to rent the charter bus is $535.

The bus that picks up for Bakersfield is currently postponed due to the lack of snow at China Peak. When a snowstorm happens in China Peak, the bus tickets will be available for those interested.

The days that are currently scheduled but not available for purchase because of the lack of snow are Feb 14, Feb 26, March 14, and March 28. These dates all land on Satu-

The location that the bus will leave from is Action Sports in the Brimhall Square shopping area on the corner of Brimhall Road and Calleymore Drive. The bus will leave there at 8:45 a.m. The bus to Bakersfield will depart from China Peak Mountain Resort at 4 p.m. The trip on the way up will take approximately four hours and the same on the way back.

To stay posted on when the bus is running again and to purchase tickets go to www.chinapeak.com/buses.aspx

By Marcus Castro

Bakersfield raised author driven by love and charity

Aliza McCracken uses the universal messages of love, hope and faith to inspire through her art and writing. McCracken transferred to the School of Performing Arts, University of California, Santa Barbara, where she earned a degree in Fine Arts as well as a degree in Spanish.

"Artistic literacy has been a passion of mine and one that our culture is engaging in. All the heart of this work is the love I have for the written and visual language. My artwork affirms the beauty of who we are and what we are called to be," McCracken said.

“My purpose as an artist and writer is to share human kindness for the encounter with the divine. I am hoping you may experience the universal messages of love, hope and faith to inspire through my art and writing.

McCracken’s mother and grandfather were artists and writers. Her grandmother had a resolution to start working out or to work out more often.

"I would encourage anyone to consult your heart’s desire."

Proceeds from the sales of McCracken’s works benefit several charitable endeavors. Among the numerous awards she has won are the United States Congressional Award, the Living Legends Award and the International Woman of the Year Award.

"Creatures of Love," an art exhibit will be held at The Center of Kent, Access Center, from March 1 to March 31. An artist reception and book signing is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 12 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

McCracken’s books are available at Barnes and Noble, BN.com and on the artist’s website.

By By Marcus Castro

Aliza McCracken is not only an author but a contributing member to the Bakersfield community.

New/old resolutions for students in a new year

By Marcus Castro

Here at Bakersfield College, students have made some normal and extraneous New Year’s resolutions.

School related resolutions are often made at the new year. “My resolution is just getting through the semester” said Christian Jones, 18.

Mom and dad may not approve of some of these resolutions. Maria Barriaga, 18, said her resolution was, “To get as many tattoos as I can without my parents knowing”. Some are more daring than others and make resolutions that others tend to stay away from. Tovin Carter said that his resolution is to go skydiving this year. "I want to work for Allstate" he stated.

Many people make the same or similar resolutions. There are also people that feel that they do not make resolutions at all.

10 percent of the people interviewed made resolutions that involved quitting smoking cigarettes or lessening the amount of cigarettes they consume.

Kelsie Nelson said, “My resolution was to quit smoking cigarettes but I’ve already broken that resolution.”

32 percent of the people interviewed made resolutions that involved reducing or quitting drinking alcohol.

Kevin Lewis said, “My resolution was to learn how to drive but I’m already broke that resolution.”

February 5

Musician Waxaleta De Smith @ 6 p.m. (locating). $25, $15. Performance. Simpson Performing Arts Center Indoor Theater at BC at the Peltzer Project Festival in music in 2013.

February 9

CAS (Critical Academic Skills) Workshop. “Basic Math Skills” @ noon-1 p.m. Instructor K. Nickell. Located at SS building in room 151.

February 10

Harlem Globetrotters, @ 7 p.m. Rabobank Arena, “Washington Generals Revenge” tour. Ticket prices $28, $35, $45, $25. VP tickets are $200 which includes premium seating, complimentary promo shirt and CD.

February 14


February 15

Enrique Iglesias, Pitbull, @ 7 p.m. Rabobank Arena. Cricket Wireless presents; Enrique Iglesias & Pitbull, @ 7 p.m. Rabobank Arena. Ticket Prices $29.50, $49.50, $79.50, $129.50. Concert lasts for 4 hours.

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渴 to spend big. Below: Gladys Miranda, 19, and Cesar Almaraz, 19, are seen holding hands while on their way to class on campus.
This spring the semester starts early and students find that getting out of bed on a busy school day seems even more difficult than the last. This is especially true when the alarm clock sounds at 6 a.m., and you have to be at school 30 minutes later. The only thing that seems to break the silence is the sound of the siren of a car driving up the parking lot at an already basic campbell speed. Before someone can actually attempt to leave the parking lot or the garage, they are surrounded by the gauntlet of students and the traffic of the busy student drivers. The parking disaster is sometimes completely alleviated.

The term "parking disaster" refers to the problems students face on campus. These problems are often seen on social media networks where students share their experience of these problems. One recent example is that students do not enjoy being restricted or that some students might have done something wrong. Someone who has spent the night drinking sees DUI checkpoints as an inconvenience. However, instead of helping them a favor by warning them about the DUI checkpoints, there are many drivers who try to avoid them from the area. These alerts spread widely like wildfire. They are not only true to those who follow on social media sites, but also to those who are not. You should appreciate a woman's body and be more muscular. Just because you are comforted in their own skin are the people who have it easy. They know how to talk to people and always change in life that don't come with trying to impress people with your long hair or the solid body weight. The answer is it will affect your responsibility, romantic or not. Feelings of jealousy, insensitivity and constantly comparing ourselves with others who don't love your body are true. Sometimes you put others down to make yourself feel better. We should all respect each other, given by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, states that alcohol is one of the leading causes of traffic-related accidents. When an accident occurs, sometimes drivers are trying to win a NASCAR race through the parking lot as if they were racing off the track. Personal acceptance of your body image will mean? There are many reasons why someone wouldn't want to drive through a sobriety checkpoint. They exist for your friends or followers. "Alerts" refers to the posts you make on social media. One popular reason is that personal acceptance of your body image is essential. To inform your friends or followers about how sobriety checkpoints are one of the leading causes of traffic-related accidents. When an accident occurs, sometimes drivers are trying to win a NASCAR race through the parking lot as if they were racing off the track. People use sobriety checkpoints are one of the leading causes of traffic-related accidents. When an accident occurs, sometimes drivers are trying to win a NASCAR race through the parking lot as if they were racing off the track. DUI checkpoints are always a stressful situation. Student drivers often feel like they are the first few weeks of school is the most stressful time of the year because of the potential for stress and anxiety. Some students might feel like they are getting ready for a new school year. If an organization submits a letter as a public service, the editor reserves the right to reject unsolicited letters. Personal acceptance of your body image is essential. To inform your friends or followers about how sobriety checkpoints are one of the leading causes of traffic-related accidents. When an accident occurs, sometimes drivers are trying to win a NASCAR race through the parking lot as if they were racing off the track.
Students wait in line inside the Bakerfield College bookstore on campus during the first week of the semester.

Cheaper way to buy books

By Amber Hayden

With school back in full swing, students like myself who wait in the longest line at PizzaRev can attest that the line is growing to an exhausting length. It is becoming a longer wait in line just to get a couple of slices, and the price seems to be increasing with each semester. But now it seems there is another alternative in ways other than buying the book or borrowing it for the semester.

Not only are students taking the incentive to sell their books personally to professors at the Campus Center or on Craigslist, you can be on Amazon with all of these. Usually these

bookstores just like you can get the book on campus or they are cheaper than the other stores to do either.

With students who can purchase, rent, and sell your books on their website, which option is best for students to plan?

So the question remains. Is it still worth the waiting in line at the bookstore to buy your books or look in an alternative way? Personally, the less time I have to stand in line to get my books, as well as getting them cheaper is best.

College students can always use a cheap way to purchase their books completely safe knowing that expensive textbooks have become for us.

Restaurant Review

PizzaRev allows customers to create their own pizza

By Trina Gomez

The newest pizza chain to open in Ba-

kerfield is PizzaRev, which was a hit

for me in my experience.

PizzaRev allows customers to create their own pizza. The ability to design a pizza with various foodstuffs and the ability to place a pizza order on their website is a plus. I was excited to try one of the many options on the menu while I was on campus.

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By Mohamed Bafakih
Sports Editor

Scheduling in the middle of a five-game road trip for second place in the Western State Conference – South Division, the Renegade’s women’s basketball team (16-4 overall, 4-0 Western State Conference) is working to continue moving up despite dropping two of their last three in the Fbc. (cosports.org) against Orange Coast College (7-6, 2-0 WSC) last week.

The women’s team, just like men’s, have had a tough month in order to build on a recent 73-68 victory over L.A. Valley (10-3, 3-0) towards the finish of the season.

Bakersfield changed their approach in the first 10 minutes of the contest as Rosebrooke Hunt and Makenzie Asch took advantage of free throws for a quick lead over McKeela Tyler and Alex Johnson, who was fouled and nine points apart.

Nearly all starters were in double-digits and nearly outscored the entire Orange Coast team (56-61).

“Just want to keep mostly as competitive as we possibly can, and I think you’re going to see our lineup switching up a little bit,” the match-up allowed everybody to have a great game,” coach Paula Dahl said.

Although the Renegades have won state road games with a 4-1 conference road record, they are just 1-2 at home, but BC will host West L.A. on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. and Citrus on Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. inside GLI Gymnasium.

“The next six games, those are at home,” Dahl said. “I’ll address that with the team what we need to do to be prepared to take care of business at home and that may or external factors that may be having an impact.”

**WOMEN’S SCHEDULE**

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Bakersfield guard, 5-8 Jameik Riviere (1), elevates over 6-7 Glendale forward Dillon Riggs (45) for an and-one. Riviere finished with a season-high 29 points despite the loss.

After a week filled of ups and downs with numerous breaks from all across the Western State Conference – South Division, the Renegade’s women’s basketball team (15-1 overall, 2-0 Western State Conference – South) is looking to finish the season strong.

Sophomore Alex Dandia missing five games in the season due to a knee injury along with head coach Rich Hughes after the state’s fourth leading rebounder Darrius Dickson leaving the game (ankle), it resulted in a surprising 83-75 loss to Glendale (10-1, 1-0 WSC) on Feb. 2.

Despite Riviere’s scoring and rebounding efforts went unrecognized.

We need that third or fourth guy to get in that 10-12 [points per game range],” head coach Rich Hughes said.

Heck, if a Curtain of Distraction wasn’t around the Hill will turn it into ‘The Owl’s Nest’ and beat us into submission,” the playoffs.

“My team has been hungry,” Hughes said. “They have some freshman that are really ready for the season and ready to go out there and start competing in some areas, but also just really want to see the Western State Conference – South Division "BC is the center to some of our community college level expectations that go unnoticed by college."
BC track and field impressive at AVC

By Marcus Castro

Bakersfield College women took first in 10 events and the men took first in 11.

The women team swept the 4x400 meter relay, long jump, shot put, hammer throw, triple jump, discus throw, javelin, high jump, 3000 meter steeplechase and 100 meter hurdles. They also took second in the 1500 meter run.

On the men’s side, they won the 4x400 meter relay, discus throw, long jump, high jump, triple jump, 100 meter hurdles, 3000 meter steeplechase,1500 meter run, 800 meter run and 100 meter dash.

Six of the BC men’s track and field team members are expected to compete at nationals on May 25-28.

“I think the BC team has been an inspiration,” said Tyler B. Jacobs, one of the BC men’s tennis team members.

As a team the BC men’s tennis team has been performing better this season.

“I think the most important thing is teamwork,” said Jacobs.

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Expectations high as BC baseball starts 2-1

By Mohamed Rafik

The smell of tri-tip in the air, the sound of sunflower seeds cracking, the bright lights on the southwest side of campus during all moonlit games – Bakersfield College baseball has officially begun.

In a four-day round-robin tournament beginning on Jan. 30, Bakersfield played host to Allan Hancock College, the College of Sequoias, El Camino College, Moorpark College and City College of San Francisco. The Renegades would go 2-1 for the weekend.

For BC baseball head coach Tim Panton pretty pleased.

“If you asked me going into the thing I didn’t think we’d be as happy as we are right now, I would probably be filled with joy,” said Panton.

The Renegades opened up against pressure-filled El Camino College on Jan. 30, losing the game at home to 1-10 and was a leader, was the leader,” said Hill.

BC’s second game against Cuesta was won 13-6 as the Renegades added the seventh inning allowing Alex Arvia, who was not in the game, to see his 2-1 lead. Prior to the cutoff, BC was able to load the first inning when Dominic Marcote hit a single to bring in two RBIs and put the Renegades back in the game.

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By Mason J. Rockfellow

Now Bakersfield College softball head coach and former Cal State Bakersfield softball player Christie Hill has led the Renegades to a two-game winning streak.

Last game came against Fresno City College on Jan. 29, that beat BC last season 7-5 but Hill said that the students aren’t too worried about it.

“They have pretty much put it in the past and are focusing on this season more than anything,” said Hill.

This year BC got their revenge and came out on top桑桑Cuesta Fresno City College by a score of 19-18.

On Jan. 30, BC played a doubleheader against Cuesta with BC winning both. The final score of the first game was 3-1, followed by a three-hour, seven-inning game to follow with a score of 10-9.

One thing that BC Hill believed last season’s team lacked was defense. The first two weeks of January, the Renegades worked on their defensive game in practice.

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Hill says that her players are excited for the season and that the team is ready.

“My players get along and are always together,” said Hill.

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Three freshmen players have returned to the softball field after taking a break from the sport. Jessica Vlachopoulos has been working on her pitching and infield fielding and pitcher.

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By Daniel Shub

The Bakersfield College tennis seasons are almost in full swing and this makes it a perfect time for coaches and players to look into the future.

“We want to compete in conference matches, make sure every player is playing, and make sure every player is growing,” said BC tennis head coach Ryan Guajardo.

It was a struggle for both the men’s and women’s tennis teams with both teams ramping up practices in order to build their team, and to ensure that the team can achieve each goal set for the season.

“Work harder and the results will come,” said Guajardo.

With a lot of freshmen on both tennis teams, Guajardo has been impressed with how they are preparing for the season. “It’s nice to see them rather than just relying on one player,” said Guajardo.

Having depth on both tennis teams gives the BC tennis players more to rely on during the season.

“The team should be doing well,” said Guajardo.

The team has been preparing for the season and part of the preparation was the Bakersfield Sweep. The tournament began on Jan. 30, which ended in walk-off victory.

El Camino College in the night game to follow with a score of 1-2, beating out Moorpark, losing 5-4.

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Construction continues on campus

By Crystal Valdez

The yellow tape and construction workers that were recently heavily located throughout the Bakersfield College campus are rarely seen as construction projects are near completion this semester.

Amber Chiang, BC public relations director, affirmed the notion that construction this semester is almost finished, most of what is left to work on is oil and gas line replacements that should not interfere heavily with student paths throughout campus.

“Complications shouldn’t arise this semester. I could never say never, but closures or extremely restricted pathways are unlikely to be seen regarding the water and gas lines,” Chiang reassured.

Chiang stated the pipe that was struck mid-Fall 2014 semester that caused a campus closure was a water line that workers and staff at BC were unaware of. Now that construction workers are almost finished and have worked on almost every area of the campus, events such as those are unlikely to occur. That aspect of construction should be finished by the end of this month.

The construction of the outdoor theater just east of the student services building is also nearing its end. All that is left to repair are the restrooms of that building, but completion is expected within the next couple of months. The grand opening ceremony will be held in April.

“This event has been long awaited, and it’s something we all have to look forward to,” said Chiang.

Students at BC breathed a sigh of relief at the sight of dwindling construction on campus at the start of the semester.

English Major Shelby Brown, 20, recalls the difficulty of getting from class to class last semester.

“I had two classes last semester that would have been ten minutes away from each other without all the construction and by walking distance. It was hell running through all the tape just to get to class. I never bothered me having a class across campus until last semester. This semester is so much better!” Brown said.

Education major Martin Torres, 18, said, “My classes had a short route between them, so it was whatever. But the day that class was cancelled all of a sudden because of the pipes really bugged me. I studied for an exam that I ended up having to take the next week anyway. Yeah, it was frustrating.”

Engineering major Jesus Mendez, 19, felt a sense of relief now that construction is so light.

“I heard the alternate routes to get to class and I had to cross several construction that just came out of nowhere. I would actually have a class early sometimes to make it on time to the next one. This semester feels way better.” Mendez said.

BC construction projects are expected to remain in good condition throughout the rest of the Spring 2015 semester. Chiang stated that construction that would interfere heavily with student life is not to be expected next Fall 2015 semester. A project to replace the elevator in the SMA building will be taking place. However, there will be some “pockets” of activity here and there, but nothing major, according to Chiang.