



BC Archives Association Director's Report

Recently I presented a paper on the creation of the Bakersfield College Archives to the Annual Meeting of the Society of California Archivists, founded in 1971. On the panel with me in Costa Mesa were two professional archivists, one from the University of California-Berkeley Design School Archives and another archivist from the California State University, Fresno Central Valley Political Archives. We all spoke on the challenges of creating an archive from scratch. The session was well attended and well received. The audience seemed to be truly impressed by what we have accomplished – creating one of the few historical archives at a community college in the United States!

There are many people I would like to thank for making this possible, including: the Bakersfield College Foundation directed by Walt Howald, the members of my steering committee, my executive committee, BC President Sandra Serrano, the staff of the library and Dean Greg Chamberlain's office, the folks in Public Relations, Media Services, and BC Business Office, and most importantly, the many members of the community and the BC support network who have provided historical materials and the funds necessary

to preserve and promote the history of the college. WE RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT TO CONTINUE THIS PROJECT.

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Dr. Randal Beeman
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News Briefs

From the Oral History Project

Dr. Kenneth Fahsbender served on the BC staff for 12 years over a period from 1959 to 1976, followed by service with the Kern Community College District and as a local businessman. Five of those years at BC, Dr. Fahsbender served as Band Director, which he remembered fondly in his oral history conducted February 27, 2003 at the BC Archives:

"We would meet in the band room on the night of the game. Here are 18,000 people waiting for us and it is pre-game, 6:30 pm. As we get near, my drummers go into full stuff, you know, with a Latin beat. I let them create it and I had Danny Murillo and Andy Hill—they had something going and we would just rock the place. It brings tears to my eyes."

Under Dr. Fahsbender's direction, the BC Band performed at the Junior Rose Bowl in Pasadena in 1961 and at the Seattle World's Fair in 1962. To hear a recording of the BC Band playing the BC Fight Song, go to our website at www2.bakersfieldcollege.edu/bcarchive



BC Band, 1953

Archives Association's First Open House



Dr. Glen Bultman and Mrs. Jerry Ludeke review old photographs at the Archives Open House.

On Thursday February 19th the Bakersfield College Archives held an open house in conjunction with an opening of faculty and student art over the decades in the Wylie and May Louise Jones Art Gallery. Approximately 200 of our top supporters showed up for the event and enjoyed an exquisite array of treats and beverages served by Chef Pat Coyle and his capable colleagues in BC Food Services.

Our local NBC affiliate's morning news program also featured the event with a series of live remotes beginning at 5AM.

Visitors had the opportunity to tour our facility, peruse old scrapbooks and yearbooks, and attempt to identify individuals and events in the thousands of unlabeled photographs in our collections.

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Bakersfield College and the Community: Mayor Harvey Hall

Written by Chris Clowers



Harvey Hall presents an award at Bakersfield College in the 1970s.

Over the past 90 years, Bakersfield College has shaped the hearts and minds of many students. Many of BC former students have gone on to be business and or political leaders in the community, as is the case with Bakersfield's Mayor Harvey Hall.

Mayor Hall first attended Bakersfield College in 1959 and 1960 before starting work full time in the ambulance business in August of 1960. Like many other local citizens, he continued to take classes on and off at BC for personal

and professional growth. Mayor Hall completed his last class in 1995 in order to become a certified ambulance driver. He also served four years on the Board of Trustees for Kern Community College District before he became Mayor of Bakersfield.

While attending Bakersfield College, Mayor Hall majored in journalism and minored in PE. He also was a string reporter for "The Rip," and that gave him a sense of responsibility because he was under a deadline. He said he enjoyed his time at "The Rip."

In addition, Bakersfield College helped Mayor Hall reach his goals, and he cites the influences of his counselor and professors, noting Herb Loken, Dr. Harlan Boyd and Gerry Collis in particular. Mayor Hall also continued to build relationships with administrators and faculty while working on the Board of Trustees.

Over the years, Mayor Hall has supported Bakersfield College by volunteering his time and services. Mayor Hall has donated all of his mayor's salary to different scholarships so students can attend Bakersfield College and CSUB. He has also given free ambulance service over the years for BC events like football games and provided other services for functions on campus. Mayor Harvey Hall feels Bakersfield College will continue to be a major community resource, not only for students coming out of high school, but also for working people trying to advance their careers by taking night classes.

Bakersfield College Alumni Association Notes

Written by Becki Whitson and Nichole Scanlon

The Alumni Association is hard at work for the college again this year. As Bakersfield enlarges and sees more organizations, the BC Alumni Association is reinventing itself to find new ways to raise money.

Once upon a time, the annual barbecue raised enough revenue to fund scholarships, donate to the Athletics Department as well as give funds to on-campus activities and clubs. No longer is this the case. Take a look below for a list of activities the Alumni Association is sponsoring in 2004. Each event is a fundraiser as well as a time to socialize and reconnect with other Renegades. Keep up the Renegade spirit and please attend or support these events.

Dinner and Reverse Draw

Don't miss this one! Coming up on Saturday, May 22nd in the BC cafeteria. Only 200 tickets are available for this amazing chance to win \$4,000 or even \$1,000. Tickets are \$125 and provide a dinner and admittance for two. A tax-deductible portion of \$105 goes to fund scholarships and other on-campus activities. Call Vickie at 395-4273 or Becki at 395-4619 to purchase your ticket before they sell out!

Chicano Cultural Center Records

Oliver Rosales, a graduate of Bakersfield College and the University of California, Berkeley, is currently working on an M.A. in history at California State University, Bakersfield. He has been researching the groundbreaking efforts of Dr. Jesus Gilberto "Jess" Nieto, who, among other things, founded the Chicano Cultural Center and the Chicano Studies curriculum at Bakersfield College in the 1970s. The Bakersfield College Archives is honored to have begun processing the older records of the center so that scholars will have access to the historical documents of the period, when Dr. Nieto and his successors helped BC become a national leader in the Chicano Studies movement. Cesar Chavez, Dr. Julian Nava, Dolores Huerta, and Dr. Jose Angel Gutierrez were among the notable

50th Annual BC Barbecue

Can you believe this long-standing tradition is 50 years old? Mark your calendar now for September 9th. Tickets will be available in August in the Alumni Office at 395-4273 or from any Alumni board member. The event will be at Stramler Park this year and will boast a new menu!

Wine Tasting and Social

Homecoming is scheduled for October 16th this year against Citrus College. Pencil in this date now so you won't miss the first ever BC Alumni Association Wine Tasting and Social. The Alumni will host this casual event in the huddle before the homecoming game for a reasonable fee. What a great plan to boost that Renegade spirit and have a huge turnout for the big game! Don't forget to wear red and white!

We look forward to seeing you more often this year. As always, we are looking for new members for our board. If you're ready to get involved, please call. New ideas mean more funds for our college and our students!

speakers the Chicano Cultural Center hosted on campus over the years.

Oliver Rosales, who has spent a number of hours researching in our archive, writes: "The research experience has been great for me, not only as an alumnus of Bakersfield College, but as a student of history who feels that the community college is a viable setting for historical research as it historically reflects the needs and aspirations of the larger community it serves. In April, I presented my research on Nieto and the Chicano Cultural Center for the California History Institute Conference at University of the Pacific in Stockton."

Oliver Rosales is the son of David Rosales, BC professor of history.