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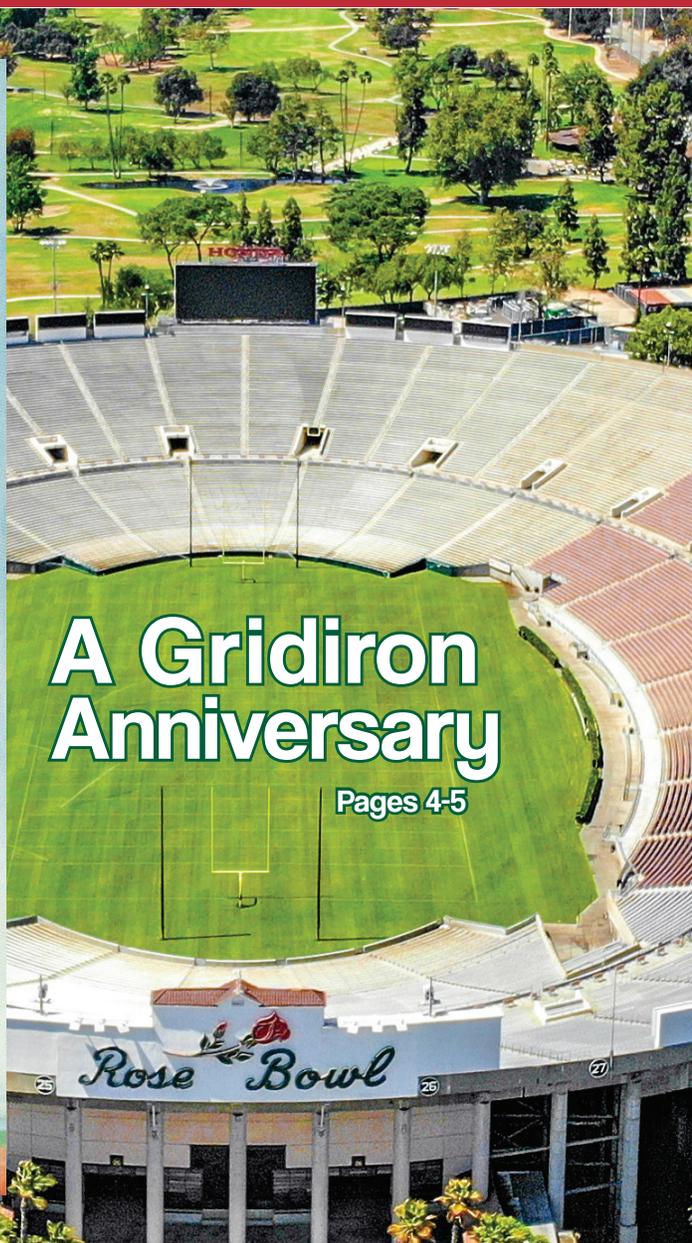
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How the Winds of World War II Brought a French Teacher to Bakersfield College

by Allan Krauter

Fifty years ago, Eva Lefevre began her final year of teaching French at Bakersfield College, ending a distinguished 27-year career here that began in 1943 in the middle of World War II.

“Madame Lefevre,” as her students addressed her, was almost certainly the first BC faculty member to witness the war firsthand, for she was living in Paris when German troops marched down the Champs-Élysées on June 14, 1940. Mme. Lefevre was among an estimated 5,000 Americans remaining in Paris when the German Army invaded the city.

Scarcely a month earlier, an idyllic seaside vacation at Deauville with her husband, French soldier Panos Lefevre, had been interrupted when he was called back from military leave to Paris after Hitler’s Panzer tank divisions knifed through the Ardennes Forest into France. Within weeks, the German blitzkrieg had advanced to the French coast, trapping most of the British Expeditionary Force as well as Belgian and French troops between the invading column and another German column that had swept through the Netherlands and the Belgian lowlands. British commanders planned to evacuate their troops from France at the port of Dunkirk.



Eva and Panos Lefevre just before the German invasion



German troops marched down the Champs-Élysées in June 1940

On June 1, Panos Lefevre, an ambulance driver, was reported missing in action at the Battle of Dunkirk, where 16,000 French soldiers lost their lives defending the 10-day evacuation of nearly 340,000 British and other allied troops across the English Channel. His body was never recovered.

Mme. Lefevre, who was pregnant with their son, now found herself alone in Nazi-occupied Paris. Her apartment was soon requisitioned by German army officers, so she went to live with Panos’ family elsewhere in Paris, where Peter Lefevre was born later that summer.

Paris under the German occupation was a far different place than when Eva Lefevre arrived there from Honolulu as Panos’ bride in 1932. In place of Paris’ vibrant café life, a curfew was now in effect from nine in the evening until five in the morning; at night, the city went dark. Paris’ famed Sorbonne University, where Lefevre had earned a master’s degree in French, was closed in November 1940 by the occupying forces after a student demonstration against the Nazis was brutally put down by German soldiers.

The Germans also seized control of the French airwaves, permitting only broadcasts produced or sanctioned by the Nazis’ extensive propaganda

network. These included a daily program by an American-born British politician, William Joyce, a Nazi sympathizer who broadcast in English from Berlin as “Lord Haw Haw.” His broadcasts included deliberately inflated Allied casualty numbers and other propaganda that was intended to discourage and demoralize Allied troops and British civilians.

Lord Haw Haw was also heard in France, and Lefevre recalled to her students that sometimes his information on Allied troop movements and French



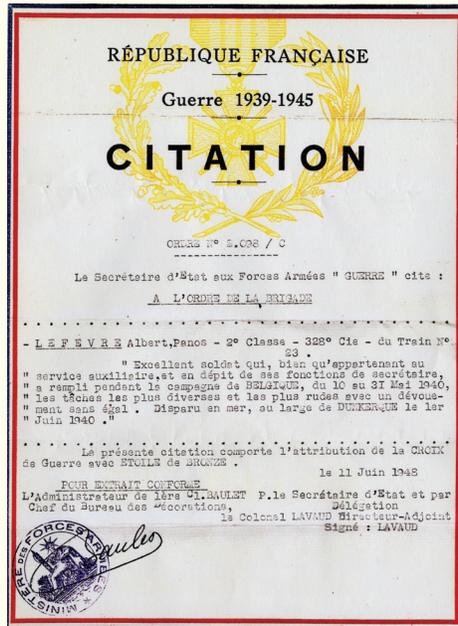
A shadow hung over Paris in WWII

Resistance activity was frighteningly accurate. One evening, Lefevre said, a Resistance cell in Paris held a birthday party for one of its members at a trusted café in a private room upstairs. The next day, Lord Haw Haw described the celebration in detail, naming the attendees individually and listing what each had ordered for dinner – showing that the Resistance had Nazi informants among its purported friends.

Rationing of food, tobacco, coal and clothing began in September 1940, and Lefevre remembered subsisting on a “starvation diet”, at one point eating little but rutabagas for several months. Parisians began to leave the city for the surrounding countryside, where food was more plentiful and German troops less numerous. Lefevre and her infant son went to live on a farm southwest of Paris that had been purchased by Panos’ relatives from a Jewish family who were fleeing the German occupation. The price of the farm was rumored to have been paid in diamonds, which could more easily be smuggled out of France than currency.

With life in wartime France growing more tenuous by the month, Lefevre petitioned the American consul to secure exit visas for her, her son, Panos’ sister and her two children as well as an unrelated 16-year-old boy. The consulate issued visas and arranged train tickets from Paris to Lisbon, where the group would await passage to the United States by Red Cross freighter.

The Lefevres packed 12 suitcases with a few belongings, filling most of their baggage with as much food as they could procure, since Spain’s Civil War had ravaged the country and little food would be available to buy along the train route to Portugal. One item left behind was a book Lefevre had written about her life under the Germans in France. Since no written materials could be taken from Occupied France and the manuscript was critical



Panos Lefevre's posthumous Croix de Guerre citation

of the occupying regime, she burned the manuscript, knowing that it would cause hardship for her French relatives if the Nazis discovered it.

After arriving in Lisbon, they waited weeks for berths on a Red Cross ship, finally crossing the Atlantic to safety. Now Lefevre could rejoin her parents in Honolulu, where the Department of Defense had arranged a teaching position for her at the military base at Pearl Harbor.

But in a world moving toward war, safety had become elusive. Months after her arrival in Honolulu in 1941, Pearl Harbor’s U.S. Pacific Fleet and associated air bases were bombed by Japanese aircraft on December 7, the day that President Roosevelt declared would “live in infamy.” Lefevre and her son sailed with other evacuees to San Francisco, taking a zigzag course on a ship that was completely blacked out to avoid detection and possible attack by Japanese submarines. All passengers were required to wear life vests 24 hours a day.

In California, Eva Lefevre’s life bent toward Bakersfield in the familiar arc taken by many others who joined the BC faculty in that era: graduate studies at UC Berkeley and recruitment to Bakersfield High School and Bakersfield Junior College (as BC was known when it was located on the BHS campus). An account of her World War II odyssey that she gave to a local sorority

was reported in the March 29, 1944 *Renegade Rip*, from which many of the details in this story were gleaned.

In 1948, the French government awarded Panos Lefevre a posthumous Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star for his part in holding off the German advance on Dunkirk until the evacuation was complete. Eva Lefevre went back to France in 1950 and returned many times thereafter to Paris, the city she loved so much, to see friends and relatives. Her inquiries about her husband would occasionally turn up information about this or that “Monsieur Lefevre” who was reputed to be alive somewhere in France, but she never found her husband.

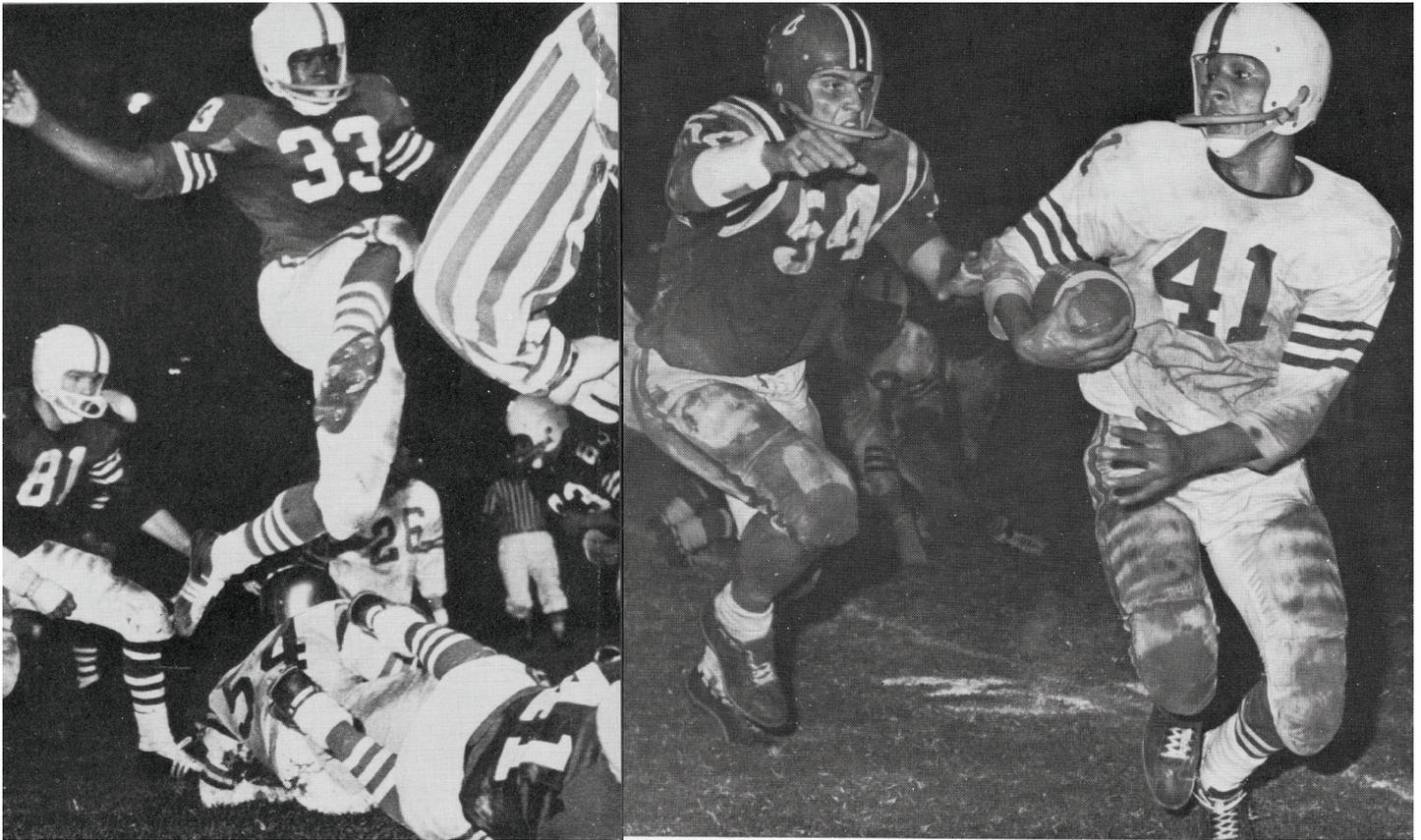
After retiring to her beloved Honolulu in 1970, Eva Lefevre died there in 1996, having survived both the European and Pacific theaters of World War II to raise a child and experience a rewarding career at Bakersfield College.



Eva Lefevre as a BC faculty member in 1953

Her son, Peter Lefevre, who supplied much of the information about his parents, grew up in Bakersfield, earned his A.A. degree at Bakersfield College and graduated from Fresno State College. He is long retired from a 40-year teaching career and lives in Pleasanton, California. Mr. Lefevre reports that he still has his mother’s sky-blue ’57 Thunderbird convertible that she drove back and forth to BC. ☺





THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON **60 YEARS AGO, RENEGADES WON JUNIOR** **ROSE BOWL AND NATIONAL TITLE** by Allan Krauter

The 2019 football season marks the 60th anniversary of a legendary Renegade team. In 1959, the 'Gades ran the table, outscoring their opponents 328 to 60 on the way to a 10-0 record, a Junior Rose Bowl win and a JC national championship.

The team had enjoyed a highly successful 9-1 campaign in 1958 under BC coaching legend Homer Beatty, so new head coach Ray Newman had much to live up to. But BC football fans need not have worried, as none of their opponents in the championship season of 1959 came within two touchdowns of the powerful Renegades.

Nearly 89,000 fans turned out to see six home games, and 25,000 BC faithful traveled to Pasadena for the final contest, the Junior Rose Bowl against Texas' undefeated Del Mar College Vikings. After spotting Del Mar

a 7-0 lead, the Renegades scored five touchdowns and won 36-14 to cap a perfect season and secure the national junior college football title.

Following the season, three Renegade linemen, J.R. Williams, Bill Williamson, and Ed Witzke, were named JC All-Americans. Six players were named to the All-Metropolitan Conference team, and Don Hampton, the Renegades' leading scorer, was named Metro Conference player of the year. Three Renegades from that 1959 team, center J.R. Williams and receivers Vern Burke and "Jackrabbit" Joe Hernandez, went on to play professional football.

J.R. Williams was drafted out of Fresno State College by the New York Giants of the NFL, becoming a teammate of Kern County's most famous athlete, Frank Gifford. He

also briefly spent time with the San Diego Chargers, then played for the Vancouver Lions of the Canadian Football League, helping them win the Grey Cup before a knee injury ended his playing career the next year. Williams returned to Kern County and coached football at Arvin High School from 1966-1970 before becoming the first head coach at Highland High School, where he coached from 1970-1980. He then moved to Corcoran High School, where he won the 1989 Central Section Sierra Division championship and was The Fresno Bee's Coach of the Year.

Wide receiver Joe Hernandez was drafted out of the University of Arizona in 1962 by the Oakland Raiders of the AFL and the NFL Washington Redskins. He played

for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League in 1963, then for the Redskins in 1964 before closing out his professional career as an All-Pro defensive back with the Eskimos from 1966-70. After his football career, Hernandez spent a decade counseling prison inmates. He started a softball league for underprivileged kids in Tucson.

Wide receiver Vern Burke was an All-American end at Oregon State College and was selected by the San Francisco 49ers in the fifth round of the 1963 NFL Draft. He played one season each for the 49ers, Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans Saints before retiring at age 27.

All-American tackle Bill Williamson went on to play football at Utah State College and although he was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams, he returned to Oildale after college. Williamson began coaching youth football there while rising through the Kern County Probation Department ranks to be appointed Chief Probation Officer from 1988-94. Williamson was one of North High School's biggest supporters, raising tens of thousands of dollars for athletic programs and forming many lifelong relationships with North High students, parents, coaches, teachers, and administrators and in the Oildale community.

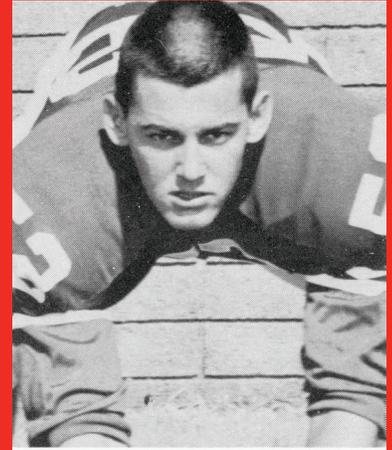
A young assistant coach on the 1959 staff, Gerry Collis, would succeed Ray Newman as head coach in 1967. Coach Collis would continue BC's winning tradition – significantly, without the benefit of national recruiting that had brought players to BC from as far afield as Texas, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and New Jersey. Before Collis took over as head coach, the Metropolitan Conference banned its members from recruiting outside college district boundaries, yet in his first four seasons as head coach, Collis' entirely homegrown Renegade teams went 9-1, 8-1, 10-1 and 9-1. In three of those seasons, BC's nemesis, the Fullerton College Hornets, eliminated the previously undefeated Renegades in the state playoffs. Those tough season-ending defeats would finally be avenged in 1988, but that is another story for a future retelling. ☺

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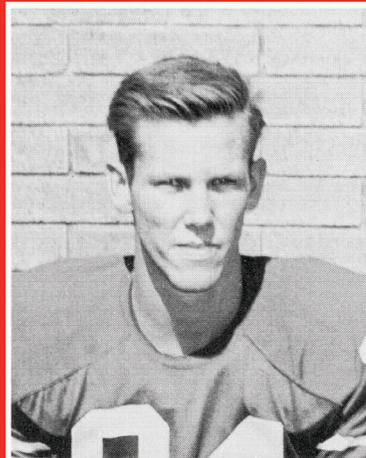
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Don Hampton was the leading scorer and Metro Conference Player of the Year

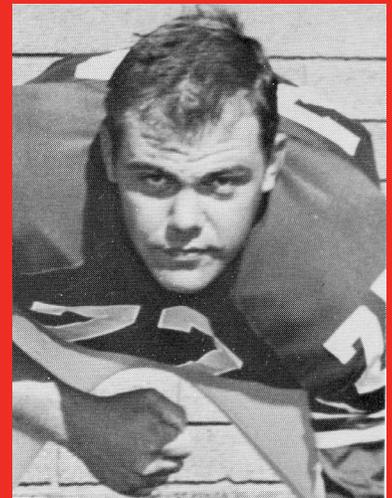
Joe Hernandez was one of three 'Gades who went on to play professional football



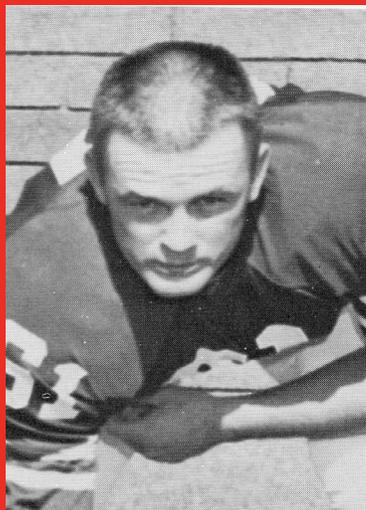
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Most Valuable Player
All-American
All-Conference



VERN BURKE
Player Of The Game
Helms Award Winner



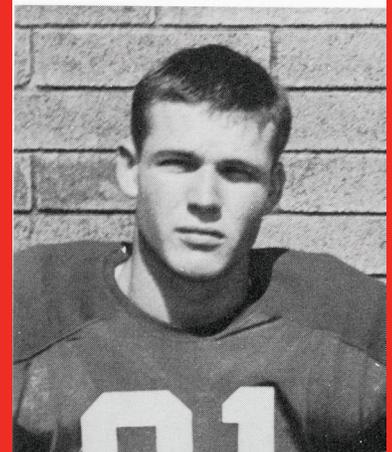
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1969 RENEGADES PACKED RECORD CROWDS INTO MEMORIAL STADIUM



Fifty years ago, the 1969 Renegade football team was not only highly successful, rolling to a 10-1 record and playing in the state semi-final playoff game, but the six home games played at Memorial Stadium also set the all-time record for per-game attendance of 17,064 – in a stadium that seated 19,467.

The Renegades had enjoyed fan support unmatched by any community college football team in the country since the opening of Memorial Stadium, but 1969 was the high water mark. Under new head coach Gerry Collis, the '67 and '68 Gades had each lost only one game, and with the '69 team boasting loads of returning all-Metro Conference talent, Memorial Stadium was the place to be when the Renegades were in town.

According to game recaps

published in the Bakersfield College 1970 Football Press Book, more than 14,000 fans – a below-average crowd for the time but huge attendance by today's standards – turned out for the first home game to watch the Renegades roll over Merritt College 55-6. A crowd of nearly 14,000 witnessed a decisive 24-7 Renegade victory over Laney College in the second game of the season.

The Metro Conference opener two weeks later against Santa Monica College – another win for Big Red -- drew more than 18,000. Things really got rolling in November when more than 19,000 people attended both the Pasadena and El Camino victories, and the month ended with nearly 17,000 fans watching the Renegades trounce Santa Barbara City College 49-0 in the state semi-final playoff

game at Memorial Stadium. The team's only loss of the season came against perennial JC power Fullerton College in the first round of the state playoffs in Anaheim, and following the season, nine Renegades were named to the All-Metro Conference team.

In all, more than 102,000 people witnessed Renegade football at Memorial Stadium in 1969, setting a national record for JC season football attendance. The average crowd at those six home games surpassed the per-game attendance of 15 Major League baseball clubs that year. The Bakersfield College Renegades were not only the USC and Notre Dame of community college football; in attendance, they were the Los Angeles Dodgers. ☺

Research assistance from Rosalee Pogue

Trixie

**Bronze Girl Has Presided Over
BC Library In Seasonal Attire
Since 1997**

by Allan Krauter

Newcomers to the Bakersfield College Library may look twice at the girl gazing intently into a book on the mezzanine railing before realizing that she is a statue. Her lifesize bronze form has graced the library since 1997. According to an article in October 24, 1997 *Renegade Rip*, the statue cost \$37,000 in community contributions. It is also the only statue on campus.

Although her sculptor, Howard

Jason, provided the statue with a bronze skirt, BC sweatshirt and sneakers, which have all held up well through the decades, the library staff have helped to personalize her, beginning with the name that she lacked at the time of the *Rip* article.

"Trixie" was named by reference librarian Fred Jacobs, who told the *Rip* that he often mistook her for a patron when he would glance up from his desk



Lights, Camera, Kickoff! Neither Rain, Ice, Fog, Lightning Or Crickets Stopped Him From Filming Football Games At Memorial Stadium by Arnold Burr

Retired Automotive Professor Arnold Burr filmed Renegade football games from the press box roof at Memorial Stadium for 27 years during the tenures of four head coaches and three athletic directors. Below is the second installment of his memories of filming BC football.

I can remember several times during the end of the season when the weather was so cold that there were icicles hanging from the roof railing. I would have to sit still and my teeth would start to chatter because you couldn't get up and move around to get warm.

One evening, when Jim Turner was announcing the game, we had a very bad electrical storm with lightning all around us. I had to move away from the steel railing because I could feel hair standing up on my arms. When Jim came back on the mike he said something like "that was an electrifying show." I was scared to death.

More than once we had an infestation of crickets. They were all over the stadium roof! Lucky for me, I was wearing long pants and was able to use duct tape around the ankles to keep them from going up my legs. To keep the bugs out of the recorders, I had to cover the equipment with plastic

bags that I usually used in the rain.

When the stadium was under earthquake reconstruction, Coach Carl Bowser asked the architect if they could put a roof over the area on top of the press box to protect film equipment from rain, since there was no room inside the press box to film. The architect told him it would cost about \$280,000 to put a roof on top of the press box. Coach Bowser told him, "I don't want a three-bedroom house; I just want a carport." It came down to the point that if they did anything to the press box they would have to bring it up to Americans with Disabilities Act standards. As far as I know, the press box still doesn't meet ADA standards and there is no roof covering the filming area.

The year that they were using only the lower sections of the stadium, during the earthquake retrofit, a storm system could be seen coming fast straight down Christmas Tree Lane toward the stadium just before game time – rain, wind, and a darkness that was uncharacteristic. Some new aluminum seating sections awaiting installation in the upper deck were picked up by the wind and looked like helicopter blades flying all over

the place. I don't remember if they canceled the game or postponed it for an hour. I do remember everyone left the field when the storm hit.

Several foggy nights became so bad I was unable to see the field from the top of the press box. At halftime, I would move down to the bottom of the upper deck and sometimes I still couldn't see the field.

When we were playing in a Potato Bowl game the angle of the sun almost made it impossible to film anything at the open end of the stadium until after halftime.

Some games were so exciting that I would start looking at the game and forget to start the camera as I would be looking over the camera with both eyes open so I could see the game.

For 27 years, I watched virtually all home games and many away games with only my right eye, looking into the camera viewfinder with my left eye shut. And while using the Bolex cameras the action was all in black and white.

I worked for four head coaches: Gerry Collis, Carl Bowser, Dallas Grider and Jeff Chudy; and for three athletic directors: Herb Loken, Walt Johnson, and Jan Stuebbe. ☺

nearby. Not long after Trixie arrived, librarians took it upon themselves to periodically augment her wardrobe to reflect holidays, BC graduations, and the passing seasons, a tradition that has continued for more than 20 years.

No matter her garb – Santa's elf, Renegade rooter, Mardi Gras party girl or the first one into the swimming pool -- Trixie maintains quiet concentration on her book, which remains nameless.

Many students studying in the library rub her for good luck during final exam week.

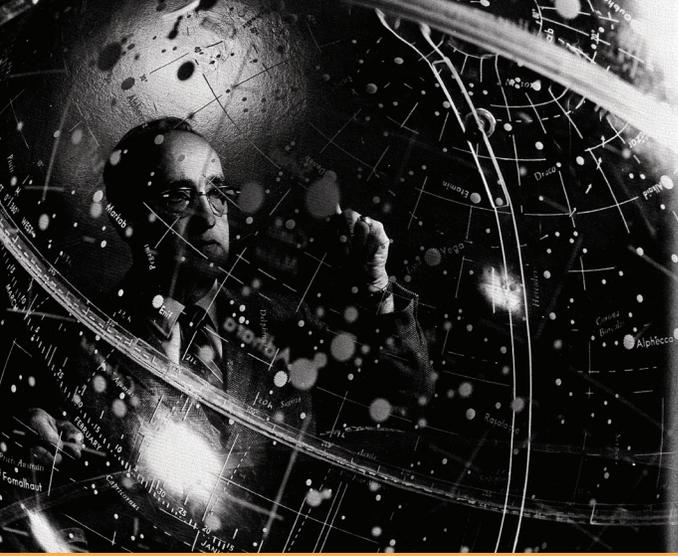
"Everyone seems to like it," Jacobs told the *Rip*. "She sort of represents that there's a lot more to the library than just writing papers. There's kind of a sense of tranquility with books and reading." ☺

Research assistance from Jerry Ludeke and Ines Castillo

Photos (l to r clockwise):

1. Go 'Gades!
2. Trixie is the only person allowed to have a drink in the library
3. Mardi Gras!
4. Bedecked for the holidays
5. People are drawn to Trixie
6. Who is Trixie's Valentine?
7. Construction zone
8. A scholar deserves a mortarboard
9. Old school Renegade rooter
10. Summer school
11. Biker chick





Two 'Nicks' and BC's Pla

Two "Nicks" – Pananides and Strobel -- have been the inspiration for and the maestros of Bakersfield College's two planetariums. When the first planetarium opened in 1962 with a 24-foot-wide dome, it was a rarity for a community college campus at the time, and when it was replaced in 2006 with a state-of-the-art planetarium, Bakersfield College became one of the top places anywhere in California for indoor stargazing.

Nick Pananides, who came to Bakersfield Junior College in 1941 as a mathematics and engineering instructor, pushed for a planetarium to be built after BC's new campus opened in 1955. His vision of a planetarium that the entire community could share was realized on October 25, 1962, when the new planetarium was placed into service. Using the planetarium, Pananides began teaching introductory astronomy to BC students, and his planetarium-based lectures opened up the universe to elementary and high school students as well the community.

Pananides augmented the original planetarium equipment with auxiliary projectors that he built depicting the natural skyline of Bakersfield, various constellations, a radiant meteor shower, and a tumbling asteroid. He also designed and built a 10-inch diameter reflecting telescope for use in the astronomy program.

In a 1969 *Raconteur* article about Mr. Pananides and the planetarium, he

defined its purpose eloquently, stating, "We have endeavored to promote understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the design and beauty of the universe, to inspire the search for truth, and to add scientific emphasis to the educational process."

The popular planetarium programs and Pananides' enthusiasm for his subject were well known to Kern County residents until his retirement in 1973, when the planetarium was handed off to physics instructor Gene Kirchner. Kirchner directed the planetarium until his retirement.

Astronomy professor Nick Strobel greatly expanded public awareness of the study of stars and the exploration of the universe in the public mind when he took over the planetarium in 1996. He inaugurated a stargazing column that appears regularly in *The Bakersfield Californian*, and he and other STEM instructors at BC initiated planning for construction of a new science center and planetarium in 2000. BC President Sandra Serrano approached Congressman Bill Thomas, who secured a federal appropriation that was combined with funds from Measure G, a local bond measure, to renovate and modernize the planetarium.

After Congressman Thomas secured \$1 million in federal funds, work began in 2005 on a brand new planetarium with 72 seats and a 36-foot wide dome on which a powerful and versatile new Chronos star

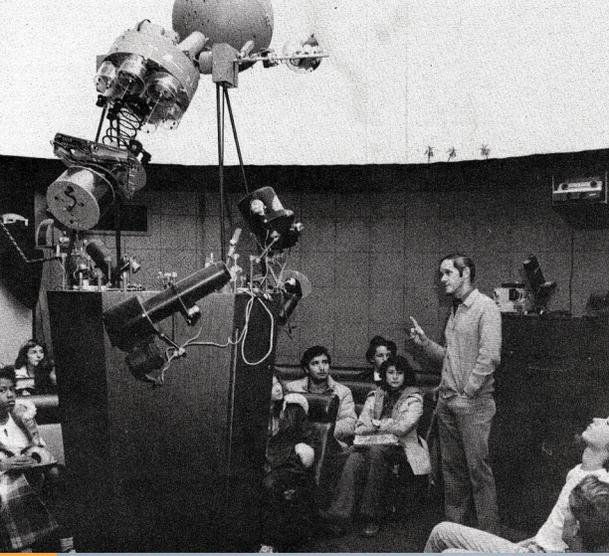
projector can depict the night sky as it would appear from any location on Earth at any time in the past 8,000 years. A SciDome video player projects movies on the dome when the star projector is retracted.

Using the star projector in concert with video documentaries, Strobel began presenting sold-out multimedia shows at BC's new William M. Thomas planetarium in 2006, which according to the *Californian* offered "the best view of the heavens next to climbing on a space shuttle...sweeping you to galaxies far, far away."

Some notable shows at the new planetarium have been "Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity", "How Big? How Far?", a locally produced show commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, "Destination Mars", and "Season of Light," which traces the history and development of holiday customs and their connection to astronomical events.

Strobel believes the planetarium's value goes well beyond educating BC students, noting that it is a great way to introduce Kern County's elementary students and teachers to science and technology.

"The demand for highly-skilled, science-literate workers in Kern County and in our country is great and will only continue to increase, yet a significant gap exists between the product of our local education system



Planetariums

by Allan Krauter

and the brain-intensive, science-savvy needs of our local economy in the future,” Strobel said.

He noted that a national study has found that over 84% of the PhD scientists in the physical sciences and mathematics chose to go into a science or engineering career before going to college (almost a third chose even before high school).

“Teachers in elementary and secondary education are key to developing the passion in the physical sciences and mathematics and to getting children to choose science or other technical careers,” Strobel said. “Planetariums, science centers, and natural history museums expand the horizons of children by showing them possibilities beyond their own limited experience.” ☺

Photos (L to R clockwise) :

Professor Nick Pananides was the father of the BC Planetarium

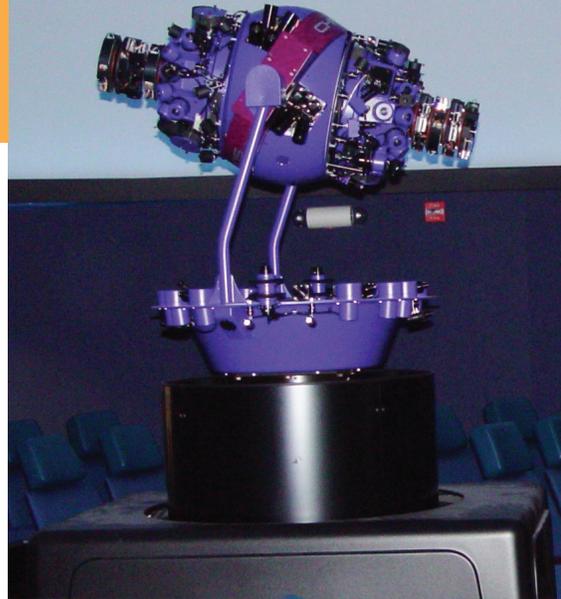
The William M. Thomas Planetarium opened in 2006

Professor Gene Kirchner and students in BC's first planetarium, whose dome was 24 feet wide

The Chronos star projector delivers stunning depictions of the night skies

Professor Pananides augmented the original planetarium with equipment he designed and built

Professor Nick Strobel helped to bring the new planetarium to completion



New Aquisitions



A flash drive in a leather wallet in a handcrafted wooden box - now that's an accreditation report they'll remember.

New acquisitions at the Archives Bakersfield College's accreditation was reviewed last year, and in addition to the many commendable activities happening on campus, the team that wrote the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report outdid themselves with one final fillip.

Instead of printing out their report and mailing the large packet to each of the twelve members of the accreditation visiting evaluation team, the BC accreditation team put the report on a sleek chrome USB flash drive. Then BC Industrial Technology students under Professor Darren Willis produced individual 2 3/4 inch wide wooden boxes along lines inspired by a design from a BC student. The BC seal is wood-burned into the top, which opens to reveal the chrome flash drive containing the report in a magnetic black leather Bakersfield College folder. Very impressive! We were delighted that they made an extra box for the Archives. [FYI: Yes! BC received reaffirmation of its accreditation for seven years along with three commendations and NO recommendations for improving institutional effectiveness. Go Gades!]

Another acquisition that has a Bakersfield College connection but was not produced by BC is the packet of 2018 BTOWN CARDS. This is a deck of cards



Bakersfield College has the Queen of Spades, President Sonya Christian, in the BTown deck of playing cards

designed locally but manufactured by the United States Playing Card Company in Kentucky. Each card has a unique design featuring a business, personality, architecture, or service located in greater Bakersfield. The Queen of Spades is none other than our own Sonya Christian, President of Bakersfield College, in her academic regalia saying "Learn, Innovate, Achieve".

The third acquisition that we are



It's time for Renegade football!

highlighting is an unusual football helmet clock. EBay and Amazon show many variations of football themed clocks. This one was made by a group called Photographic Concepts in Tyler, Texas, when photo realistic rendering was popular. It is resin on a wood base and is considered a collectible piece of sports memorabilia. We know little about it other than it has Pat Coyle's name engraved on it, and the helmet design appears in Renegade football photos from the 1984 season. Pat says

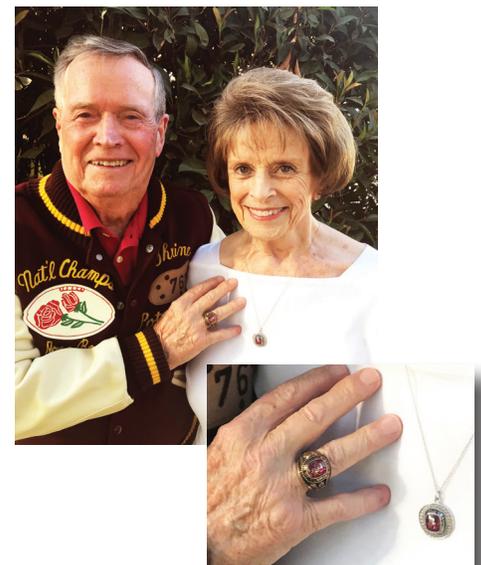
it was a gift from the football team for Food Services' support of the team. He was not sure of the year. The clock hangs in the Archives office and keeps perfect time!

Another recent acquisition that



Josten's artist rendering of 1976 championship ring

now hangs next to the helmet clock is a 16x20-inch commercial artist's rendering of the championship ring commemorating the 1976 Renegades' national football title, which was contributed by the BC Athletic Department. Rings were made for each player, the coaches, trainers, and other team personnel. The coaches' wives each received a ring pendant on a necklace - a gesture that anyone familiar with the occupation of being a coach's spouse will appreciate.



Coach Harvel Pollard and his wife, Mary Lou Pollard, show off their national title jewelry.



SPACE AND TIME

by Dr. Jack Hernandez

I am not a physicist and am not thinking of the universe without, rather the universe within.

Before retirement our lives are in what I call the “thickness,” when the space and time of our lives is filled with our education, marriage, family, social life, and work. No need, then, to be concerned with how to fill space and time. Our concern, rather, is how to find more space and time for all that churns through our lives.

Then our children grow up and move away, and then we retire. Now, rather than faced with an overflowing space and time, we face a thinning and emptying space and time. Of course we can fill it with going to the gym, doing yoga, golfing, playing more tennis, cruising, goggling, and editing the memories, pictures, and stories of our lives, our past.

These are in the outer universe of our lives. We now have the space and time, though, to look at, examine, understand, and enrich the inner universe of our lives, that of our mind and heart. We have heard, for example, that we should love our neighbors. But what does this really mean? And how does it affect how we see others in our community, our nation, our world who are different, who suffer because of discrimination, fear, hatred, poverty, and war? Do we see, and how do we see, that homeless person sleeping on the street, that tattooed person sitting next to us in the coffee shop?

And what about our nation’s and community’s past? Slavery, racism, sexism, religious and cultural differences?

But more, how do we live our lives, and how do we want to live them now in the fullness of this space and time?

While it would be helpful, and, perhaps, painful, to have a conversation with Socrates, we now have the space and time to read about, think about, and talk to ourselves and others about how to live our lives, how to find wisdom, beauty, joy, and love of others.

Our space and time to explore the universe within...

A Farewell to Ines Castillo

We hate to see her go, but student assistant Ines Castillo is moving on this semester to the University of California at Irvine, where she will major in experimental psychology in preparation for a master’s degree in a related field. Ines came to BC from Ridgeview High School, and she has been an indispensable member of the Archives staff in her three years here, scanning and cataloging a huge backlog of photos, quickly learning the Archives schema, and doing much to assist the Archives’ ongoing transition to a new computerized catalog system. If Ines approaches the rest of her college and professional career with the energy and intelligence she has brought to the Archives, we know she will succeed. Good luck, Ines!



People We Will Miss

PETE ALGRA, JR. taught speech at Bakersfield College as an adjunct instructor, while teaching speech/debate at Bakersfield High School and serving as Assistant Principal at South High School.

JACQUELINE APPEL taught English at Bakersfield College for 21 years, from 1962 to 1983. She was 91 when she passed away in July. A gracious woman with a wonderful sense of humor, Jackie loved to read (volunteered at the Kern County Library), enjoyed traveling, and played a sharp hand of bridge.

BURL CUFFMAN was the Chairman of the Science and Mathematics Department at Porterville College, where he also coached the wrestling and cross-country teams. He died in 2018.

MARY ANN MORTON was a professor at the Delano Center and Porterville College, teaching Vocational Nursing and the Psychiatric Tech Program.

NORMA HEFFERNAN STOVALL was very active in Faculty Wives during the 60s when she was married to Bill Heffernan who was an alum, Director of Admissions and Records, and a Dean. Norma played violin in the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra and was a volunteer cook at Guild House.

HELEN DOROTHY KRAFVE, married to BC basketball coach Ralph Krafve, was also an active member of Faculty Wives. Very musical, Dolly sang in choirs, played the piano, and was the organist for her church for twelve years.

DR. RAYMOND S. PEDERSEN helped establish the dental assisting program at Bakersfield College.

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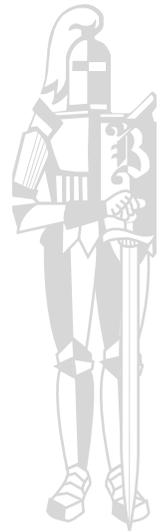
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