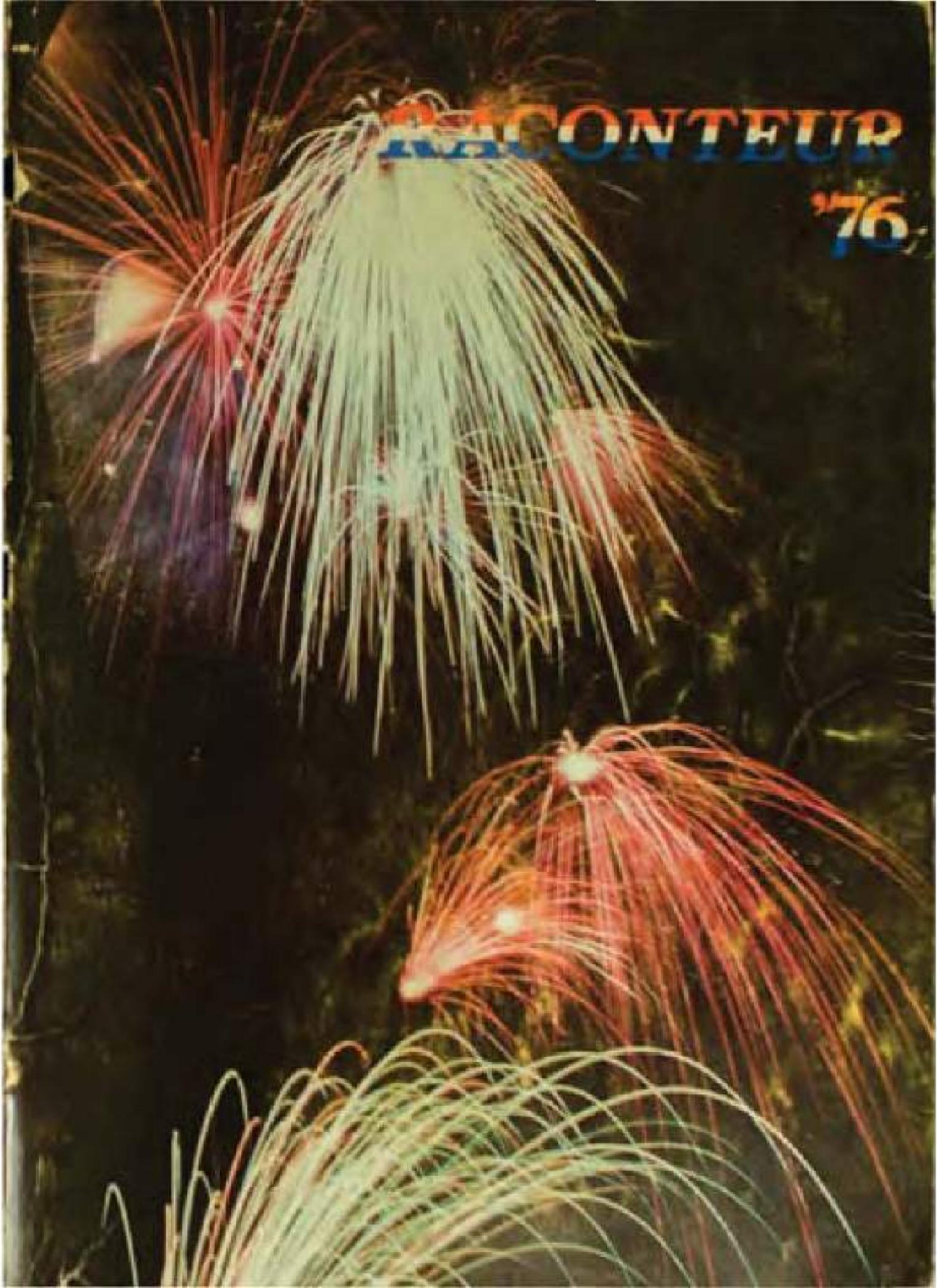


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This edition of the Raconteur is offered in celebration of two occasions: America's 200th birthday and the twentieth anniversary of Bakersfield College at this location. Within the pages of this anniversary edition you will find what we, the staff, believe is an interesting view of campus life now and twenty years ago. We offer it proudly with the hope that you will enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the administration (for funding of the book), the faculty, the BC Alumni Association, and the students for their tremendous response to this annual. Without their support this book would not have been possible.



In a tribute long overdue, we dedicate the 1976 Raconteur to Mr. William Walker, our advisor. This book is a product of his unselfish loyalty to his students.



PROFESSOR SAM McCALL

BY SAM McCALL  
BC Professor Political Science

John Adams, "The Atlas of Independence," wrote to his wife Abigail on July 3rd, 1776. He said in part "... yesterday the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America, perhaps never was nor will be decided among men." He referred of course, to the colonies' decision to sever all ties with Great Britain. He went on to state "That this most memorable epoch in the history of America... will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival."

Through the years, we have indeed, celebrated that anniversary. Now that we have reached our 200th "celebration" it might be appropriate to examine in 1976 our understanding of the Declaration in contrast, perhaps, to that meaning which the signers attached to it in 1776.

Undoubtedly, the foremost consideration then was to state, justify and establish the actual physical fact of independence from the British Crown. This fact became an historical truth when the peace was signed in Paris in 1783. That truth is, to most of us today, still a glorious truth. The relevance, however, to us shifts away from the finite and completed goal to the ideas which sought to justify that

goal. Jefferson himself was probably more intrigued with revolutionary theory than with the factual and rather inaccurate list of alleged contractual violations by the King and Parliament.

Probably to him, and certainly to us, the chief significance and the timeless truth of the Declaration lies in Jefferson's statement: "We hold these truths to be self evident. All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness." (One wonders, if Jefferson included slaves as men?) Be that as it may, today's application of the Declaration might mean all people, not just the 18th century definition of freemen.

Great Britain is not a factor in our constitution, but certainly Jefferson's original meaning of liberty and equality have been refined and defined by many of the most important constitutional amendments, among which should be numbered the 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 24th, 26th (and perhaps a future 27th for the ladies).

Fewer people in America today would deny that we are all created equal than might have in 1876, the Centennial anniversary, and fewer still, would deny others the unalienable rights which Jefferson enumerates.

# BICENTENNIAL:



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#### Editor's Note:

Professor Sam McCall is one of the most popular and respected faculty members on the BC campus. He comes by his love for history and political subjects he teaches, by his political heritage. His grandfather, Samuel W. McCall, was a congressman from Massachusetts from 1898 to 1912 and served two terms as governor, 1914-18. His brother, Tom McCall, served as governor of Oregon from 1966-1974.

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It is a fortunate coincidence that BC's anniversary celebration coincides with that of our nation's. A much larger dimension may, in our own local community, be added to both celebrations by applying Jefferson's universals to the achievement of our own particular goals. Can we define such goals? Indeed we can, for there are few, if any institutions which recognize that we are created equal, all of us, do have the right to "pursue our happiness" more than do the community colleges, most particularly those of California, and even more particularly, our own Bakersfield College.

Who can do a better job than we can in offering the old and the young, the black and the brown, the gifted and the less gifted, the athlete and the handicapped, the thinker and the do-er, a path to greater self fulfillment, achievement, and happiness? Here, we are doing a pretty good job. We can still do a better one.

The historian Samuel Eliot Morrison commented on the Declaration that the preamble in its "beauty and cogency... reaching back to remotest antiquity and forward to an indefinite future, have lifted the hearts of millions of people and will continue to do so." Let us all work together to assure our country men that the truth of his prophecy will not be proven false.

# Two divergent viewpoints

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This view of America's Bicentennial is by Seema Wahid, a native of Pakistan, wife of Bakersfield dentist Dr. A. Wahid. She graduated from one of the Irish chain of convents and Kinnaird College in Lahore and is enjoying her first semester at BC, preparatory to studying journalism.

One of the most used and abused words we'll hear and read in 1976 is Bicentennial. Perhaps it would be proper to form an understanding of this key word.

According to the Oxford and Webster dictionaries, the literal meaning of the word is, "the 200th anniversary," or "an anniversary occurring every 200 years."

Just as the worth of a jewel is judged by its antiquity, in most cases the worth of a nation is judged by how old its culture is and by the history of its particular civilization.

In recounting our history in the United States there has been a tendency, especially in the movies, television, and even in some schoolbooks, to treat it as a continual clash between the good guys and the bad guys—the British and the Americans, the white man and the Indian—between us and them. We tend to sentimentalize about our history.

Because of this, many people distrust history, and refer to it as "bunk," like Henry Ford, who was a practical man. For history on occasions is made to interpret events so as to serve a nation's own purpose, to such an extent that it could turn into an orgy of self-righteousness in the eyes of the coming generation. Truth and realism are eliminated from historic facts to such an extent that the missing elements are,

unfortunately, usually the only ones that matter.

This is done, I think, from fear that truth might turn out to be dull. Well, it's often embarrassing but never dull.

By sentimentalizing our history we do an enormous disservice to youth, because we tend to imply that the United States was created by saints, all of whom were warm-hearted, simple, courageous, and abused. It would do absolutely no harm to young Americans to know the truth. Rather it ought to fortify their ideals to learn that many a shipload of emigrants, from 1848 even to our own times, contained a lot of people with a lot to hide—men jumping military service and delinquents, both adult and juvenile.

To me, instead of being demeaning, this glorifies the legions who struggle for a decent and tidy life. To know the truth would enable them to learn and carry on the simple lesson that courage and cowardice know no national or racial frontiers, and, most of all, that the "lovers of liberty carry no national passports." When we say a man or woman is a discredit to his or her race, we should mean no more, no less, than the human race.

Now I think it is good and proper that in 1976 we should celebrate what is "best" in the American past. For we should remember that our history, like that of all nations, is sometimes fine and sometimes unpleasant. The



SEEMA WAHID

important thing would be to remember which is which.

If we at anytime try to instill in the form of knowledge anything which would be discredited by a perceptive 12 year old as false and nonsensical, this would inevitably lead to a healthy suspicion that what is being taught as American history is a great bore. For, if and when the truth is known, it would most certainly shatter the idealism of the young.

So I suggest that instead of making a spectacle of ourselves this Bicentennial Year by proclaiming to the world that we are unique and holier than anybody, we learn, instead, from the mistakes of the past and from present experiences and having done so build a better future.

We are very much in the perilous situation of the 13 colonies, without much time, if any, to think of ourselves as a separate nation having a separate faith. We must all hang together as nations or assuredly we will all hang separately.

To put it all in a nutshell, I would like to quote John Adams for my Bicentennial message to all of you: "Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom, I hope you will make good use of it. If you do not I shall repent in heaven I ever took a hand in the pains to preserve it."

# They Serve the BC Alumni Association

Editor's Note: The six alumni profiled in this feature were selected by the Bakersfield College Alumni Association Board of Directors for their contributions to the association and the community.

BY GAREY RAMEY  
Raconteur Staff Writer

If you regularly attend Renegade football games, you will recall an unusual figure standing on the sidelines, intently watching the game. Why should this cigar-chomping man in a red beret have the best spot in the house? Because, if any of the participants get injured, he is instantly at the player's side. As team doctor, Dr. Romain P. Clerou has the duty of caring for hurt players at BC athletic contests.

Any team doctor should be highly qualified, and Dr. Clerou's qualifications for the position are unquestionable. A graduate of the Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Clerou has been a general practitioner in the Bakersfield area for 33 years.

But above and beyond his medical experience, it is his unique affiliation with football which makes the position of team physician perfect for him. As a student at BHS he played guard, competing under coach Jack Frost during 1934 and 1935. He also played for the Renegades during his two-year tenure at Bakersfield College.

When Clerou went on to U.C. Berkeley to complete his bachelor's degree, he had intended to be a physical education major, and was promised a coaching spot at BHS when he returned from Berkeley.

But when he finished his two years at Berkeley, he found he had the medical requirements for his physical education diploma but was short in the education courses. A counselor informed him that he had the necessary courses to enter medical school, so he passed his pre-med exam and went to Omaha.

The BC Clerou was familiar with is not at all like the BC we all know and love today. In those days the entire school was within what is now called Warren Hall, on the campus of BHS at California and F. The styles were different, too, as depression-poor students wore hats, Levis or cords; nothing distinctive or flamboyant. There was a lot of school spirit at that time. "We used to wear beanies when we were freshmen," said Clerou. In addition,

students wore pork-pie hats with lots of college names on them. The hot spots were the drive-in hamburger havens, such as Michener's, Bloomfield's Drive-in, and the Drink-o-link, on 18th Street where the Mexicali is today.

In the spring of '36, when Clerou graduated from BC academic standards were much more relaxed. "We didn't have the feeling of pressure to get high grades," said Clerou. "Most

students at that time went along and did their work, just trying to get an education."

After a third of a century of medical practice and 30 years as team doctor, Dr. Clerou has one word of advice for students who want to be a success: "Work. Anything you do you have to work hard at." Clerou's medical practice exemplifies this philosophy, as he averages ten hours a day.

Even with all this work Clerou still finds time for a family life. He and his wife Agnes have been married for 32 years, and they have six children, ranging in age from 15 to 31. Five of the Clerou's children are girls; the youngest child, Romain Jr., is the sole boy.

Clerou, a long-time member of the alumni association, joined the organization for three reasons: first, he was a student; second, he has close contacts with coaches, teachers, and many others at BC; and third, he is interested in young people.



BY JOHNNY McKEEVER  
Raconteur Staff Writer

J. Kelly Steele, presiding judge of the Superior Court, has fond memories of his two years on the old BC campus and some firm opinions about education today.

He believes BC's new Downtown campus is "an excellent idea — it makes the college more available to the community. I am happy to see it situated in such a nice building."

Judge Steele thinks the school system, from high school down through the lower grades, could stand tightening up. Students should learn to take on more responsibility.

He deplored the lack of discipline and modern day permissiveness. "We see the product of this lack of discipline in our Juvenile courts. If students learned responsibility in the lower grades, we wouldn't have so much trouble in the upper levels," he said.

Steele remembers vividly some of the fads of his college days (he graduated in 1934). Dirty cords (corduroy trousers) were the "in" thing then. "They were never to be washed. You bought a new pair and wore them until they stood up in a corner by themselves. Then you had it made. But my mother washed my cords," he recalled wryly. Another fad was goldfish swallowing which Steele didn't try. As prohibition came to an end in 1933, racoon coats and hip flasks were in vogue. Bakersfield College, then situated on the Bakersfield High campus, had a great football feud going with neighboring Taft college, he recalled.

Steele has very pleasant memories of his long membership in the BC Alumni Association. He feels that he derived "great benefits" from his two years at BC. "It was a happy time of my life. I want to give some of it back — help some one else."

In recent years Steele has been chairman of the alumni scholarship fund, raising money to help worthy students. "We've provided three book scholarships for high school students who are entering college. We also established a loan fund for small sums to tide students over to pay day."

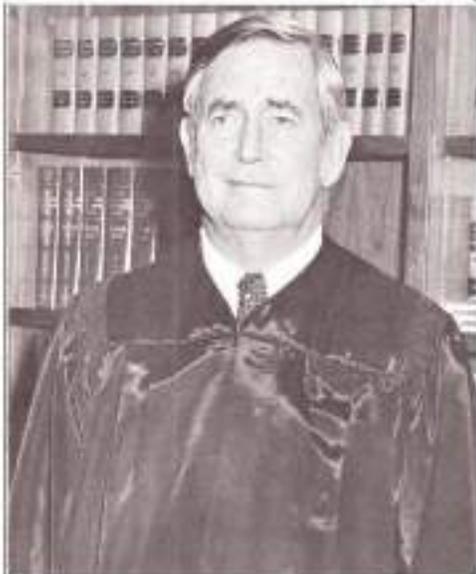
# and the Community

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BOB DELANO, MARY KIMBLE  
AND JOHNNY McKEEVER.

What is his advice on how to succeed?

"There is no substitute for hard work. Go to school, apply yourself, do the best you can in any job or position. Enthusiasm counts a lot."

Always active in community affairs, Judge Steele has served as president of the BC Alumni Association, past commander of Bakersfield American Legion Post 26, past worthy president of Arie 93, Fraternal Order of Eagles, past president of Bakersfield Lions Club and past Noble Arch, Bakersfield Druids Lodge 56. He also belongs to the VFW and Knights of Columbus.



He has two daughters, Bettina Marie Steele, 23, who works in a local child care center, and Kelly Anne, 20, employed in a local real estate office. One stepson, Richard Moore, 34, is president of Alarmex Security Systems in Fresno. He has four children. Dan Moore, 30, has three children and works for Richfield Oil in this area.

Steele, in noting curriculum changes since his undergrad days, feels that students have a much broader education available. He approves of increased services and recalls that night courses were almost unknown in his day. He feels that school spirit is much greater since BC moved to its own campus in 1956. Getting an AA degree forty years ago was a definite accomplishment, he recalled.

BY MARY KIMBLE  
Raconteur General Manager

Nadine Boynton, selected by the Board of Directors of the BC Alumni Association as an outstanding alumna, has been active in the group since its inception in 1947.

After nine years of active participation, she was elected president of the association in 1956, the year the campus moved up on the "hill." She has subsequently served as chairman of the alumni section at Memorial Stadium, and with the help of her husband, Les, she has sold tickets to alumni members who have consistently supported their school in innumerable football seasons.

Nadine attended BC in 1935-36 when the college was located on the Bakersfield High School campus. In those days, she recalled, the average girl wore saddle oxfords, bobbie socks and pleated skirts, worn mid calf to above the ankle. Jeans were quite popular among the young men on campus; "Dirty light colored cords were faddish," she said. These cords were worn with white cotton shirts, often accompanied by a "V" neck sleeveless sweater.

Some of this attire, Boynton recalled, was not commonly found outside the San Joaquin Valley. In fact, Bakersfield has been known as hickville because of the style of clothing worn, partially due to the influence of agriculture in the valley.

Nadine and her husband, Les, who is president of Boynton Brothers Tires Inc., have two children - L.A. "Butch" Boynton, 35, and Lynn Ellen Hahn, 37. Mrs. Hahn is the head teacher in the special education division of Stockton High School District. "Butch" Boynton is a vice-president of Watson realty in Bakersfield. Both children attended BC. The favorite past time of the family was boating and water skiing in which they earned many awards.

Mrs. Boynton believes BC is a good place for a student to "find" him or herself and also breaks the



way in many possible directions that are available to each individual. "Bakersfield College has continued to be an excellent "spring-board" for students then and now... a place to find direction whether in the business or professional field," she said.

Nadine has been active in the local YWCA where she served a three year term on the Board of Directors and was also involved with the Republican Women of Kern. She is a member of the Freedom Foundation, is a past president of Theta Eta chapter of Delta Theta Tau International and a member and past president of the Ladies of the Lions.

She has not only been involved in clubs and groups; she is employed full time as Operations Manager at Bakersfield Hospital Supply. Her other business experience includes jobs as medical secretary, executive secretary, manager of Lockheed Aircraft Company personnel office during WW II, bookkeeper and office manager at Bakersfield Hospital Supply and Best Rents.

Danny O'Neill, past president of the BC Alumni Association, gave her this accolade: "Quite a gal, our Nadine! Bakersfield College is proud to include her as a valid member of the Renegade family."

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BY DIANE HENDRICKS  
Raconteur Staff Writer

BC graduate Tom Sprayberry is an unusual alumni. Most were full time day students and received their diplomas at the end of two years. Sprayberry, however, completed his BC education entirely as a night school student.

"I'd say I graduated in '62 or '63, but I really don't know," he admitted.

But he did get involved, and has been a member of the BC Alumni Association for 13 years. He served as president from January 1967-July 1968, with J. Kelly Steele as vice-president.

"During my term as president, I helped make several improvements. One was that the amount of scholarships awarded by the BC Alumni Association was increased from \$400 to \$5000," he stated proudly.

Sprayberry remains an interested member, and as co-chairman of the scholarship committee is actively pursuing that aspect.

Looking back on his years at BC, he commented. "I don't think it's changed that much. Kids are like everyone: they don't appreciate everything at that age.

"It has changed from a two year school that prepared students to go to work after graduation to one encouraging students to go on to a four year college."

Sprayberry is an active member in this community, involved with the BC Alumni Association, The Boosters Club, and the Breakfast Lions Club of which he is currently president. "I think a person should be involved. If people aren't involved, the community dies."

He lives with his wife and two daughters, ages 10 and 11, in south Bakersfield, "I'd be happy to stay here forever," he stated.

After graduating from East High School in 1949, the Bakersfield native began night classes at BC. He was in military service for a time, and returned to school when discharged.

"I feel that BC definitely helped me," commented Sprayberry. "It is a fantastic opportunity for students, and it is so easy to attend and get involved in."

"I wasn't an ideal student, though, and didn't think I'd ever get involved with BC," he said.

A business major while at BC, he is employed by Cal-Cot. "I'm a field representative, and work with the growers. With 3,000 members Cal-Cot is the largest cotton co-op in the Western United States," Sprayberry said.

## Sprayberry recall campus days

He remembers the dirt as being so hard that he had to use a jack hammer. Generally, according to Naworski, life at BC was pretty much the same then as it is today. Other things that haven't changed include Frank Amestoy's tavern which was and still is pretty much the local hang-out.

In summing up his feeling about BC Naworski said, "Bakersfield College really fits the needs and helps a lot of people get the jobs from the vocational training they have received."

Before coming to Bakersfield and BC, Naworski attended high school in Pennsylvania. He came to Bakersfield via the Air Force and then attended BC, followed by San Jose State where he graduated in 1962.

Bernie met his wife, Dee, at a Halloween party and didn't see her again until the following Halloween. She works as the Personnel Director at Bakersfield Community Hospital.

The Naworskis have three sons: Bernie Jr., Andy and Joseph.

Since going to work for State Farm, he has become one of the more prosperous agents in the country. For 1975 he was ranked as the Number One State Farm Agent in California and was ranked in the top 10 nationwide. Assisting Bernie is his secretary, Pat Young.

Despite a busy schedule with his insurance duties, Naworski has found time to be involved in many community organizations. These include the Elks Club, Board of Directors and member of the East Bakersfield Lions Club, and Bakersfield Country Club. He served as President of the BC Alumni Association during 1969-70.

In giving his secret of success, Bernie said, "I think patience is one of the most important virtues that a person must have. That means the patience to see long-term goals completed and the patience to do the job the right way."

# A look in the mirror: how others view BC.

James Yodchai Pussawat originally came from Thailand and is the current vice president of the International Students Association.

In the six months that he has been in America, he says he has never had to complain of any prejudice or fear of not being accepted. Several things have surprised him about the country, though. He's surprised, in particular, by the fact that America has so much freedom and that Americans have so much personal individuality. The general custom of everybody (both big and small) having to stand on their own two feet also surprises him. He is also impressed by the average American's indifference toward their neighbors and by the complete absence of servants in the average American home.

Of the above, James feels the most strongly about individual freedom. He does not feel it should be given at the cost of family unity. He believes that it is this absence of basic warmth in the family that leads to adult and juvenile delinquency.

James finds social life at Bakersfield College easy and informal, in contrast to the educational side which he terms as a "tough nut to crack" due to his limited knowledge of English. He is further baffled by the American dating system which he feels is even tougher than the toughest English dictionary.

How do foreign students view their life at BC and in this community? Seema Wahid, a native of Pakistan, who was sub-editor of her college magazine, interviewed several foreign students and gives her impressions. Writing — in English — is her favorite hobby. She intends to study journalism next semester.

BY SEEMA WAHID  
Raconteur Staff Writer



Kitty Suen is originally from Hong Kong. She's been here six weeks and finds life at Bakersfield College very different and unexpectedly quiet in contrast to the educational centers back home.

One of the things that really surprised her about the United States was the lack of house party invitations and the custom of potlucks. She doesn't miss the invitations much, though, because she now has more time to study.

When asked about her views of the American people she said, "They are very casual, informal, and very friendly." She added that Americans, as a nation, tend to get lost in striving for their own goals.

American food, she feels, is delicious. "I like it very much. I can't eat much, though, because American food makes people fat."

For Kitty, the cultural and language barriers are so strong that she finds that the best alternative to "unnecessary hassles" is to stay home. Furthermore, she feels that since the basic goal of her education is to become a building surveyor, then there is no point of wasting time, especially since there's hardly anybody she knows well enough to socialize with.

Sartaj Gill, affectionately known as "Taji" to her friends, settled in the states six months ago. She is originally from New Delhi, India.

When asked to describe her first impressions of this country she said, "I was impressed by the massiveness of the JFK airport, the friendliness of Americans and their willingness to assist me, and the general cheerful atmosphere of the country."

Taji contrasted the U.S. and her native country when she said "All around you there is poverty and anxiety. The lack of smiling faces is conspicuously noticeable."

She considers the American freeway system a blessing as compared to the "dangerous chaotic flow of traffic at home."

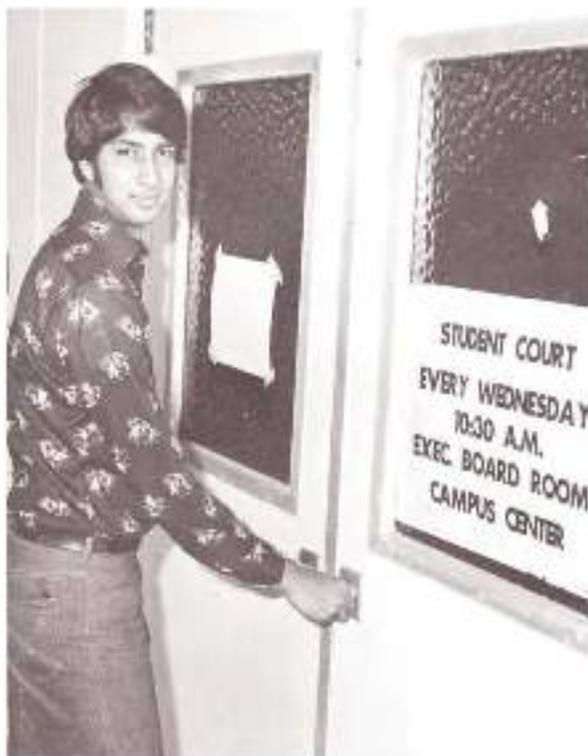
Taji feels the best thing about America is its shopping centers and the worst is the food which she feels is "worth a couple of rotten eggs."

Sanehalee Santhong is the daughter of a Buddhist doctor who has been here seven months. She plans to go back to Thailand, her native country after she acquires a medical degree.

Sanehalee asserted firmly that the question of falling in love with anyone but a Thai would not arise. Keeping this in mind, I researched the matter and discovered that there was one Thai studying at BC and two at Cal State, so the field is open.

She finds getting an education in America a tough problem because of the language barrier. She feels American food is an even tougher problem to handle, though. In her opinion it lacks the necessary spice. She feels, however, that such spice is apparent in the American lifestyle.

It reminded me of the man who lavishly sprinkled crushed red pepper on his food. When his wife inquired about it he retorted, "I'm just trying to add some spice to our lives." Apparently that is what Sanehalee ought to do for hamburger.



Eric Rodriguez has what might be considered by some to be a slightly mixed up background. Rodriguez is a Roman Catholic Briton of Indian origin who was partially raised in Kenya. Despite his confused background, he feels Americans are far less complicated and easier to understand than the British. He still claims, though, that he has problems understanding "the American woman in all her infinite variety."

Rodriguez believes that the pre-high school level of education in Britain is superior to that of America. He believes though that the high school and college levels in America offer much better scope.

Eric is conservative in regard to premarital sex and is strongly against living together before marriage. He advocates long engagements as the ideal means of getting to know one another.

Despite the fact that he believes the American nation is gregarious, he expressed a desire to become a citizen of the United States when he said, "If I were to have a rebirth, I would ask God to allow me to step into this world as a citizen of the United States of America."

What better cause for celebration can there be than the fact that 200 years after the Revolution a Briton would gladly give up his citizenship to become an American?

Arlene Hing is a native of Guyana and has a family tree which dates back through four generations of Indian, Chinese and Negro blood.

When asked what surprised her the most about this country she said, "the commercial laundries, American behavior, the excess of discipline on the roads, and the lack of it in the schools."

She finds the American system of education much simpler than that in her native country. "I was surprised though by the laxity of student behavior in the classroom. Students sit with their legs propped up and chew gum in the classroom. They even refer to their teachers by their first name." (Arlene

prefers to address her instructors by either "Mister" or "Madam").

Arlene finds American food totally "lifeless" in contrast to the well-done, spicy food of Guyana.

According to Arlene, the only difference between American and Guyanese boys is their height. Americans generally are taller.

When asked if she admired the United States for anything she chirped, "Sure, the atomic bomb." On a more serious note she indicated that she admired the countryside.

The worst thing about the U.S. in her opinion are the tempting shopping centers. "You come back totally ruined."



# Food Service program expanded

BY SUZANN AHRENS  
Raconteur Staff Writer

"I am overwhelmed at the response given this year to the BC Food Service Program by students, faculty and staff," stated Roger Johnson, BC Food Services Director.

Johnson added that because of such cooperation, the food service program expanded this year to include a "vast array of nutritious foods at reasonable prices."

Johnson also noted that a new delicatessen line had been added to the cafeteria. Called the farmer's deli, the line offered sandwiches and salads purchased by the ounce.

Also under Johnson's leadership, pre-football game buffets became a successful part of the food service program and an end was negotiated to the lettuce boycott of the cafeteria by MEChA.

Johnson explained that the food service program includes the maintenance of the coffee shop, the Huddle, the college cafeteria, and the Faculty Dining Room (reserved for instructors).

The program also provides dormitory meal service, in what Johnson feels is a "home-like atmosphere" and a catering service (The catering service provided pre-game buffets last year before nearly every football game and catered on-campus and off-campus luncheons and banquets).

One of the primary objectives of the food service program, according to Johnson, was to provide fast food service for students. Meeting this need were the coffee shop and Huddle.

The coffee shop continued this year as the most popular fast food stop on campus, according to Johnson. "Ye olde fish and chips" and grilled cheese sandwiches were successful additions this year to the coffee shop menu.

The Huddle, another fast food service stop, featured pizzas and sandwiches by the inch.

The three-year lettuce boycott of the cafeteria by MEChA came to an end this year on January 12. On that date an agreement was signed by MEChA and BC food services representatives. The agreement stipulated lettuce would be purchased by BC in a 50-50 percentage (half UFW-picked lettuce and the other half non-UFW lettuce).

Johnson also explained that the contract stipulated that if UFW lettuce was not available, non-UFW lettuce would be purchased and served. At such a time as UFW lettuce would again become available, a quantity would be purchased to bring into balance the 50-50 ratio.



Mrs. Betty Starks, food services manager, and BC Food Services Director Roger Johnson check salad line table.

According to Johnson, if a change should occur in the balance of contracts held by the UFW under current California labor law, written notification must be made by BC Food Services or MEChA. The result of such notification would be a review of purchase percentage and an update of such to meet current market conditions.

Johnson also noted that, to provide a means of audit of purchase, monthly billings would be open to inspection by designated MEChA representatives at a mutually agreed upon time each month.

Johnson was asked how he foresaw the future of food services. He predicted an increase in municipal kitchens, serving as many as 15,000 meals per day. "This would allow for maximum use of personnel, greater use of facilities and more extensive buying power. The challenge of the future will be to produce nutritious inexpensive, but appealing meals," he stated.

Johnson expressed his thanks to the BC students, staff and faculty for their "tremendous positive acceptance of this year's food service program."



A highlight of the Centennial Day ceremonies on January 30 was the reception line table set up in the patio of the Administration Building. Guests who attended the flag presentation program found cookies, punch and coffee for refreshment. Photo by Seth Shanholzer.



A musical highlight of Black History Week was the jazz concert presented in the theatre by Bill Bell and company. The five man combo played to morning and evening audiences.

## Black History Week

BY JIM MEADOWS  
 Raconteur Staff Writer

Ralph Anthony, Director of the Friendship House, was one of the many speakers here at BC during this year's Black History Week.

"We must have a clear understanding of the past relation to come to grips with the reality of the present situation," stated Anthony in opening his discussion about the achievements of Blacks and local challenges.

Anthony used the words of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to express that "America has given the Black man a bad check. This check has come back marked insufficient funds."

Among the other speakers for the week were Harold Tomlin, a pharmacist from the Bakersfield area; City Councilman Vernon Strong and Mayor Algernon J. "Jay" Cooper of Pittsburg, Alabama.

Tomlin expressed his feelings on the Black community's need for program development.

"Blacks used to think that education was important," stated Tomlin, "because they thought that a good education would get them a better job."

According to Tomlin, there is a definite lack of communication in the world, especially in the area of parents to their children's schools. "The courses are not relevant to what we will need in life after we get out of school," blasted Tomlin. "Parents need to become involved and fight for the quality of education available to their children."

Vernon Strong talked of actions on the City Council and how his life is related to those actions.

Strong told his audience they can have a tremendous influence on City Hall. The most effective weapon is to come to City Council meetings saying you represent a group, according to Strong.

"We are regarded as a people who want handouts," accused Strong. "The thing for you to do is to ask for what you deserve—it is hard for me to voice my own opinion week after week. From time to time we need help in determining our vote on certain things."

One of Strong's biggest points though, in his discussion, was the fact that "you have to be prepared for a lot of things after you get out of school—you have to impress yourself, sell yourself. . . . be a psychologist."

Mayor Algernon J. Cooper brought up several good points in his speech during talks by the Black leaders.

Cooper expressed the feeling that Black Americans deserve "artists not gangsters" in politics and they must "root out bounciness in Black politics."

It was mentioned that through action, racism can be ended. "We all God's children," commented Cooper. "We may be different but no better. . . . we've got to keep on keeping on to bring change about for Blacks."



RALPH ANTHONY: . . . "We must have a clear understanding of the past . . ."



PHOTOS BY RUTH STEVENS AND HARRY HOFMAN



COUNCILMAN STRONG: . . . "Ask for what you deserve."

There were other successful activities during Black History Week besides the speeches, including the concerts performed by Bill Bell and Company and the Standrico group which performed during the noon concert space. With a 'Boogie bake sale' and all the speeches and concerts rolled into one week, more of the students on the BC campus were made aware of the growing and changing Black culture, and the needs for its development.

# Notables who have



A highlight of Black History Week, February, 1973, was the visit of civil rights leader Ralph Abernathy, who spoke before a near-capacity audience in the Outdoor Theatre.



Carey McWilliams, former editor of the NATION, has made more than one lecture visit to Bakersfield College.



Famed publisher, author and humorist Bennett Cerf, right, shared his wit and humor with not only BC audiences, but with Dean of Administration Dr. Milton Sanden, center, and Mrs. Joyce Sanden, in his 1970 visit to BC.

# visited BC over the years



Cesar Chavez, controversial UFW leader, was the special guest at Cinco de Mayo Day, 1975 on the BC campus.



One of the most notable BC visitors, in the spring of 1967, was Sir Alec Douglas-Home, former prime minister and foreign secretary of Great Britain.



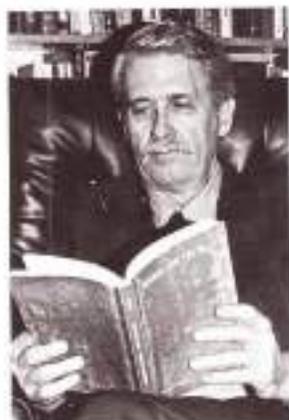
Famed syndicated columnist Art Buchwald drew capacity crowds at two appearances in the BC Gym in Fall, 1974.



A highlight of commencement exercises, June, 1972, was the address of Oregon Governor Tom McCall, center, flanked by KCCD trustee Mark G. Raney (left) and Chancellor Edward Simonsen.

Editor's Note: This page highlights a few of the many BC faculty members who have authored or edited textbooks. Most prolific BC author was the late Hulon Willis who is memorialized on page 34.

PHOTOS BY LARRY JACKSON



Professor Victor J. Halling wrote "Search for Truth: Studies in Psychology." It contains 235 pages and was published by Kendall and Hunt. This book is currently being used by most BC psychology instructors.

During the spring semester Halling took a leave of absence from his teaching duties and spent several months in a small trailer in Moara Bay while completing his text.

Halling is a firm believer in permitting students to study at their own pace. He is presently working on the idea of a condensed version of his self-paced audio-visual package. It will permit students to repeat any portion of the lesson as many times as necessary until full comprehension is obtained.



Jacques Thiroux, Philosophy Department Chairman, has finished a manuscript and sent it to the publisher. Thiroux expects the text, being published by Glencoe Press, to be less than 200 pages and ready for the market in 1977. "Hopefully," Thiroux said, "The text will sell over 10,000 copies each year."

Tentatively titled "Ethics with Applications," the book deals with humanitarian ethics expressed from Thiroux's personal beliefs. Although Thiroux has written two previous books, both syllabuses, neither have been published except on the BC campus. Plans for a new book dealing with moral issues, and discussing such subjects as mercy killing and abortions, are being thought over by Thiroux.

## BC faculty publications cover variety of topics

BY LARRY JACKSON, STEVE PERKINS AND DELTA CLEMMONS



Psychologist Diane Belcher wrote "Giving Psychology Away." This text contains 369 pages and was published in 1973 by Harper and Row Publishing Inc. "Giving Psychology Away" is currently being used in many psychology courses here at BC and other colleges. The text has also been extremely popular in many colleges on the east coast. So far 50,000 copies have been published.

Belcher felt there was a lack of suitable material in this area and spent 2½ years, part of it on sabbatical, in completing his book.

Combined with James Whitehouse, chairman of the psychology department, he has also turned out a "Guide for Giving Psychology Away." Belcher is now working on a revision of his book and plans on future texts of this nature.



Dr. James Chadbourne, BC dean of instruction, proudly shows a sample of textbooks authored or edited by college faculty members.

Vince Barry has recently released his new book titled "Practical Logic." He spent one year on his text while keeping up his regular teaching schedule. This book contains 384 pages and was published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

Barry wanted a text that was both interesting to read and as informative as possible. He thought the present materials available needed expanding, so he tailored this text to his own teaching needs.

Barry is currently involved in finishing up a new book on philosophy. It will be published by Watworth Co.



Thomas Kimler, a physical science professor at Bakersfield College, has authored two books. The first, a textbook used at BC in physical science classes, is titled, "Laboratory Exercises in Physical Science." It was published by Kendall-Hunt and is about 150 pages long.

Kimler also was one of the authors of "Earth 2020," a teacher's workbook used for teaching students about the environment. The book was written by several experts after analyzing data on the environment and was an effort to anticipate what earth will be like in the year 2020. The book was authored under the auspices of NASA. The authors reached the conclusion that better preservation of the environment would be necessary for survival of mankind in the future.



# KBCC trains for broadcast industry



Ren Dethlefsen (right) and Richard Kelly check commercial availability chart in KBCC office.

BY BRENDA RICHERT  
Raconteur Staff Writer

In 1971, a group of students formed a radio station as a club, and KBCC was born. Using old equipment donated by local stations, they began broadcasting in the Campus Center where they were located. Eventually KBCC transmitted to the dormitories as well.

Operations were moved to Language Arts in 1974 and became a part of the college curriculum, developing into a class for training students interested in radio broadcasting. KBCC then branched out, sending its programs to all parts of the city and county on Cable FM.

Ron Dethlefsen had come from the speech department to be the station's advisor in its early days. When it developed into a regular classroom he became the instructor. "The station serves two main purposes," he says. "First, it serves as training in radio broadcasting. We try to have as much realistic experience as possible. We keep it as professional as we can, but less rigid than the downtown operations. Secondly, we serve the community as a public service department."

Richard Kelly, experienced in radio, was originally hired on as a technician. He now assists Dethlefsen and is in charge of KBCC's operations. In regard to the station serving as a training ground for future disc jockeys, Kelly said, "Fifty students who took the course have been or are now working in regular radio stations."

What makes KBCC different from other local stations, according to Kelly, is that, "More music is played because we don't have to play commercials since we're subsidized. Also, it's the only station in town that plays soul music and does movie reviews. In fact, we send people down to Los Angeles to see previews."

KBCC has different programs for classical music, country and western, soul, and a majority of rock. The station broadcasts from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and can be heard on 10.6 Cable FM.



Leslie Burns and Mike Hewitt get on-the-job KBCC training.

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# 8,600 students attend BC night classes

BY MARY KIMBLE  
Raconteur General Manager

As always seems to be the case, night school enrollment at BC has increased. Approximately 500 more seats in classes have been filled this year, according to Paul Howard, associate dean of Continuing Education.

Last year, Howard's records indicate that 8,484 students attended night classes (this figure is almost equivalent to the number of day students).

This year there are approximately 200 more night students, at least some of whom are taking more than one class (this accounts for some of the 500 seat increase).

The BC night school program not only assists local students, but also helps students in outlying areas of Kern County through the outreach program. It provides educational opportunities to students in Arvin, Kern Valley, Tehachapi and in many other areas, according to Dick Harkins, dean of Continuing Education.

Primarily composed of night courses, the program even provides prisoners and personnel at Tehachapi Prison with the opportunity to learn and at the same time it gives them a chance to earn college credits as they work on a contract basis. The prison pays the teachers in the program. They are usually members of the prison staff but BC instructors are also supplemented into the program.

Many of the new classes in the regular and outreach programs are initiated by students who submit a petition to the administrators.

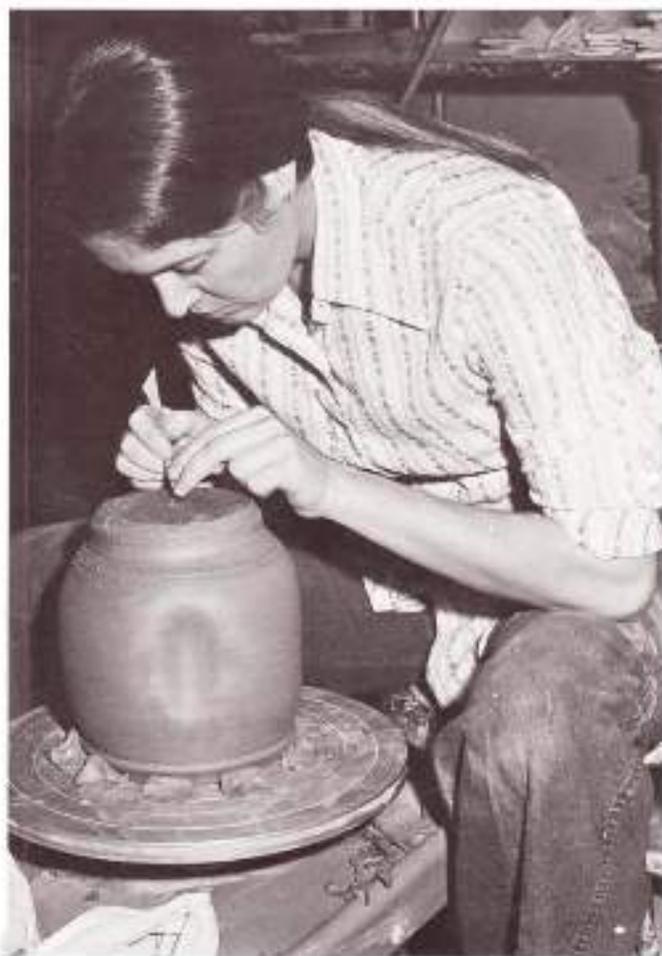
Howard remembers one example, in particular, of the start of such a class. He recalls a group of students who submitted a petition for a class in Arabic. Howard was unsure whether they would ever get off the ground, but, it did. At the first session 37 people were in attendance.

Howard emphasized that evening school classes are not only for those seeking a degree, but also for working persons who wish to update skills or advance in their jobs. He pointed out that firemen, in particular, and some businessmen need certain classes to qualify for promotions in their field.

He added that such classes, designed primarily for the employed person, are generally scheduled in the evening for this reason.

It is possible to graduate with an AA degree after attending night school for two years at BC. This may seem incredible, but according to Howard, if a student was to attend three unit night classes four nights a week, he could accumulate 12 units a semester or 60 units in two years.

Bakersfield College has a lot to offer everybody. And probably a lot of those 8,600 students who attend night classes would agree with this statement made by Howard: "Our school meets the needs of the community and the classes offered reflect the interests of the individual within the community."





# BC teachers now and then

Twenty years ago . . .

BY RUTH STEVENS  
Raconteur Staff Writer

"Students are much more freer and much more outspoken, they are less intimidated by teachers," Clayton Rippey, BC art professor since 1949, said in discussing changes at this campus over the past 20 years.

"They probably don't work as hard generally speaking, but in my point of view they are more creative than they were 20 years ago," he continued. "They're far less inclined to follow assignments. They go off on their own and get something totally different which may be better."

"Students are more socially aware and they are less inhibited in front of a teacher," the veteran art teacher, a native of Oregon, said. There have been changes in the types of students attending college, he noted.

"There are more ethnic groups and older students," Rippey said. "Older students were kept out in the past because of the restrictions on repeating courses."



Rippey also has seen changes in teachers over the past 20 years. "Teachers in a sense are much looser and less inhibited like students. New teachers are more relaxed not in requirements, but in habit and dress."

Teachers are more inclined to experiment than they have been, Rippey observed. The art instructor, who also taught at the high school level, said doing away with the "F" grade led to a more relaxed atmosphere.

The California Community College growth has been "tremendous" according to Rippey. He also has seen growth in the variety of teaching and in the college population, especially with older students.

"When we moved to this campus there were two on the art staff and now there are 10," he stated. "Lots of things—speakers, lecturers, conferences and musical groups—are taking place on campus now that were unheard of before."



Art instructor Clayton Rippey discusses the work of student Virginia Applbaum. PHOTO BY KEVIN McELROY.

BY JOHN DIFFENBAUGH

William Nielsen, chairperson for the BC math department, has seen many things come and go on the BC campus. Nielsen started his teaching career here in 1948 as an algebra and geometry instructor. At the time there were only three teachers in the department.

Reminiscing on the math department past, he said there had been very few changes with the exception of the addition of linear algebra and the dropping of slide rule classes due to the development of pocket calculators. "Student attitudes toward our classes haven't changed much over the years. They have always been high because the field demands it of its students. There was a little slump around the late 60's and early 70's but it has come back up."



William Nielsen

In discussing the administration and faculty of BC, Nielsen said we are the best. "When I was president of the California Junior College Assn. we had very few problems compared to the other JC's; about the worst problem we had was in and about our coffee room."

In his 28 year career at BC, Nielsen has worked with five college presidents, starting with Grace Van Dyke Bird, and served as advisor to the Veterans Club.



today

"When BC was moved up on the hill it was only a big rock pile. There were no trees or grass for what seemed like miles and an awful lot of dirt clods. Not the most attractive campus in the state but look at what it has developed into."

Nielsen started at BC in '48 with the hopes of staying only two years to get some experience and had told one of his colleagues that he didn't want to stay any longer than necessary in "terrible" Bakersfield. "That's what I had planned on then but 28 years later here I am. I love it here."

# Wattron recalls 30 years at BC

BY DIANE CROSS  
Raconteur Staff Writer



That's Frank Wattron, left, when he was playing end for BC in 1936. He's just as vigorous, below, in this 1976 photo as he emphasizes the changes he's observed in 30 years as a faculty member and administrator. PHOTO BY DIANE CROSS.

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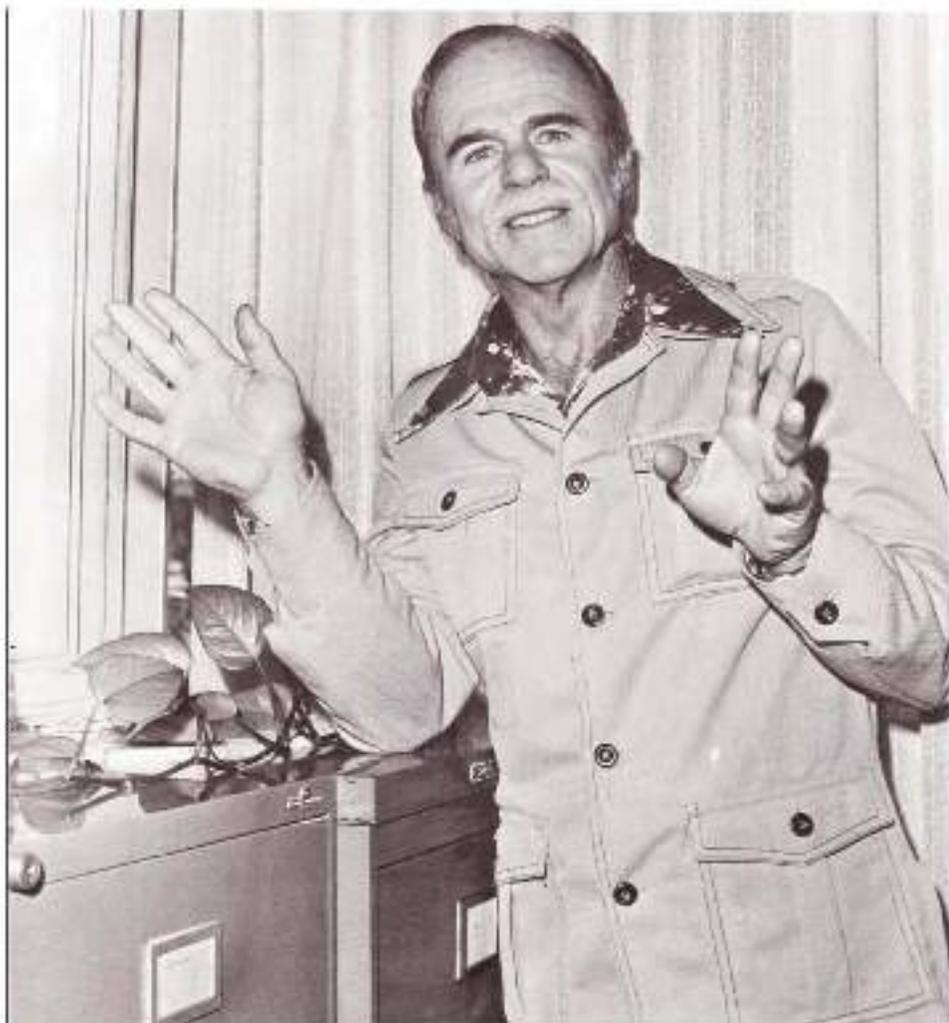
Curriculum changes have also been evident. Many classes in minority and women's studies have been added along with many minority staff members.

Dr. Wattron emphasized the student body character has also changed. The average age of students during the 1960's was 20-21. Today the average age is 26-28.

Other changes that Dr. Wattron noted were the larger staff and student body of BC. He added that today's students are now more concerned with careers and are more job oriented.

Dr. Wattron stated that the finishing touches on the campus landscape are now being completed, but that they should have been done sooner in his opinion. Also, old buildings are being rehabilitated because "we always thought they would be new."

"New dimensions have been added that we never dreamed of," he said. "The experimental things at the Downtown Center have an important impact on the new things happening at the main campus," Dr. Wattron added.

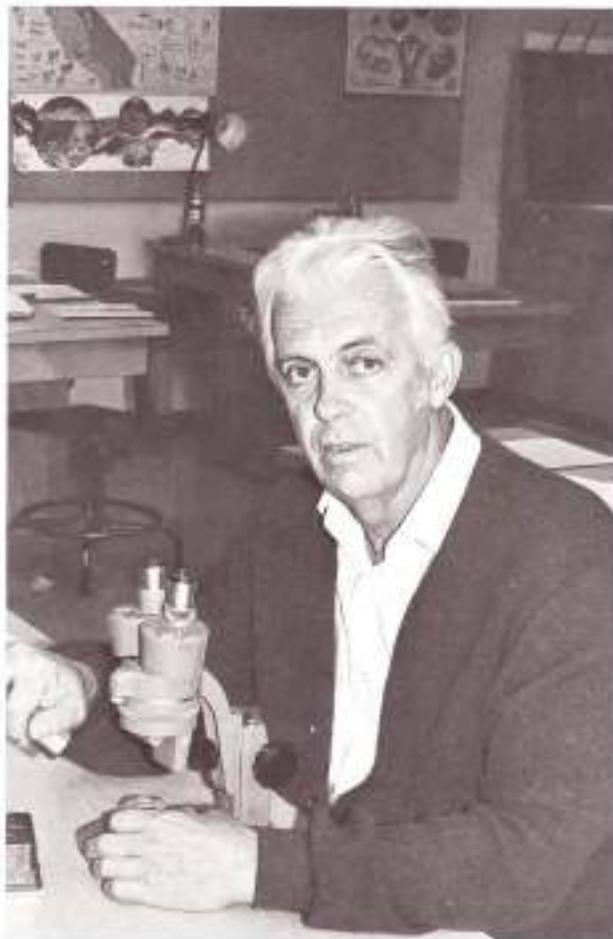


BY DIANA ROUSSEL  
Raconteur Staff Writer

## LAWRENCE FEELS BC HAS ESTABLISHED A UNIQUE IDENTITY



Before most of BC's younger students were born, George Lawrence (center) was teaching life science in the BC labs on the old campus at BHS.



Dr. George Lawrence today

In his many years as a teacher at BC, Dr. George Lawrence has seen many changes of style, dress and self expression, but he feels that basically people don't change. The students in his classes have much the same seriousness and high motivation as always in the vocational pursuit of science or medicine.

Dr. Lawrence cherishes the college as a place where students' animation and joy for life is allowed to run over, because, so often, the world outside the college community can not allow the freedom of self expression so needed by young people. Reminiscing about returning to college after World War II, Dr. Lawrence said, "It was a heartening change to be once again in an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm after four years of fighting just to stay alive and seeing only depression and determinism in people's eyes."

Dr. Lawrence does feel that now students are allowed more of a voice in the decision making and problem solving on their campus. Massive student unrest in this country, like that seen in earlier years on the Berkeley campus, has changed the authoritarian approach of the administration. An example of this is the recent administrative meeting called to innovate the present complicated, time-consuming registration procedures after much student complaint.

### 'Viet Nam war outraged a whole generation...'

When asked if he noticed a change in students after the Viet Nam War, Dr. Lawrence referred to a statement by Margaret Mead that in the 1960's adults lost credibility with young people when, by supporting the war in Viet Nam, they outraged a whole generation. The most effective mechanism available to express this outrage was an anti-social, anti-establishment, anti-adult attitude and a distrust of almost anyone over thirty. The thread which ties one generation to the next, accepting and adopting the attitudes of their parents, was broken. Now, however, Dr. Lawrence feels that adult-youth relationships have returned to a more harmonious level due to the constantly self renewing quality of a steady influx of new students.

In conclusion, Dr. Lawrence feels the break-away from the high school campus helped the college establish its own identity. This is especially important for a community college since students have only two years to develop the kind of independent subculture enjoyed by more isolated four year colleges.



Lanning Flint supervising the DTC data processing center. PHOTO BY KEVIN McELROY.

## 20 years on the hill

Lanning Flint today

Twenty years ago . . .



BY JAMES D'AMATO

"It's been the best 20 years of my life, especially in the classroom." That's what Lanning Flint, Director of the DTC Data Processing Center says about his duration at Bakersfield College.

Flint, a member of the BC faculty since 1956, taught electronics and mathematics until 1963 when the Standard Oil Company of California donated the model 1620 computer which started the Data Processing Center that exists today. The center handles the processing of student records along with some payroll for the BC administration.

Looking back to 1956, Flint remembers how the BC landscape was

rough and bare in comparison with today. The lack of trees and pavement created a campus picture that will always be in his mind.

The student enrollment was also very significant. Flint recalls when there were less than 2000 students on the main campus. This compared to the present enrollment is the biggest change he has noticed over the 20 years.

He also stated that he felt that over the years the "students' attitudes didn't change but the issues did."

When asked about his views on his twenty years at Bakersfield College, Flint replied, "I've had some bad times but mostly good, and I wouldn't change any of that for anything."



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Dr. Phyllis Dabbs is one of the BC teachers who made the move 20 years ago to the campus on Panorama Drive. At the time she was teaching English and speech, and was forensics coach. Though she no longer heads the debate team, she continues to teach English and speech, and is the acting head of the Communications Department.

Dr. Dabbs obtained her Ph.D. from USC, and began teaching in 1951. She joined the BC faculty in 1954 when the campus was still a part of Bakersfield High. When BC moved on the hill, she had a classroom for the first time. However, until the Fine Arts building was constructed, the speech department had no home, and moved from classroom to classroom. Fine Arts serves as forensics headquarters today.

### 50's debaters rated tops

Dr. Dabbs' fondest memories of her years at BC are of the debate teams she coached from 1955 until 1965. Over those years she had many fine students to work with. The outstanding debaters on her 1955 squad included Don Duns, now a Ph.D. and head of the speech department at University of the Pacific; Dennis Day, his debate colleague and also a Ph.D., now teaching speech at California State University at San Francisco; Carol Morley, who married Duns; and her partner Priscilla Guezec, who married Day.

Duns and Day placed fourth that year in a national junior college forensics tournament in men's debate, and Carol and Priscilla placed second in women's debate. Dr. Dabbs recalls splitting these two teams to Duns and Carol, and Day and Priscilla, in order to strengthen the teams to debate the University of California at Berkeley in a demonstration debate. Her team won and that was the beginning of the romances that led to marriage for the debate partners.

PHOTO BY DEBBIE HARVEY



Dr. Phyllis Dabbs today

## 20 plus years in the English department

BY DIANE HENDRICKS  
Raconteur Staff Writer

Twenty years ago . . .



One of Dr. Dabbs' students from 1958-60 was Mary Himmelhoch, now Mary Copelin, who holds a Ph.D. in speech and is associate professor of speech and women's studies at BC. Her debate partner, Margaret Sweet, is now in law school.

The outstanding debaters in 1960 for Dr. Dabbs were Karl Murray, now in the state department of education working in the area of speech for handicapped children, and Willie Kelley, now an ophthalmologist.

In 1965, her last year as forensics coach, Dr. Dabbs had 28 members on her team, and 27 won awards. Half of in comparing students of 1975 with students of 1955, Dr. Dabbs said, the squad went into debate finals that year.

"They're very different, but it is hard to describe how they are different. Students were more traditional then, and more likely to go to class. They had a closer adherence to regulations. But today students are still full of pranks. That hasn't changed."

Her assignments were due on a certain day and students were prepared. "Today's students," Dr. Dabbs said "have converted me to leave somewhat open deadlines on assignments. They are less likely to be ready, though."

Dr. Dabbs' husband is BC English Professor Lowell Dabbs, whom she met when he joined the BC faculty in 1955.

"I have had really outstanding students over the years, both in regular academic classes and in forensics," she concluded.

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# From teacher to dean

BY BRENDA RICHERT

Richard Harkins, Dean of Continuing Education, came to Bakersfield College as an English teacher. He became assistant dean of continuing education in 1963. In the past twenty years "on the hill," he has seen many changes in the staff, students and programs at BC, especially in continuing education.

The college's staff has undergone a large increase, and in Harkins' own department it has doubled. "Continuing Education has experienced a significant growth in enrollment, from a couple thousand in the 60's to over 8,000 today. Continuing Education, because it has grown, has become a dominant part of the total college program," says Harkins. It has, in fact picked up the enrollment on an average of 15 to 18 per cent a year. This is due partially to the fact that there are now fifty off-campus outreach centers, according to Harkins.

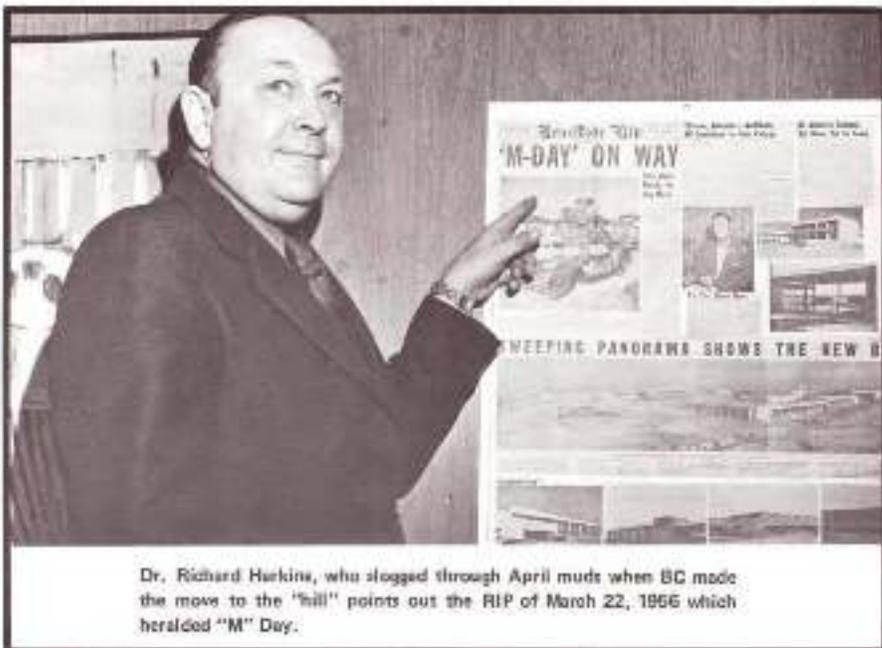


Twenty years ago . . .

**"Teaching methods have  
changed in last three years..."**

Another factor Harkins attributes to the enrollment increase is the large number of Vietnam veterans. "There had been a few veterans of the Korean War, but there are more Vietnam veterans," Harkins remarked.

Harkins also observes that, "Teaching methods have changed, especially in the last three years, with the introduction of television and other visual aids." This has also been a factor in enrollment increase, upping it by 2,500.



Dr. Richard Harkins, who slogged through April muds when BC made the move to the "hill" points out the RIP of March 22, 1956 which heralded "M" Day.

The campus itself has undergone changes of its own. "We began moving up here during Easter Week in 1956, and it was raining very hard," Harkins recalls. "Everyone had to bring two pairs of shoes because they kept stepping in mudholes." The reason for the muddy mess was the walkways hadn't been built yet, and there were only dirt paths.

The students themselves have changed over the past twenty years. "Back in 1956," states Harkins, "they were more

intent on their studies. Then they began to be more unsure of themselves. World affairs had a great influence on them. The students of today are older, more mature, and seem to have more purpose. It used to be they were around 20 or 21. Today they are more in the 25 to 26 age group."

Bakersfield College has enjoyed "twenty years on the hill," and Richard Harkins and the rest of the BC staff hope to enjoy twenty more.



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Gil Bishop, athletic director, head football coach Hamer Beatty, who took teams to the Junior Rose Bowl and a national JC championship, and Edward Simonsen, then president of BC, confer about athletic matters in a familiar setting—Memorial Stadium.

**BC Sports**

# A 20 year tradition of winning

Editor's note: This story about BC's tradition of winning stemmed from an interview with Gil Bishop, former basketball coach, public relations director, athletic director and assistant superintendent of both Bakersfield College and the Kern Community College District. Bishop has been actively connected with the local athletic program for more than a quarter of a century.

BY ROBERT A. SNIFFIN

Winning is the tradition in Bakersfield College athletics. Since the opening of the new campus twenty years ago, there have been many changes in the athletic program, as there have been in all other educational areas.

The improvement in facilities, provided with the completion of Memorial Stadium and the Gymnasium, has enhanced the ability of the individual athlete and provided for more sophisticated team and individual play.

Bakersfield College boasts a physical plant for athletics that is surpassed by no other community college in the country. A stadium which seats just under 20,000 people, a tartan track internationally known as one of the finest in the world, and a gymnasium that is not only near-perfect for many kinds of competition but provides superior teaching facilities as well have set the stage for BC's tradition of excellence.

The athletic program has been manned by a staff which has as its goal the development of the individual student-athlete to his greatest potential, with winning as a secondary objective.

The Renegades, however, are known for their winning ways, and students and alumni are justifiably proud of their record for the past two decades.

Football is king in Kern County. The Big Red Machine has provided local fans with thrills galore in winning 80 per cent of their games since 1956.

The last twenty years have seen the Gades crowned Metropolitan Conference Champions seven times. They have

been runners-up for the title an equal number of times. Add to that five Potato Bowl Championships, a Junior Rose Bowl crown and a National Junior College Championship, and the term "winning tradition" bulges with real meaning. Over one and one-half million fans have watched Renegade football teams since the opening of Memorial Stadium, and the revenue from their attendance has for the most part supported the entire athletic program.

Football is not the only sport in which the Renegades have excelled, however.

Gade hoopsters have captured the Metro Crown on numerous occasions under coaches Gil Bishop, Jim Nau, Pete Nestande and Ralph Krafve.

Water Polo was added to the athletic program in 1957, and the Pologades have consistently pushed the Metro powers.

Wrestling got off the ground in 1961 with coaches Harry Kane and Vic Lindskog building the early program. Bruce Pfitzenreuter took over in 1965 and quickly built a machine that has produced Metro championships like a slot machine.

Big Red Track and Cross Country teams have been, at the least, serious threats for the Metro crown every one of the past twenty years and have brought home the laurels more often than not, frequently as State Champs.

Baseball, Tennis, Swimming, Golf and Gymnastics teams have always given an excellent accounting of themselves, with flashes of brilliance yielding Metro titles.

The addition of women's teams in swimming, tennis and volleyball and the groundswell of activity in women's athletics nationally bodes ill for opponents of the Red and White.

An outsider would, most probably, point to the almost incredible success that Bakersfield College has had throughout its history and particularly in the past twenty years with its athletic programs and say, "The only justification for such a large program lies in the ability of the school to continue to win."

Gil Bishop, Athletic Director at Bakersfield College from 1953-68, Basketball Coach on and off during that time period, and prime-mover in the development of the Renegade athletic program for over 20 years, placed the emphasis on sports at BC in its proper perspective, when interviewed earlier this year.

Pointing to 13 prep head coaches in the Kern County area representing all sports, and the majority of assistant coaches who are athlete-alumni of Bakersfield College, Bishop said, "The best justification for our athletic program at BC lies in the substantial number of athletes who complete their education and return here as productive members of our community, both as coaches and in other walks of life."



Gil Bishop shows some of the many trophies and plaques he's been awarded in recognition of his quarter century of local athletic leadership.

# 'Changes in women's sports gigantic...'

BY RUTH STEVENS

"There have been quite a few changes in women's sports. In fact the changes have been gigantic," stated Georgene Bihlman, BC physical education professor who has been teaching on this campus since it opened in 1956.

In the 1950's high school girls participated in playdays and later sportsdays. The girls coming to BC wanted to compete against other colleges as individuals and teams. At that time the college gave the women's teams a car for traveling to tournaments, but no released time for coaching or stipend as the men coaches were receiving.

During that period, the Women's Recreation Association, a sports club on campus, tried to be a "mother" organization bringing the women athletics together. But the group was dropped because the individual women weren't interested in the sports they weren't competing in.

Miss Bihlman reflected that in the 50's and 60's the teams which included swimming, archery, volleyball and tennis had to seek competition with other schools for practice matches. Each team had one big tournament during the season. The players always placed first, second or third when they competed.

But in the late 60's the Southern California Community College Intercollegiate Council required all teams to compete in three matches during the season in order to participate in all-community-college tournaments. At that time BC women teams did not have the time nor the money for practicing to compete in a league.

They couldn't do much without a budget. However, with the passage of Title Nine, part of the Education Amendment of 1972, the need for a budget was met. Title Nine requires "necessary" funding for female sports and equality in travel and uniform allowances, training facilities and coaching. The regulation also calls for "reasonable opportunities" for women to receive as much aid as men based on level of participation in school sports.

"Title Nine brought equality for both sexes. It is a real thing. We can go out and play other schools now. Society has realized the importance of competition for women. It is acceptable now," commented Miss Bihlman.

Now BC women's teams which consist of tennis, coed badminton (the only BC intercollegiate sport in which both men and women participate) and volleyball (introduced last year) compete in the SCCCIC league against various community colleges including Cyprus, Long Beach City and Fullerton. Last year for the first time, the women coaches were paid for coaching under the same scale as the men coaches. The college now has a Women's Director of Athletics, Alice Nunez, who is responsible for all women's sports teams.

Individual and team play is at a higher level now in colleges because women athletes coming from high school are more skilled. Coaches don't have to spend most of their time teaching players anymore. Now they can work on team play.

The next activity for women athletics should be track and field predicts the BC woman coach. Some Southern California colleges may begin league play in track next year. She also views softball and basketball in the "distant future" due to "the lack of women coaches."

"From 1920 (when women gained the right to vote) it has taken until 1975 to become more than second class citizens," explained Miss Bihlman. It has taken a long time for changes to occur in women's sports. Demands for equal rights by women are not products of the 20th century but gaining equal rights is. Women can now compete as athletes and be individuals. Sports are no longer solely a man's world.

"The future looks brighter for BC," confirmed Miss Bihlman who has seen 20 years of changes in women's sports.



Georgene Bihlman, above and women's athletic director Alice Nunez (l) and Marlene Blunt, physical education professor, plan programs for their department.



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# Video Access Center finds new home in DTC

BY DAVID PAYTON  
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The Community Video Access Center (CVAC) moved to BC's Downtown Center at the beginning of last semester to continue to educate the public in the use of portable video tape equipment. The equipment is used to make television shows which are aired on Warner Cable and Bakersfield Cable.

Instructor Marsha Dolby started the Fall semester by explaining that the CVAC program was set up so that people in the Bakersfield community can take a one hour workshop, check the equipment out, and produce their own video tape of some activity they are interested in.

The students in that class learned to use the portable Sony video equipment. Each student then produced two tapes that were shown over the cable systems. Class highlights included speakers from the local television industry and a field trip for the class to inspect the Warner Cable facilities.

During the spring semester an advanced CVAC class was offered in which students learned to cablecast, and to use a special effects generator and some of the more complex accessories of the video tape field.



Instructor Marsha Dolby shows her class how to use large recorder.



Choyce Barron tries his hand at editing a video tape.



Robert VanDenamshel (foreground) carries portable recorder while Ken Spencer focuses his camera.

# Charles Katzman retires

When you've held three jobs simultaneously for nearly a decade does that entitle you to three retirement dinners at the appropriate time?

That was the case last fall when Charles Katzman retired as chairman of the Bakersfield College Journalism department, director of public information for Bakersfield College and the Kern Community College district.

When Katzman left last December 23 he had accumulated a decade of honors and had become recognized throughout the state as an innovator in journalism training methods. He won the highest honor the California Newspapers Publishers Association could bestow—the title in 1974 of "Outstanding Journalism Educator, Community College Level."

His stint at BC began in the summer of 1966 following a long career as a working newsman, public relations director, newspaper consultant and teacher. He taught or lectured at San Fernando Valley State College, East Los Angeles Junior College, Compton College and headed the UCLA Graduate School of Journalism News Communication division for six years. His newspaper experience included City News Service, The San Bernardino Press-Telegram and the Metropolitan News. He also served as president of the UCLA Graduate School of Journalism Alumni Association.

Scores of professionals now working in all branches of the mass communications business received their early training and inspiration from his teaching methods. When the old Fedway Department store in downtown Bakersfield was proposed as the site for a new campus, Katzman was active in planning a metropolitan style newsroom, complete with copy desk, Associated Press teletype and photo lab. Under his guidance a laboratory paper, The Downtown News, was produced and distributed.

A graduate of Rollins College and UCLA, Katzman modeled his teaching after the individual tutoring for students in vogue at Oxford University, where he was a graduate student for two years.



Charles Katzman, 10 years ago.

The people Charlie Katzman helped start in radio, television, public relations and newspaper jobs honored him last fall. "Charlie's Girls," a select corps of women who got their training and their starts as communicators, honored him with a dinner at the Bakersfield Inn. A month later, friends, fellow faculty members and college staffers, along with several out-of-town ex-students, put on a fun-packed dinner at Goldie's.

A final dinner and reception, hosted by Chancellor Edward Simonsen, including the staff of the District office, at the Rio Bravo Country Club, saluted Katzman for his years of publicizing district activities.



For a moment Charlie Katzman thought he was reverting to his younger days in New Jersey when he ran a chicken farm. This hilarious climax at his retirement banquet was enjoyed by Marcia Dolby, left, DTC Dean Dr. Charles Carlson and Mrs. Helen Katzman. Rhode Island Red hen was a surprise gift from a student. PHOTO BY JIM MEADOWS.

# 'The Effect of Gamma Rays ...' enlightening

BY SUZANN AHRENS  
Raconteur Staff Writer

Another successful Fall season was launched for the BC Renegade Theatre when Paul Zindel's "The Effect of Gamma Rays On Man-In-The-Moon Marigolds" premiered Oct. 10. The drama, depicting the problems of a poverty-stricken woman attempting to raise a family in today's complex society, proved to be enlightening as well as entertaining.

The play opened in the Hunsdorfer household as the younger daughter Tillie (Patty Hoeft) reiterated her deceased father's scientific philosophy concerning the atom. Tillie said of her father, "He told me to look at my hand, for a part of it came from a star that exploded too long ago to imagine. This part of me was formed from a tongue of fire that screamed through the heavens until there was our sin. And this part of me—this tiny part of me—was on the sun when it itself exploded and whirled in a great storm until the planets came to be." Because of her early exposure to the field of science, she developed an interest and later an awareness of the world of science-related phenomenon.



A frantic household is once again observed as Ruth (Roberta Downs) undergoes another of her many epileptic seizures. Her young sister Tillie (Patty Hoeft) is seen leaning over Ruth. The mother, Beatrice, (Nancy Arslan) seated, also assists.

Tillie was not allowed to drift often into her fantasies of science. She often was confronted with problems dealing with her family, and usually was the one to whom others turned for support and understanding.

Also in the Hunsdorfer household was the mother Beatrice, (Nancy Arslan) who was forced to support her family since a heart attack claimed the life of her husband. Although she made numerous efforts to provide an adequate living for herself and family, all her attempts proved futile. She was forced to acquire an elderly boarder, Nanny (Laura Bailey) to provide additional income.

This combined with the problems in raising her epileptic daughter Ruth (Roberta Downs), meant her life seemed destined to failure. Upon reaching her middle years, the dreams she possessed as a young girl to become a professional dancer were forgotten. With the birth of two daughters, and later the death of her husband, she viewed her life as a half-existence.

Tillie, after her ability and interest in science was noted by her teacher, was asked to enter her experiment with various degrees of radiation and exposure on marigold seeds. Tillie entered the science test held at the school, and to her elation, won in the semifinals. She is asked to come back to participate in the evening finals, and the school also requested the presence of her mother.

The mother agreed, with a great deal of hesitation, to attend the semifinals with Tillie. She dresses, and is ready to accept a ride when her other daughter, Ruth, says the teachers at the school will make fun of her dress and call her "Betty the loon." Understandably crushed, she doesn't dare appear, but stayed home, and to forget her problems, she starts drinking. She is drunk when Tillie comes home with the good news of having won even the finals.

The mother's drinking was a way of escaping her problems temporarily. Although one can understand her plight in life, it is evident that if she continued as she did, there would be not a great deal of hope for her future.

Tillie represented a hope for the future. She was sensitive to the problems of others, and had not ceased to be continually surprised at the events in her life. Although she may live surrounded by a hopeless environment, the hope within herself will act as a guide to a successful life.

The audience catches a glimpse of the poverty and bleakness that encompasses their lives. The set, once the site of an old-fashioned vegetable store, designed by David Hicks, consisted of a living room, a short hallway, and heavy wooded staircase, two doors leading to separate bedrooms.

# and entertaining

Tattered furnishings, newspaper-covered windows and magazines haphazardly arrayed all add to the confused and troubled state of the characters involved.

Because of the small cast, the audience was able to view each character more emphatically. Nancy Arslan, as Beatrice the mother, whether scolding the elderly Nanny or comforting her daughter Ruth in one of her many seizures, gave a realistic performance of a bitter, depressed and unrealized human being. The audience could sympathize with Beatrice, as they also could associate with Nanny (Laura Bailey), who because of her age and place in society, could never escape to a better life.

Photos by Johnny McKeever



The Mother Beatrice (Nancy Arslan), engulfed by the troubles that beset her life, chose to act out her aggressions on the closest available object, 'Peter the rabbit.'



Ruth (Roberta Downs) confronts her mother (Nancy Arslan), in the foreground, as the mother threatens the life of 'Peter the rabbit.'



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# 'Dracula,' not exactly blood-curdling

BY SUZANN AHRENS  
Kacconteur Staff Writer



Dracula's first victim upon arrival in England was a young girl soon to be married, Lucy (Gwen Savage).

He existed in legendary folklore... a charming nobleman by day, but an evil vampire by night and he evoked terror among those whom he encountered. Originally from Transylvania, he made his appearance on the BC campus last fall as Count Dracula in the BC Renegade Theatre's production of "Dracula."

The play, the second hit of the fall season, is based on Bram Stoker's Gothic novel, and opens with excerpts from a journal of a young lawyer, Jonathan Harker, who served as narrator of the tale. Through the narrations of Jonathan, played by local television personality Don Vann, the audience learned of his journey to a secluded abode lying amidst the borders of Transylvania, Moldavia and Bukovina. Nestled deep within the Carpathia Mountains, this abode was known as "Castle Dracula."

Jonathan was instructed to visit Count Dracula, played by Mike Hewitt, on a business matter. While enroute to his destination, he finds the closer he comes towards the castle, the people he encounters, after hearing of his planned destination, urge him not to go. The last evening of his journey finds him at an inn. The innkeeper's wife noting his unfaltering determination to proceed on his course, gives him a rosary for protection. Unable to understand the language of the local area, he does manage to understand some words, defined in his dictionary as "satan" or "devil." Jonathan, aware of their apparent concern, but unfrightened, proceeded to his destination.

Photos by David Payton



Doris Abbott as Seward is associated with Dracula in the maintenance of an asylum. In the center is the mad man in the asylum, Renfield (Phil Douglas). On the right is the attendant in the asylum (Mark DeWeese).



Local television personality Don Vann served as the narrator of the Gothic tale "Dracula."

# Bakersfield College drama, but...



The deft hand of Kathy Graves artfully applies make-up to Mike Hewitt's face as the transformation begins.



Through the magic of make-up and garish attire, the audience is introduced to the diabolical Count Dracula.

Upon arrival, Jonathan is greeted cordially by Dracula. He finds he is being held prisoner, and will facilitate the move of Count Dracula from Transylvania to England. The first half of the play deals with Dracula's stay in England, particularly his attack on a young girl soon to be married, Lucy. Gwen Savage as Lucy is convincing as she appears deathly ill, although doctors cannot diagnose her illness, it is accompanied by two pin prick marks on her throat.

The audience catches a glimpse of the ill girl's room, wherein the lights are dimly lit, the windows are tightly shut and Lucy wears a necklace of garlic and leaves to ward off the vampire. Douglas Carroll as Dr. Van Helsing shows concern at Lucy's condition, and acts as if he realizes the source of her woes. He seemed determined to search out the vampire and to put an end to his evil atrocities.

The second act deals with the attempt to trap Dracula. Teresa Ellison, as Mina, Lucy's friend and confidante, appears truly concerned about her friend's welfare, and after her death, chooses to also search and put an end to that evil being.

The Dracula we encounter differs somewhat from what is usually presented in other adaptations. Although the audience is aware of his grotesque behavior, there is not an opportunity to view his real feelings and the motives for this behavior. We only know of him by the acts that he commits. It would have generated more interest if the audience would have felt more a part of the rationale behind Dracula, and not just the character responsible for ghoulish acts.

## Trap set for Dracula

One of the most effective scenes occurs last. The audience views a dark empty cellar, wherein, amidst rats, bats, and smoke, the long-awaited Dracula makes his appearance. Dracula, seemingly aware of his entrapment, realizes his end is near. His death occurs when his searchers finally are able to drive a stake through his heart.

Judging from the general reaction of the audience, the play was well received. The use of costumes reflected a by-gone era. Precision lighting, special effects including the use of smoke, and lights depicting bats and rats, went together with the successful addition of a narrator, Don Vann. "Dracula" was a play not to be missed.

Members of the cast, many of them newcomers to the Renegade stage, were Teresa Ellison (Mina), Gwen Savage (Lucy), Curtis Abbott (Seward), Rock Brock (Arthur), Margaret Wood (Lady Westenra), Douglas Carroll (Van Helsing), Phil Douglas (Renfield), Mark DeWeese (Attendant), Kevin Blackwell (Jonathan), and Mike Hewitt (Dracula).



Rock Brock as Arthur, Lucy's fiance, comforts Lucy (Gwen Savage) and after her death from a bout with the wilder, goes in search to find and destroy "Count Dracula."



Dr. Van Helsing (Douglas Carroll) the physician responsible for the care of Lucy (Gwen Savage) comforts Lucy's mother, Lady Westenra (Margaret Wood).

# Collins: a look at the past and a preview of the future

BY JOHN DIFFENBAUGH

It isn't hard for John Collins to look back 20 years and evaluate his feelings about Bakersfield College. The college has come a long way in two decades and he has observed most of the changes, as he noted in a *Raconteur* interview last fall.

"I started out as a Sociology instructor, counselor and track coach. My first assignment at BC was as veterans counselor. World War II vets were an entirely different generation...the whole country was involved in that war."

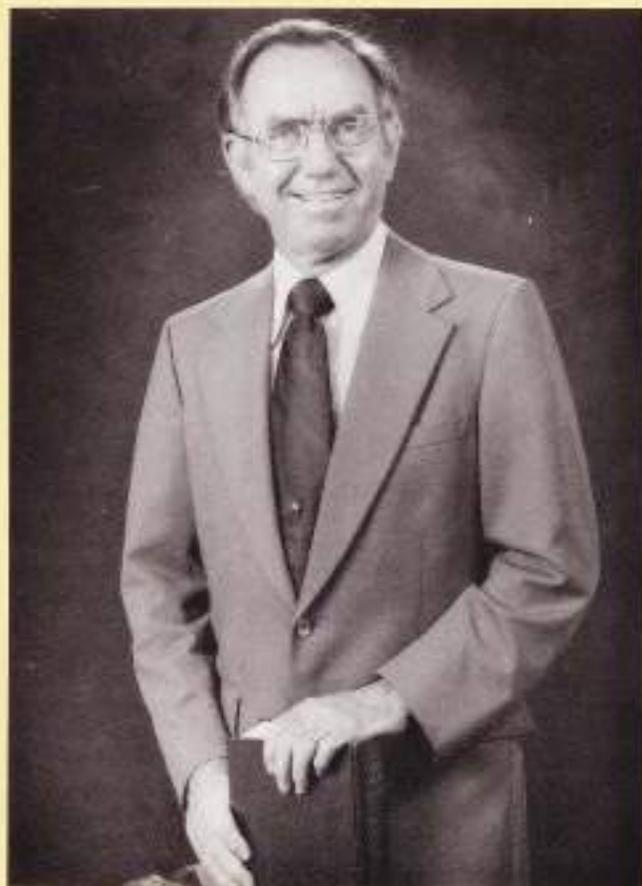
And when one looks back into past *RACONTEUR* files, say the 1956 edition, which marked the move from Bakersfield High School to "The Hill," there's track coach John Collins with his powerhouse Metro team. The 1966 annual was dedicated to Dean of Students John Collins. He was honored "as an instructor...who has left the mark of his knowledge on the experience of his students...as a coach who has instilled courage and the will to win...as a student body advisor whose understanding has upgraded student activities."

Collins got his first taste of administrative experience as director of student activities, counseling student government activities in the Campus Center. He took his doctorate at UCLA in the meantime and moved up to Dean of Students, an influential position on the administrative table of organization.

And then came the chance of a lifetime—the presidency of new Moorpark College in Ventura County. It was a chance to build a college from scratch and Collins accepted the challenge. He served there six years. When Burns Finlinson retired in 1972, Collins was one of five finalists for the presidency of Bakersfield College. He was selected by a committee composed of faculty, students, administration and classified employees.

During his ten years as a top administrator, Collins has seen a revolution in attitudes, especially the feeling students have toward college and traditional college activities and their classes.

"There was a cry for relevance," he said. "In the late 60's this caused professors to re-evaluate their classes. And the present generation of students thinks a lot more about 'what is this course for' or 'why am I learning this material; how am I going to apply what I am learning in this class?'"



"I am for life-long learning...some of our...most highly motivated students are not kids any more..." This is the philosophy of Dr. John Collins. PHOTO BY AL NORIEGA.

"Maybe 20 or even 10 years ago students were more apt to have a formal lecture when they went to classes and that was it."

In activity programs Collins has noticed a swing away from the traditional activities in the late 60's and early 70's. "Now we're seeing a little swing back the other way. Students are becoming interested in some of the fun things that went by the boards when they were preoccupied with the war and the economy and politics. I think that college ought to be a balance of these things. It should be fun and not all so deadly serious and grim.

"What I would like to see is more participation on the part of students. It's OK to be a spectator, but we are spectators too much of the time. For example, intramurals are good for physical fitness, relaxation, having a good time and meeting a lot of other people.

"When we moved to this campus 20 years ago the student body was small, fewer than 2,000, mainly young transfer students. There wasn't much of an evening program."

## "the faculty has changed"

Collins has seen the faculty grow from about 90 to over 250. Twenty years ago it was a fairly traditional faculty that made sure the students got an excellent academic experience so when they transferred to a University of California campus they would do well. BC students did well and that was a strong motivating force in those days.

Now, with a different kind of student body, the faculty has changed. There are many more programs that lead directly into employment. Fire science is one, law enforcement another. Nursing, dental assisting, journalism, X-ray technicians, mechanics, agriculture, etc., are what he defines as occupational programs. Thus, BC now has a faculty that is partially oriented in the direction of getting students ready for a job and also preparing students to go to a four year college or university. Academic

excellence continues to characterize the work of the faculty.

To Collins this means it is more difficult to have a unified feeling among the faculty than may have existed 20 years ago.

"The interests are so diverse. You have to work pretty hard to make sure you don't have a campus that has a line drawn down the middle: on this side are the occupational classes; over here the academic classes. So we make an effort to bring people together. We have a much more diverse faculty than we had 20 years ago, but I don't think that this has been at the expense of quality.

"I foresee an expansion of the Downtown Center (DTC) and our outreach program. We have found in almost a year's operation (DTC opened in January, 1975) that we are serving a

different population for a variety of reasons. The DTC is convenient, quite a few people feel more comfortable there than at the main campus. It's easier to get to, they are in classes with people more nearly their age. The DTC has done a couple of things for us, it's permitted us to try some new ways of offering instruction that aren't traditional. Also, you can walk in the DTC and sign up for a class mid-semester and start that class the same day. The faculty there has been given the opportunity to experiment and the students have responded favorably."

Collins is opposed to enrollment caps, especially those applying to adult education, as proposed last fall by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

"I am for life-long learning. I don't think you stop having the need to learn when you get a degree or when you turn 21. Some of our best and most highly motivated students are not kids anymore. I don't care how old they are, I maintain those people deserve their chance too. Some people discover, at age 35 or older, that they haven't done with their lives what they wanted to do. And now they can come back. I think that the community college ought to set out to meet the educational needs of ALL the people from age 18 on up. Maybe universities or four year colleges ought to be drawing the line, but I think community colleges should be close to the community, meet the needs of the community. Those needs run the whole gamut of age from young to old.

"We've tried to take all kinds of steps to make sure that the campus isn't denying somebody his or her chance, and I would be very reluctant to start closing our doors and say to people 'we're sorry but we can't take you.'"

And this, Collins declared, is what the 'cap' does:

"The state comes along and says, 'Look we will only pay our share on 5% growth this year. If you want to enroll more than 5% growth, go ahead and do it, but your local taxpayers are going to have to pay for that.'

"So the net result of the 'cap' is that it raises taxes for the local property owner. I think when you come around this campus about ten minutes to seven at night and see the hundreds of cars pouring in here every night then I think that's proof the local people want this college to be here doing the job it's doing training people, retraining people, giving people a chance that didn't have their chance. I doubt very much that the people of this town who have supported this college for 63 years now are going to say 'We want you to cut back.' I don't anticipate that. This College belongs to the people of the community."



Twenty years ago John Collins was turning out powerhouse track teams. Here he confers with long distance runner Miles Eisenmajer before a meet.

# A tribute to the late Hulon Willis

Hulon Willis, English department chairman, a BC faculty member for 21 years, died last December 5. He was 53, a nationally recognized authority on the use of the English language and a prolific author of textbooks on structure, style, usage, grammar and composition. A native of Alabama he taught English at the University of Idaho and English and French at UCLA, where he earned his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. His family included his widow, Muriel, a BC instructor; a son, Stephen, and daughter, Susan.

Memorial services in the Fireside Room brought a capacity audience of students, faculty and administrative staff. They honored his memory, but his legacy was in what he instilled in his students and his warm associations with his fellow faculty members in the English department. His textbooks alone will stand as a lasting tribute to his accomplishments.

"Hulon Willis was a master teacher, a writer and an educational leader. He stood like a rock for what he believed in and had the full respect of his students and colleagues. Bakersfield College will miss him and future generations of students will suffer his loss . . ."



HULON WILLIS 1922-1975

"His superior scholarship was recognized nationally; his writings brought much acclaim to himself and to the college. We will miss him as a brilliant colleague, a master teacher and a warm friend . . ."

"Because I was a friend, colleague and neighbor of Hugh for many years, I know particularly well how much he gave to Bakersfield College. First, he gave an enormous amount of his time. Every morning—summer, winter, weekends and holidays—he spent hours in his office alone working on schedules, loads, and the problems of teaching language.

"He also gave us in the English Department a great deal of himself. He was scrupulously fair, often agonizing over having to make assignments he thought might make us unhappy. And though he had strong notions about how to teach, he always avoided intruding in another teacher's class.

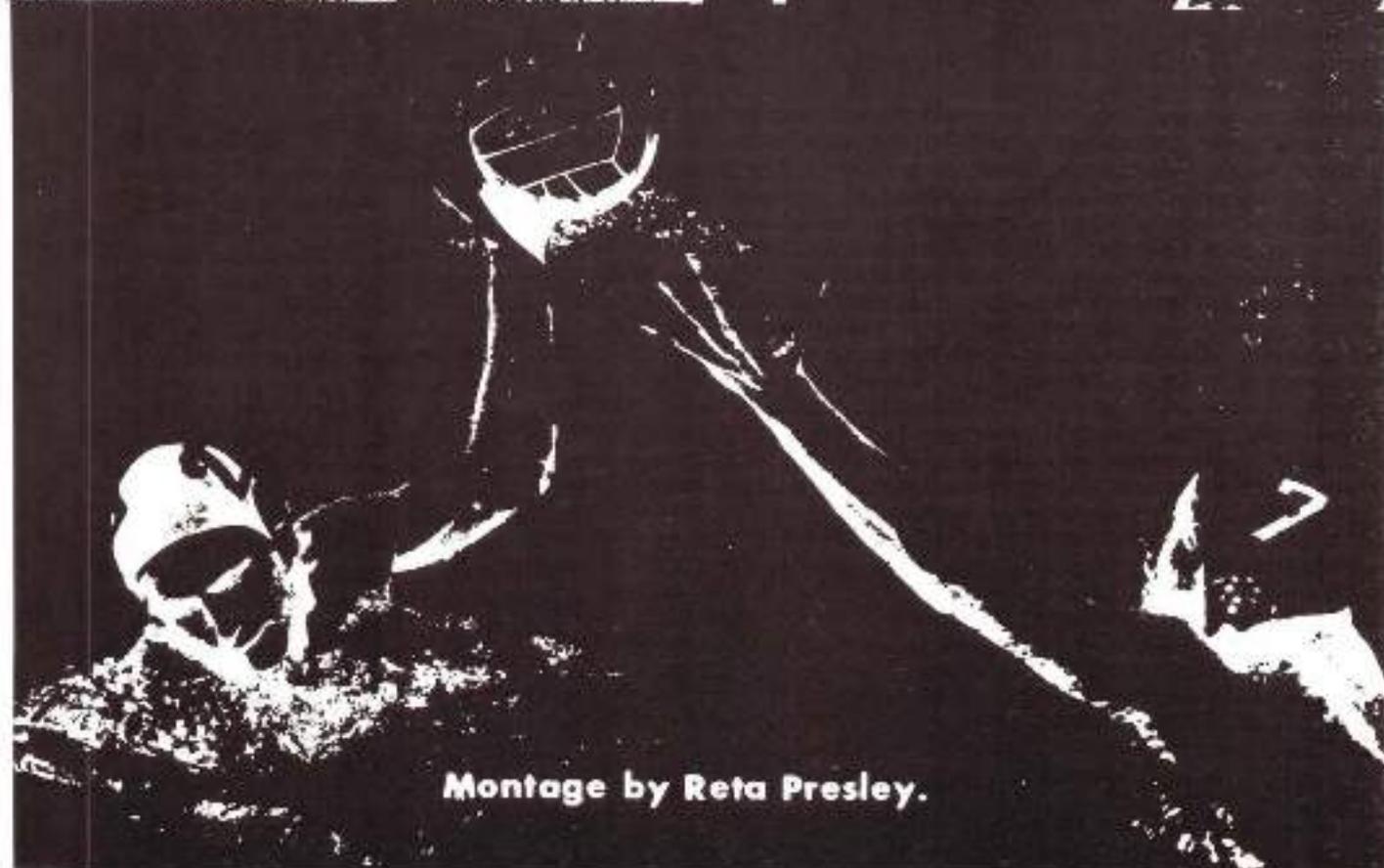
"Finally he gave the college his passionate concern for standards in education. While he recognized the changing nature of language and life, he fought hard against others' ignoring the traditional standards of learning he found so important. Much of what is best at Bakersfield College is due to him."

"He gave the English department a great deal of leadership and expanded the offerings to the community . . . largely because of him we enjoyed excellent morale within the department . . ."



"In one of his books, Hulon reiterated that specific words are more 'precise and vigorous' than general ones. And yet, when I think of Hulon and his legacy, I keep returning to words such as honor — integrity — dedication . . . for he did indeed possess all of these and more.

"As a scholar, he was without peer; as a person, he was a rare blend of teacher, administrator, and friend. Simply and specifically, Hulon Willis was a strong and caring man. We are enriched from having known him."



Montage by Reta Presley.

## Turner only bright spot in dismal 'Gade season



Terry Clement (40) lays down a fine block to allow David "Deacon" Turner (22) to gain more yardage. Turner broke O.J. Simpson's JC rushing record this past year in gaining over 3,000 yards in his JC career. PHOTO BY JIM SAYER.

BY BOB YOUNG  
Raconteur Sports Writer

A lowly 7-2-1 season record, dropped the 1975 Renegade football team to a fourth place finish. The only highlight came from Dave "Deacon" Turner as he galloped for over 1700 yards, thus running for 3,026 during his Junior College career.

BC, with a mediocre 4-2-1 slate in conference, opened the season in Cerritos with a 24-23 win, despite a late rally by an inspired Falcon team.

The Renegade home opener found the Gades and Taft Cougars meeting on the Memorial Stadium turf. The Renegades won, 41-28. Tom Harrall's Cougars led the Renegades at the end of the third quarter, 28-27, but Turner ran for 44 yards in the fourth stanza, leading BC to victory.

Then ranked number six in the Junior College Athletic Bureau ratings, the Gades hosted the Fresno City College Rams, who later represented their conference in the annual Potato Bowl classic. Two Turner touchdowns paced the Gades to an easy 35-14 win, increasing their win skein to three.



Steve Schaeffer punts ball away PHOTO BY BOB CASTRO.

Metropolitan conference play opened for the Renegades as the Lancers of Pasadena invaded Memorial Stadium. The game saw the Gades score 14 points in the final half to tie the Lancers at 14 all.

The Arizona-Western Matadors met the Renegades for the first time since 1968, and again led by Turner, BC routed the Arizona boys, 45-8. Turner carried the ball 30 times for 240 yards in what was otherwise an uneventful contest.

Bakersfield gridders then traveled to the home of the Long Beach Vikings, who had just come off an upset win over the El Camino Warriors. BC outlasted the Vikes, 35-28.

BC's next contest was against the defending state champion East Los Angeles Huskies in the annual Homecoming game, and the Gades succumbed to the Huskie attack 25-20 and their first loss of the season. BC drove to the five in the waning seconds, but a fumble put a damper on the Renegade rally.

Later to become Potato Bowl champions, the Los Angeles Valley Monarchs handed the Gades their second loss in two weeks, a 37-13 humiliation.



Dick Hammel PHOTO BY JIM SAYER.



An unidentified Renegade hangs onto an East LA player while Steve Jackson (21) gets ready to make the big stick. PHOTO BY JIM SAYER.



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BC gridders closed out tough Metro loop competition, by downing both the El Camino Warriors and Pierce Brahmas. Their fourth place finish was behind the Champion L.A. Valley squad, the Huskies of East Los Angeles, and the Long Beach City College Vikings.

Turner, it was announced following the season was selected to the Junior College All American team, the All Metro team, and was named Metro player-of-the-year.



Jeff Johnson (48) lies helplessly on the ground during a timeout while waiting for help to come to his aid. PHOTO BY D.J. WHIPPLE.



Head Coach Jerry Collis holds his head up in the final moments of the frustrating loss to ELAC during this year's homecoming.

#### FINAL METRO FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Los Angeles Valley	5	1	0
East Los Angeles	4	2	-
Long Beach	4	2	-
Bakersfield	3	2	1
El Camino	2	4	-
Los Angeles Pierce	2	4	-
Pasadena	0	5	1



#### RUSHING STATISTICS

	TCB	YDS.	TD	AVG.
David Turner	293	1,796	19	6.2
Terry Clement	121	615	5	5.1
Gary Blackford	69	297	3	4.3



#### PASSING STATISTICS

	PA	PC	PL	YDS.	TD
Mike Lillywhite	156	77	10	1,361	9
Steve Deaman	36	44	1	223	3
Bob Johnson	2	2	0	32	0
Ed Cristofol	5	2	1	48	1
Totals	199	95	12	1,664	13
Opponents	293	136	14	2,106	13



#### RECEIVING STATISTICS

	PC	YDS.	TD
Frank Forigiani	24	555	5
Mike Georgino	19	289	1
Tony Bollinger	10	195	1
Terry Clement	7	119	0
Chris DeFrance	7	118	1

# Covey and 'Gade harriers are Metro's number one!



The 1975 Metropolitan Conference Cross Country Champions.

BY JIM MEADOWS  
Raconteur Sports Editor

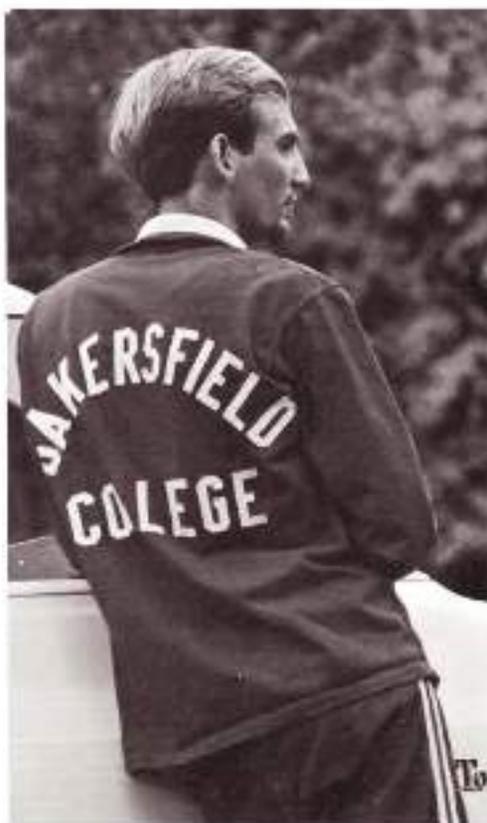
Bakersfield College's Renegade cross country team won the 1975 Metropolitan Conference Championship.

That's all one can really say in one sentence to sum up the fantastic season the Renegade harriers had last year. After placing dead even in dual meet competition with the L.A. Valley Monarchs at Griffith Park, the Gades went on to place third in the section meet for Southern California. That third place enabled the team to compete in the State meet.

The Renegades started last fall by placing third in the Long Beach Invitational. The following week the 'Gades were soundly beaten by the American River Beavers 16-44 and that seemed to be the turning point of the season.

Headlines seemed to be always in the making for this year's squad and with a female athlete running on the team, this made the headlines even heavier. Regina Schuetze, a freshman from Burroughs High School in Ridgecrest, joined the team early in the season "to get in shape for track season," said Regina. Schuetze competed in several meets this year and even defeated two male runners in a dual meet with her outstanding time of 25:50 over a four-mile course in a meet against Pasadena and East Los Angeles.

The Renegades were 5-2 overall which gives them a very respectable title for the coming season. At the annual



John Beck

awards banquet, two individuals—Mike Vasques and John Beck—were chosen as Most Outstanding athletes for the 1975 season. This decision was based on a team vote as were all the other awards.

Alex Hinzo, a sophomore from West High School, was named Most Inspirational Athlete for the second year in a row. Juan Lucero picked up the Ken Brewer Most Improved Memorial Trophy for his efforts. Brewer was the Most Improved Athlete of the 1973 cross country team, who passed away last September. The award will be a perpetual trophy in his memory.

This year's team logged more mileage than any other team coached by Coach Covey who said, "they worked super hard for what they wanted, and they got it."

Three athletes from this year's team were named to the All-Conference cross country team, more than any other sport in the history of Bakersfield College. Vasques, Beck, and Robbie Bray were honored athletes who along with Alex Hinzo were named to the Hall of Fame here at BC. The athletes chosen for the Hall of Fame were picked on their performances during big meets during the year.

In looking to next year's team, Coach Covey feels that BC will again be a strong competitor for the Metro Title. "We are losing Beck, Lucero and Hinzo but with Vasques returning, he should be the foundation of another excellent team for the Renegades," commented Covey.



Gades getting ready for the race.



Rogina in action.

**Photos  
by  
Dennis  
Stiles**



Mike Vasquez



John Beck, Coach Bob Covey and Mike Vasquez during a rest stop on the way to the Metro Championships.



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The gun goes off and the 'red and white gang' is off and running at the Metro Dual meet Championships.

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# Pologades finish third in Metro with best season ever

BY JIM MEADOWS  
Raconteur Sports Editor

The 1975 Renegade water polo team completed their finest season in the history of Bakersfield College last fall, when they finished 3-3 in Metropolitan Conference play, good enough for a third place tie.

Cosch Bill Finch's pologades were never out of reach in any of their games this year, although the score at times seemed to be somewhat one sided. The actual closeness of the games could only be seen first-hand and could not be reported.

The team opened its season with a non-conference loss at College of the Sequoias by a score of 18-4. The Giants also marred the BC home opener by a closer score of 10-8.

In this year's BC Tournament, the Renegades finished the weekend with a record of 2-1, the same as Reedley and Allan Hancock. The 'red and white gang' downed both Reedley and Fresno City College by scores of 13-8 and 7-3 respectively, but were unable to beat Allan Hancock, with the final score of 8-7 in favor of the visitors.

With an opening win in Metro action at East Los Angeles, an impressive 12-6 final score, the Renegades looked as though they were ready for the tough season ahead of them. The following game found the Pasadena Lancers falling victim to the Renegades by a score of 9-5. Little by little, the Pologades began to show the strength they needed to be the number one team in the Metropolitan Conference.

The season started to dive with a sudden 11-7 defeat at El Camino with the Warriors getting the best of the Renegade inconsistency. The following week, the BC squad suffered a heart-breaking 13-12 defeat in double overtime at the hands of the L.A. Valley Monarchs. With their season now at 3-2, the Gades hopes for the number one position were dim.

The final game of the year was another heart-breaking defeat, this time with a little wider margin than before. Conference-leading Long Beach administered a 17-3 thrashing in which BC fans saw the Gades go from consistent to non-existent.

Their play in that game was just not up to par, and so ended a rather encouraging season.



Greg Ashbeck is shown in his usual position-protecting the BC goal. PHOTO BY FRANK MOORE.



The team gathers at poolside for a time-out and more strategy.

### Photos by Jim Meadows



Mark Taylor tries to keep his opponent from reaching the ball.

Although the Renegades finished in third place, they were respected for their fine play throughout the Conference. That respect was reflected in the pickings of the Conference when Mark Fernando was named to the All-Conference First Team for the 1975 season. Mike Finch was named to the 2nd team and teammates Dave Fernando and Mark Taylor were both named to the Honorable Mention Team as a result of their efforts during the season.

In the annual awards banquet at the end of the year, Mark Fernando was named Most Valuable player for the season in voting by his fellow-gades. Mike Finch was chosen as the recipient of the Alumni Association's Most Inspirational Plaque and Jeff Worthing received his trophy for being honored as the Most Improved Athlete.

BC Athletic Director Herb Loken summed up all the praises of the community and media when he said "the program we have shown this year will surely be able to compete not only on a local basis but on a national basis."

"The athletic program here at BC is one of the finest in the nation," he continued, "and these athletes before me tonight are proof of that statement."

Coach Finch closed the awards banquet with a statement in which he revealed that "BC has arrived, ladies and gentlemen, and no one individual can turn us aside. We will be there again next year . . . you can count on it."

# Homecoming 1975.. It Was the Best of

BY SUZANN AHRENS

Commemorating the establishment of BC on Panorams Hill in 1955, "BC Twenty Years on the Hill" was chosen as the theme of Homecoming 1975. The enthusiastic response given the activities of Homecoming Week, culminating in the crowning of the 1975 Homecoming Queen proved Homecoming "the best BC Homecoming ever," according to BC Dean of Student Activities Vic Ste. Marie.

A moment of hushed anticipation finally ended for 17,463 spectators present at Memorial Stadium as Queen Sandra Marcellin tearfully but happily accepted her crown in coronation ceremonies before the BC-East Los Angeles game. Sponsored by the Associated Men's and Women's Residents, she was selected by students among seven candidates. First runner up went to Tamara Ginn, sponsored by the Associated Veteran's Students. Second runner up went to Amy Longacre, sponsored by the BC Ski Club.

Homecoming 1975 generated a great deal of school spirit and enthusiasm for the traditional BC Homecoming football game. The Bakersfield Renegadi

undefeated in previous games, fought the ELAC team but lost 25-20.

Activities organized for Homecoming Week, the result of hours of planning by the Homecoming Steering Committee, provided an opportunity for students to have fun, become involved in their school, and acquainted the public with various clubs on campus. Activities in the form of contests, student voting for Homecoming Queen, float building, participating in the annual Downtown Parade, attending the Renegade game and after game dance featured this of Homecoming.

Preparation for Homecoming began with the building of floats by various BC clubs at the Kern County Fairgrounds. In keeping with this years' theme, each club designed floats complying with their clubs' purpose. Those clubs participating this year were the BC Ski Club, Circle K Club, Associated Veteran Students Club, Associated Men and Women Residents' Club, International Students Association, Latter-Day Saint Student Association, Phi Rho Pi Association and United Filipino Students.



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JOHNNY McKEEVER



Homecoming Queen contestants Shelley Finley, Amy Longacre and Tamara Ginn in half-time parade.



# Times and the Worst of Times



Homecoming Steering Committee members include: front row, Laurie Wallace, K.C. Thompson, Terry Ribelin; back row, Suzanna Bunker, Mike Reid, Carl Stewart and Randy Peterson.



Homecoming Queen Contestants, Sandra Lynne Murollin, Laurie Marie de Vasconcelow, Weneette McGuire and Pam Harper.



Third place float honors went to the Associated Veterans Students. Greg Bardett and Greg Sipe are shown on the AVS float.



Circle K won second place for their float. Pictured are John Stov... Clemmons, Carl Diffenbaugh, Blaine Roc... Andy Rotermann.



Judge John Jelletich, driving his 1922 Franklin, discusses the parade with BC President and Parade Marshall Dr. John Collins and wife, Pat.

## HOMECOMING 1975

# It was the best of times; it was the worst

As part of the festivities of Homecoming Week, some unusual contests were staged. For example, a contest was held to find the "Best Looking Legs" but was only open to fellas. First place went to Bob Leinhart, freshman class president. Terry Horter won second place, while Bill Lowden and Bob Gray tied for honorary recognition.

There was also another contest devised with the intention of finding the best egg thrower. This contest was won by Randy Peterson. Mike Lillywhite was first runner up.

One of the last contests was pumpkin carving skill. In this contest, held appropriately on October 31, first place went to Mark DeWeese, second place went to Jill Thayer and third went to Suzanne Bunker.

After completing the floats during Homecoming Week, the entries were part of the annual Downtown Homecoming Parade, along with the Queen contestants. Upon their arrival at BC, they were displayed and judged at the game. Entries were judged according to their overall compliance with their club's purpose, their appeal to the stadium audience, their unity of float layout and

the evidence of creative effort present in construction and composition.

The BC Ski Club won first place. In keeping with the theme "Twenty Years on the Hill," they created their own hill, a mountain of time, consisting of cotton. The float had club members aboard, some dressed in stretch pants and carrying wooden skis, reminding one of the styles depicting the 1950's, while others were dressed ultra modern, sporting clothes and equipment from Bentz Ski Chalet and Sports Circus. At the top of the hill was the ski patrol.

Second place went to Circle K Club. Their float contained a red school house, being tilted on one side by teachers and administration, while on the other side it was tilted by students. This reflected the political controversies at BC, which have sometimes swayed the school, like the controversy over the Fedway-Downtown Center a few years ago.

The Associated Veteran Students won third place. Their float displayed a sign of "Twenty Years on the Hill." Also included in their entry was the cannon, pulled by two crew members, Greg Sipe and Gregg Bartlett, and Rene the Knight. The Renegade Mascot followed, saluting the American Flag.



Homecoming Queen Sandra Lynne Marcellin expresses surprise at the announcement of her title.



Wow, what a Kiss! Jerry Hill, full-senior A&S President celebrates Homecoming '75 with Queen Sandra Lynne Marcellin.

of times



The proud queen and her court—first runner-up Tamara Ginn and escort Bob Loinhart, fall-semester ASB president Jerry Hill, Homecoming Queen Sandra Lynne Marcellin and escort John Clair, and second runner-up Amy Longore and escort Gordon Krauter.



BC fought a long and hard battle against East Los Angeles at the Homecoming game but lost 25-20. On the last play of the game tempers flared and fists swung in what was later described as a free-for-all brawl. This was an unhappy climax to what was otherwise one of the most colorful and festive Homecomings ever. PHOTOS BY FELIX ADAMO.



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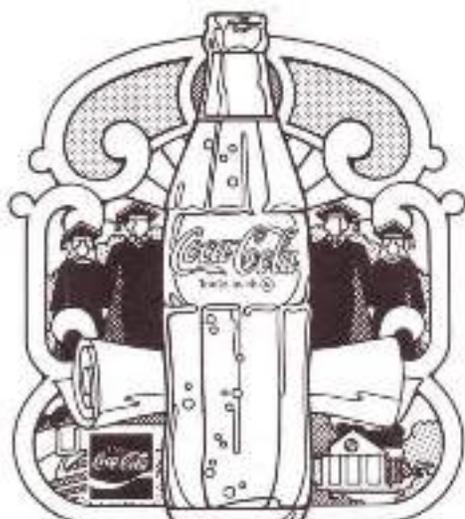
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# Simonsen recalls the 'Big



Memories of years ago—Dr. Ralph Prator, president of BC when the college moved to "The Hill," athletic director Gil Bishop and Dr. Edward Simonsen, then dean of administration confer at Meadows Field on college matters.

BY DELTA CLEMMONS  
Raconteur Editor

In 1956 when flat top haircuts, prom queens and bobby socks were the rage, Bakersfield College moved from the Bakersfield High School campus to its current location.

What is today a sprawling quarter-mile square campus metropolis was, three years before the move in the spring of 1956, a barren rockpile.

"When the campus was purchased in 1951 that quarter section was out in the boonies and there was no construction around it. I remember seeing an awful lot of rocks. It was the rockiest place and, in fact, that was one of the big things in the early years of trying to get the landscaping done."

Those were the words of Dr. Edward Simonsen, Chancellor of the Kern Community College District and former president of Bakersfield College.

Simonsen was the person primarily responsible for the "Big M" (big move) from BHS to the "hill." In this capacity as dean of administration he was the liaison between faculty, administration and classified staff. A year or so later he became vice-president, and when Dr. Ralph Prator, then president, went to SF Valley State as first president, Simonsen

became president. He served during a period of great growth and expansion from 1958 to 1968, and then became the first Chancellor of the KCCD, moving downtown. (His office is on the second floor of the Downtown Center).

Simonsen, perhaps more than any other person, remembers the problems that faced BC during the move and in its early formative years on the new campus.

When asked about the move from BHS to the current campus Simonsen replied, "I feel it was just like any other move in that certain things that left that other campus never found their way up here or if they did they never found their way to the correct room. There were several little surprises, but I don't believe that anything particularly hilarious occurred. It was all pretty businesslike. What we did was close up shop on the Friday before Easter vacation and then open up on the new campus after vacation. If I recall right the date was Monday, April 2, 1956.

"It was a wonderful period in the history of this college and everybody had great expectations and it was a very exciting time. This college had operated for over 40 years on the high school campus before the move. The college was founded in 1913 and the move was not made until 1956.

"We had thought originally that we were going to move in the fall of '55, then we were sure we would do it in January of '56, but we didn't make it. And so as the spring went on there were some people that were saying, 'Oh, why do it now? Why not wait until the fall?' But I think most of us wanted a kind of a shakedown cruise. Well, we had that shakedown cruise in April and by the following fall we were in pretty good shape. There were even a few people who returned sentimentally with the idea that they were going to be the first class to graduate on the new campus. Well, they weren't there very long but they did have the distinction of being the first class to complete their education up there and the next class was the first one to be there for a full year.



## M' from BHS to the 'Hill'

"One thing that I think has been a surprise to everyone was that in the early days it was very difficult to sell people on the idea that Bakersfield College would ever be much larger than 1500 or 2000 students. It is true that when we moved there we only had 1600 students, but even the largest of the facilities was designed for a maximum of 3000 students and before we knew it we had twice that many. On the campus now I think we have close to 6000 in the day and close to 6000 at night, all on a campus that was originally designed to accommodate 3000 students."

Simonsen then commented on some of the problems after the move.

"I think a lot of people figured that when we got away from the old high school campus all our problems would be solved, but it didn't take long before we had our own problems and new challenges on the hill in the form of things we hadn't anticipated."

Among the unanticipated problems that Simonsen mentioned was what he termed to be the problem of electrolysis. A very complicated scientific phenomenon, electrolysis results in the destruction of metal pipes and/or steel reinforcements of buildings. In oversimplified terms, water flowing through pipes causes friction which in turn causes the pipes to release negative current. This negative current concentrates on any area of the pipe which is not wrapped properly and then starts "eating" away the metal. Breaks occur and water floods the area.

Before campus authorities realized the exact nature of the problem they had lost some pipes in the stadium and then some by the Humanities wing. The sinking of the walkways in the latter area and the resulting flood caused them to review the problem and find a two-fold solution: injecting positive current to counteract the negative current of metal pipes, and in the case of new pipes, installing plastic instead of metal.

Another problem Simonsen mentioned was that of the nature of the soil on the hill. "Things don't grow as well up on the hill as they would out where the soil is much more sandy. You can get things to grow there, but it takes a lot of love and care and a lot of chemicals and good treatment. You just don't put things in and let them grow."

In 1971, the college had still another problem when the campus well reached the near-dry mark. Before the well's replacement by an alternate source of water from California Water Company, water was being pumped from the thousand foot well at a depth of over

900 feet and at a rate of 520 gallons per minute. The campus, at that time, needed at least 750 gallons of water storage in the form of two large tanks at the corner of Panorama and University, and a smaller tank back of the gymnasium by the practice football field.

Simonsen apparently felt, however, that the positive aspects of the past twenty years were far greater than that of the negative. "I think overall that the campus has served very well over the two decades. In most cases those who did the early planning felt very good about it, even to the selection of the site."

When asked if he thought the quality of education had declined any over the past 20 years Simonsen replied, "No, I don't. I think the quality is still there. In some ways we have sort of broken new ground because there are some things that are done today that weren't even thought of in 1956. At that time there was a very large emphasis on transfer education and 60 or 70% of our students were transfer students. The percentage today of transfer students may have decreased, but the big thing is that the numbers in any category have increased markedly as a result of the fantastic number of students enrolled. As far as the quality is concerned, it's still there. In the meantime, though, we have embarked on new programs, some of which weren't with us in the beginning."

"BC has a very good atmosphere for learning and people are caught up in it as an exciting and worthwhile place to be," he added.

The quality of education may not have changed over the past 20 years, but Simonsen feels that the views of students as a whole have. "Students of the 50's were passive and rather conformist in appearance. Students of the 60's, in contrast, were upset with what was then happening in the world. During that period, BC had many students who went to school merely to avoid the draft. Today, however, the college is no longer a haven for draft dodgers. Students are not as conformist as those of the 50's, and they tend to protest with their feet rather than by the types of demonstrations that were prevalent in the 60's."

When asked about plans for the future of Bakersfield College Simonsen commented, "As far as the major projects on campus right now, the biggest one we are anticipating is the addition of a substantial trades and industries automotive technology building. Another one they're hoping to develop is the lower floor of the

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From his second floor office in the Downtown Center Campus building, Chancellor Edward Simonsen views the downtown area the new branch campus serves. PHOTO BY WILLIAM WALKER.

Language Arts building. It has been used as a storage area, but it is a potentially outstanding instructional area. As for the Downtown Center, it might be developed more fully on the remaining part of the second floor, which is a carpeted area with no partitions. The whole building is established or set up to take a third floor and it would be relatively simple to add the third floor since the building is structurally sound. I think it's possible that the second floor will be fully developed within the next five years and then at that time or a little bit before that—before the second floor is entirely utilized—we could very well be analyzing the desirability of adding a third floor.

"It is difficult to ask me about the future—like the business of how successful the Downtown Center has been. There were a lot of people who would have been surprised had we gotten 500 people down here. Well, the first semester we had over a thousand."



Asumes presidency — this was Edward Simonsen nearly two decades ago when he succeeded Ralph Prator.

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## College information day successful

They came from every part of the state — from Stanislaus in the north to San Diego near the southern border. "They" were the representatives of California colleges and universities, participating in BC's second annual Information Day, designed to acquaint students with up-to-date information concerning application procedures, financial aids, housing and academic programs.

Spearheaded by counselor James Carden and Yvonne Milliken, associate dean of student services, the November 1 program evoked enthusiastic response from BC students contemplating transfer to four year schools.

Schools and their representatives, who counseled prospective transfers, included Cal State Bakersfield; Cal State Chico; Cal State Fresno; Humboldt State University; Cal State Long Beach; Cal State Los Angeles; Cal State Northridge; Cal State Pomona; Cal State San Bernardino; Cal State San Luis Obispo; Cal State Sonoma and Cal State (all universities) Stanislaus.

Independent colleges and universities included Azusa Pacific College; California Baptist College; Calif. Institute of the Arts; Chapman College; College of Notre Dame; La Verne College; Loma Linda University; Los Angeles Baptist College; Mt. St. Mary's College; Pacific Christian College; Pacific College; Pepperdine University; University of the Pacific; University of Redlands; University of San Diego; University of Southern California; Westmont College and Whitier College.

University of California campuses and their reps included Davis; Irvine; Los Angeles; Riverside; San Diego; San Francisco; Santa Barbara; and Santa Cruz.



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The Renegade Theater production of Paul Zindel's "The Effects of Gamma Rays On Man-In-The-Moon-Marigolds" was a huge success. In the foreground, the old woman patiently stirs her coffee as Tillie (played by Patty Hoeft) and the mother (played by Laura Bailey) restrain Ruth (played by Roberta Downs) during one of her seizures. PHOTO BY JIM FISHER



They were first — The BC Ski Club, with the theme "Ski The Mountain of Time" was first place winner in the Homecoming parade. PHOTO BY WILLIAM WALKER.



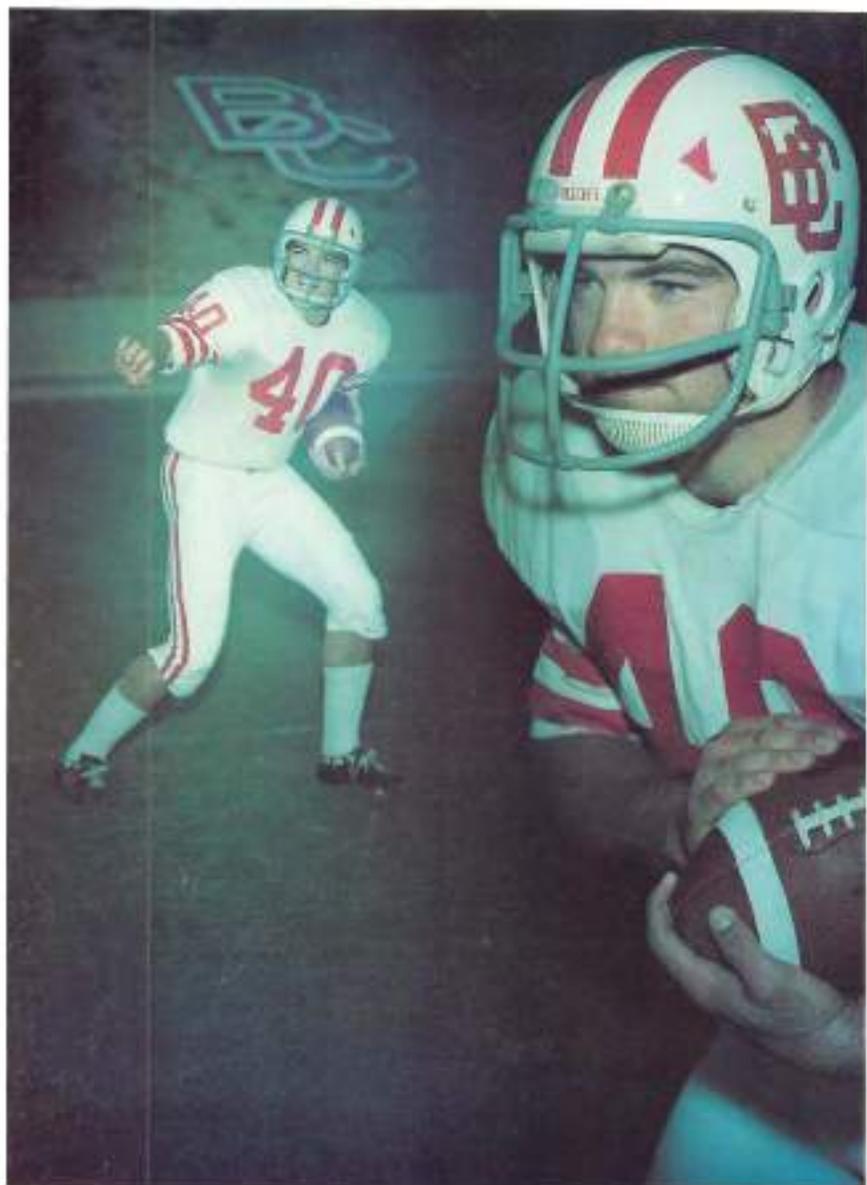
A Pumpkin Carving Contest, held oddly enough on Oct. 31, was a feature of Homecoming week festivities. PHOTO BY WILLIAM WALKER.



It's official — ASB President Jerry Hill crowns 1975 Homecoming Queen Sandra Lynne Marsallin as her escort, John Clair approves. PHOTO BY AL NORIEGA.



It's noontime and time to relax to music in Campus Center and enjoy a balmy day. PHOTO BY WILLIAM WALKER.



Renegade fullback Terry Clement combined with Dave Turner this season to give BC a potent one-two punch. The 5'6" Wasco High product edged fullback hopeful Willie Harris for the starting berth early in the season. PHOTO BY AL NORIEGA.

Mark Fernando readies himself for another shot on an opponent's goal as teammate Mike Finch looks on during one of the exciting water polo matches seen on the BC campus last year. The Renegades compiled a 3-3 Metropolitan Conference record and an overall record of 5-10, making one of the finest seasons in recent years. Coach Bill Finch's team will be remembered from this year as the team that no one team could count on walking away from with an easy victory or a runaway game. The Renegades had that 'never give in' attitude that is typical of the BC athletic program. PHOTO BY AL NORIEGA.





Bakersfield College's marching band steps off smartly, led by conductor Charles Wood, left, as the Homecoming parade starts in front of the Downtown Center campus. PHOTO BY WILLIAM WAIKER.



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Lift the cup high, drink the glass dry—that's what these BC Alumni Association board members are doing as they toast the success of annual pre-Homecoming game Champagne Reception. From left to right, Dave Moore, director; Bill Houser, director; Larry Tiller, director; Al Kirkland, vice-president; Bill Gruber, director; Mona Setser, treasurer; Dick Setser, president; Janet Hulsey, secretary, and Mike Cowden, director.

BY DELTA CLEMMONS  
Raconteur Editor

"We're very fortunate here at Bakersfield College to have the only successful alumni association in the state on the junior college level," commented Victor Ste. Marie, BC Assistant Dean of Student Activities/Housing and one of two campus liaisons to the Alumni Association. (The other is Herb Loken, Director of Athletics). The Alumni Association, which was founded in 1946 is attempting to, in the words of current President Dick Setser, "present BC in the best possible light to the community and to see a greater community participation in all BC events."

Under the direction of four officers, eight board members, and the past president of the organization, the association each year sponsors several fundraisers to benefit a few of Bakersfield College's programs.

Last fall was a very busy time for the 400-member association which presented a Hamburger Feed after the Taft game and a Renegade Steak Feed. The Hamburger Feed was sponsored in conjunction with the Associated Students and the profits were divided equally between the two. The event raised approximately \$800 total and Setser credited Roger Johnson, BC Director of Food Services, for successfully organizing the event.

The Steak Feed was the big fundraiser of the year, raising over \$5000 for the BC athletic department fund. The money from this fund is generally used for athletic awards and banquets.

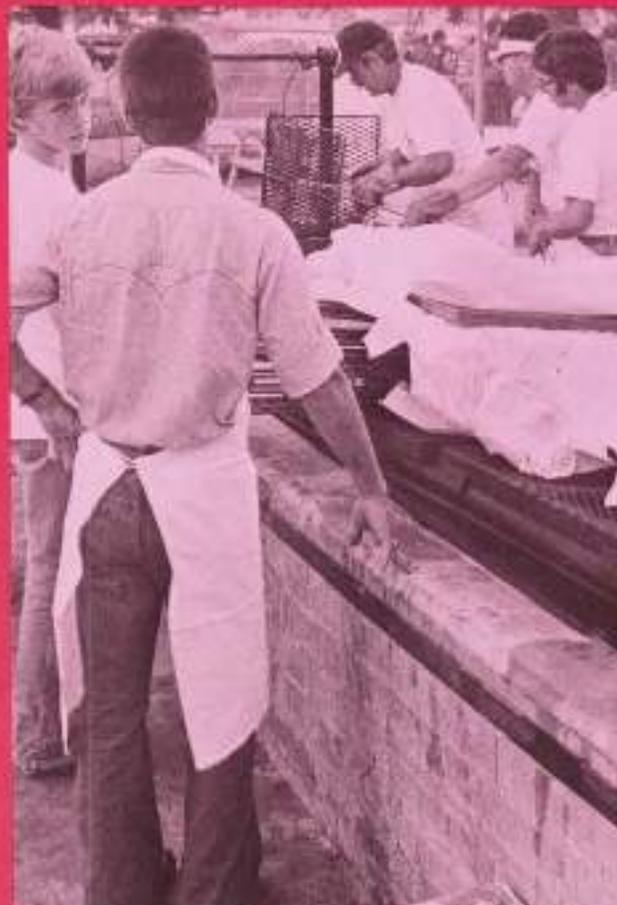
The Alumni Association also presents an award each year to the outstanding player in each sport.

Homecoming is always a big event for the alumni both as a time to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends at the Alumni Champagne reception before the game. The reception is free to all members of the association and non-members are only charged \$1.



There's plenty of the bubbly—and these BC Alumni Association members and guests are enjoying the annual champagne bash. From left, bottom are Janet Hulsey, Tom Taylor, Mona Setser, and Doris Ballew. Frank Ballew, Vic Ste. Marie, Bill Houser, Dave Moore and Bill Williamson, behind the bar, right, assist as bartenders.

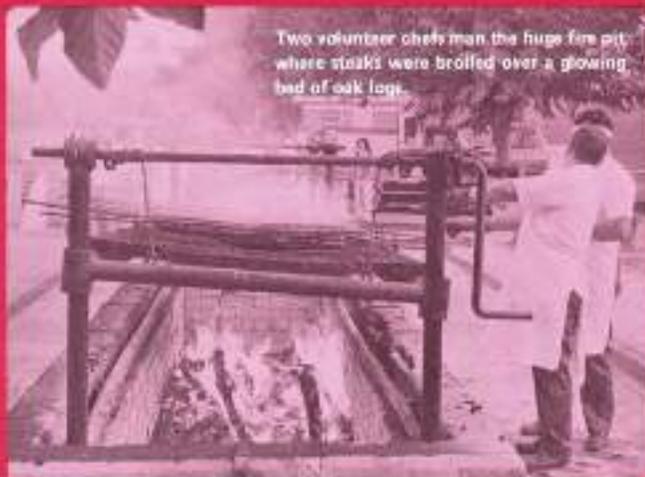
# of campus activities



These are prime 14 oz. New York steaks under the wraps, ready to be broiled for hungry Renegade football boosters at the September steak bash in Kern County golf course picnic grounds. The steak feed was open to women for the second straight year.



BC staffers Ron McMasters, Bill Meranda and Lewis Temple, in chef's white bonnets, left, serve hungry BC football players. The annual Renegade Steak Feed was the "most successful" ever staged and the BC athletic fund was enriched by over \$6000.



Two volunteer chefs man the huge fire pit where steaks were broiled over a glowing bed of oak logs.

Also in December the association sponsors a Christmas party for board members, the college staff, and past presidents of the association. This is presented not only as a social event for an enjoyable evening, but also as an attempt to maintain ties with past leaders of the alumni association.

Perhaps the major accomplishment of the alumni association is the amount of funds they contribute for scholarships awarded to BC students. This year alone they contributed over \$5000 to students who were selected on the basis of grades or financial need.

Each year a reception is sponsored by the association for their scholarship winners. This year it was held in the Fireside Room in Campus Center.

Besides providing outstanding students with scholarships, the alumni association each year presents an award at the Sophomore Honor Brunch to the outstanding sophomore as selected by a student committee. This award is in cash form with an accompanying plaque.

Following graduation each year, all graduates are invited to an alumni-sponsored reception. This is generally held in the plaza between the library and theatre.

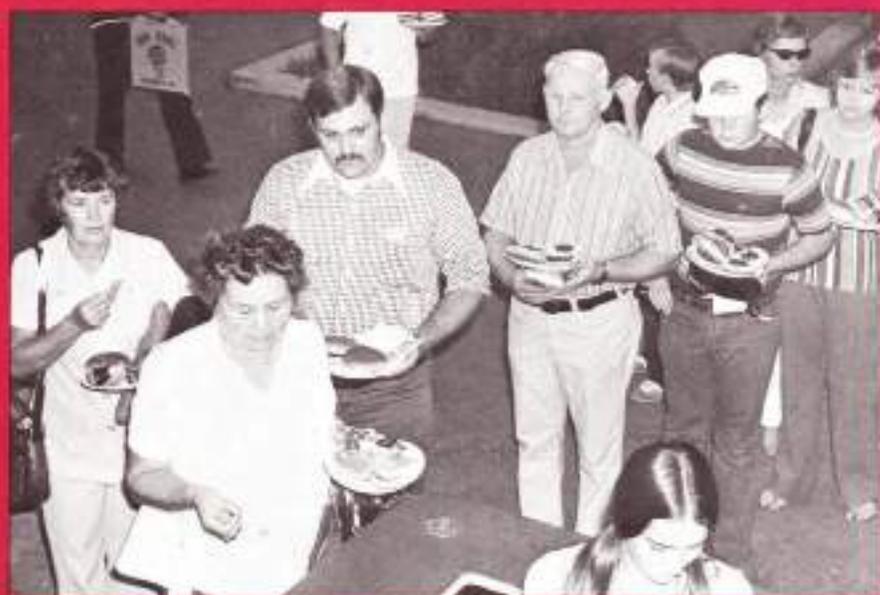
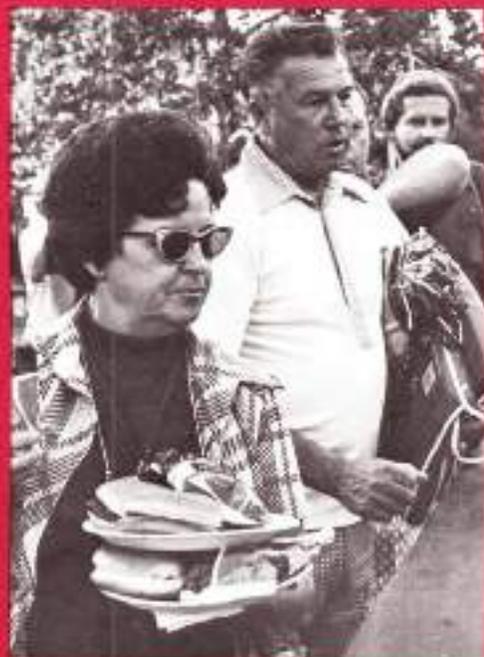
In June, installation of officers for the coming year is held. In the past, the Alumni Association has primarily supported athletics; however, they have extended their program recently in an attempt to contribute to areas outside of athletics which are in need of funds. A good example of this expansion is funds that the association provided last spring for the BC forensics team which attended the state meet in Sacramento.

This year's Board members of the association include: Dick Setser, president; Al Kirkland, vice president; Janet Hulsey, secretary; Mona Setser, treasurer, and Dan O'Neill, past president. Other members of the board are Rosemary Anspach, Mike Cowden, Bill Gruber, Bill Houser, Art Sawyer, Nancy Strong, Larry Tiller and Mike Young. Campus liaisons to the Alumni Association are Vic Ste. Marie and Herb Loken.

To be a member of the Alumni Association you need not be a graduate of BC, but, you must have attended the institution. Anyone interested in joining the association may contact Ste. Marie at Bakersfield College.

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## Alumni association actively involved with BC



Photos by  
Mary Kimble

Last fall's Coke line was relatively short in comparison with past years thanks to Roger Johnson, Director of Food Services, who helped organize the event.



A variety of people were attracted last fall to the Alumni Association's hamburger feed. For a mere buck, hungry football rooters received two hamburgers, chips, and a coke.

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## ROBERT GILMORE

The death last December 6 of counselor Robert Gilmore shocked colleagues and students who had known and worked with him during his ten year career at Bakersfield College.

Gilmore joined the faculty in 1966 as a counselor and psychology instructor after several stints in military service, including the U.S. Army, the state headquarters of Selective Service, the Medical Administration Corps and the State Department of Veteran Affairs. Professor Gilmore took his B.A. at Berkeley and his M.A. at Stanford. He is survived by his widow, Emmy Lou and several children and step children.

*"He didn't push, he didn't pull - he walked beside. Such a counselor was Bob Gilmore. While he was always willing to share his expertise, he was also conscious of letting the student make his own decisions. Respect for the uniqueness of each individual was paramount in his creed. Those of us, students and staff, whose lives he touched are richer because of him."*

*"As a counseling colleague, it was fun to work with Bob Gilmore. He had a keen sense of humor, a deep understanding of the counseling process, and an excellent general educational background. Sometimes counselors need counseling! To talk with Bob about major educational problems often helped to clarify one's own thinking."*

*"Bob was a counselor of much experience who came into contact with many students during his years at BC. He was always ready and willing to serve the college in many ways beyond his regular assignment. Bob will be missed by his colleagues."*

*"Bob Gilmore, for many students, was Mr. Counselor—a man who, with patience and compassion, was able to relate and assist students toward their eventual goals. He assisted in the developing effective peer counseling program and was ever ready to serve students and college in many ways beyond his regular assignment. He will be missed by students and colleagues alike."*



## JOHN VALLEMBOIS

John Vallembois, 71, known to thousands of Kern County high school and college athletes as "Val," died in January after a notable career as manager of Memorial Stadium. Val, a professional baseball player in the midwest in the 1920's, joined the Kern High School and College district in 1946 as equipment manager-athletic trainer at Bakersfield High School and College.

Appointed manager of the new stadium at BC in 1955, Val helped direct and manage the facilities that came to be

recognized as one of the finest in the nation, the site of many National AAU outdoor track meets and gridiron battles. As BC trainer, Vallembois ministered to the needs of hundreds of Renegade football, baseball, basketball and track athletes and was a familiar figure at all sporting events.

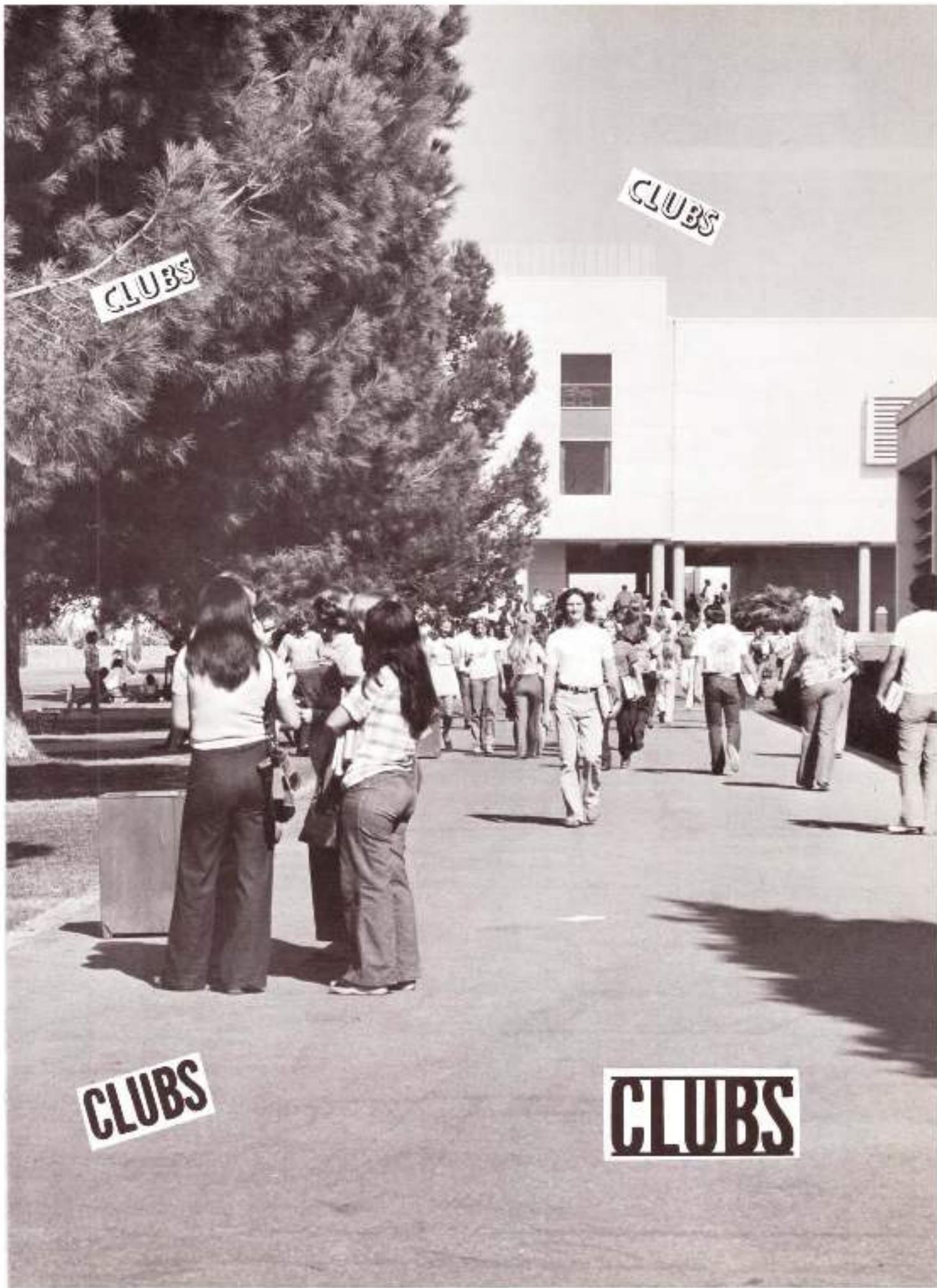
A native of Kansas, Vallembois managed Memorial Stadium until his retirement in 1970. He is survived by his widow, Flossie and three sons, all outstanding athletes at Bakersfield and North High School, Larry, Ted and Gary.

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# CHESS CLUB

The Knights of the Chess Table (more commonly known as the BC Chess Club) was the newest club on the BC campus the fall semester.

This year the club sponsored the "Masked Marvel vs. the Rest of the World" exhibition. (You may have seen Ichiro Okino, Chess Club president, playing chess blindfolded in campus center during the noon hour).

The Chess Club participated quite successfully in the Valley Junior Community College Chess Championship. BC took first place this year in competition play at that event thanks to some fine playing by Bob Welch, Jeffery Wise, Alan Kawasaki, Dean Perkins, and Ichiro Okino.

Officers this year were Ichiro Okino, president; Alan Kawasaki, vice president; Michael Okino, secretary; Karl Perkins, treasurer; Forest Phinney, publicity director; and Bob Swarts, financial director.



The Chess Club sponsored a chess exhibition.

# NEWMAN CLUB

Newman Club, which can be found at almost any college or university campus, has been revived at BC after being inactive for a number of years. The club is open to all Catholic and non-Catholic students for religious and social purposes. The club takes its name from Cardinal John Henry Newman, a religious leader of the Roman Catholic Church in England during the 19th century.

Mindy White was responsible for reorganizing and putting life back into the Newman Club, and served as president for 1975-76. Other officers included Kelly O'Donnell, vice president; Becky Stewart, secretary; Bill O'Donnell, treasurer (Activities Board member) and John Vanherweg, publicity.

Fred Coon, architectural drawing instructor at BC, was the advisor for the club the past year. It is customary for all Newman clubs to have a chaplain help guide them in all religious matters. During the fall semester Father Steve from St. Francis church was part-time chaplain for the group. Father Garcia is the club's full time Chaplain.

Club projects this year included a Halloween party for the deaf children at Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parishes and bake sales as fundraisers. Newman Club members have heard a variety of speakers lecture on a wide spectrum of controversial topics.

NEWMAN CLUB, fall semester, back row: Becky Stewart, John Vanherweg, Father Garcia, Bill O'Donnell, Margie McGuire, Angela Watts, front row: Kelly O'Donnell, Mindy White and Girard Watts.



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# AVS

Associated Veteran Students, fall semester (left to right)—Greg Bartlett, Paul Mascorro, Doug O'Neal, Don Thomas, John Hummel, Tom Martin, Rich Richardson (advisor), Frank Wells, Ray Aros, K.C. Thompson, Mike Reid, Keith Bowen, Rick Absher, Chuck Charles, Mike Mascorro, Cheryl Bennett, Greg Sipe, Leonard Rymor, Barney Holms, and Joy Dee Harhausen.

## ISA

The newly formed International Students Association's three primary purposes are to promote cultural understanding, to help meet the needs of foreign students in their new environment, and to promote socialization between foreign and American students.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the ISA held a "get acquainted" picnic. Fall activities of the club included entering a float in the Homecoming float competition and parade, sponsoring Laura Maria Vasconcellos (a Brazilian native) as Homecoming Queen candidate, and taking a trip to Disneyland.

Club fund raisers included two bake sales, a car wash, and the showing of the film, "Patthar Aur Poyal" from India.

The ISA finished the fall semester with a Christmas party for its members.

## AVS

The Associated Veteran Student Club was founded for the primary purpose of helping the ex-servicemen orientate himself with college life, and at the same time enable him to meet others with whom he has something in common.

Throughout the year AVS was involved in various community projects. They built a play house for the BC off-campus day care center, dressed as clowns for the annual retarded children's picnic, manned a check point for McDonald's annual Diabetes Association Bike-a-Thon, gave a Christmas party for retarded children and provided security for the Muscular Dystrophy Tele-a-Thon.

AVS sponsored Tamara Ginn for Homecoming Queen and she was voted first runner-up. The club entered floats (third place) in the Homecoming Parade as well as the Armistice (Veterans) (Special Awards trophy) Day Parade downtown.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, fall semester, front row: Somsovanh Vidhamali, Charan Jit Singh Shota, Beatriz Pinada, Paul Nunez del Prado, Laura Vasconcellos, Dyna Menor, Judy Abuyan, Brenda Britt; middle row: Sta Loudon (advisor), James Puavet, Bill Lowden, Zelma Lowden, Pam Clark, Jessie Suza, Sukhminder Singh, Jill Wedel, Bob Kimball; back row: Tat Poh, Paul Tran, Marlene Hamilton, Tony Lam, Susan Kurth, Carmen Martinez, Aida ——— and Yong Lee.

# SKI CLUB

The BC Ski Club had a great year of skiing, and club members made many new friends on and off the slopes.

Ski Club meetings started early in the fall semester. From the start the club recruited new members and made plans to raise money for ski trips. They also held a car wash which was very successful.

Homecoming this year was very rewarding for the club. Their float with the theme "Ski the Mountain of Time" won first prize and Amy Longacre, the club entry for Homecoming Queen, won second runner-up.

The Ski Club was also involved in many activities when there wasn't snow or when club trips weren't planned. Intramural football and volleyball teams were formed and did very well. Other activities included roller skating, ice skating, a trip to the Ski Convention and a few club-sponsored parties.

Skiing trips were good this year; the club went to Mammoth before Christmas. Although the snow was poor, it did improve before the trip was over. The club also took a week-long trip to Tahoe which included skiing areas such as Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, Kirkwood, Mt. Rose, Slide Mountain, and Sugar Bowl.

The club also took three more trips to the Mammoth area later in the year which included skiing at June Mountain.

The Ski Club has many members who got their first skiing experience in the club. There are also club members who are more advanced and teach the basics to anyone interested in skiing.

This year's officers were Duane Collins, president; Mark Smith vice president; Alison Hicks, secretary and Laurie Wallace, treasurer.



BC SKI CLUB, fall semester (left to right) — Bruce Zegala, John Etcherry, David Erquhart, Laura Curtis, Bill Northrop, Nancy Schaeffer, Mark Smith, Brenda Holme, Martha Clark, Marvin McChristian, Mike Steiner, Mike Lockman, Rick Pease, Ron Krauter, Brian Snodgrass, Steve Schilling, Matt McCoy, Mike Winter, Doug Whiddon, Rick Walton, Duane Collins, Tim Garcia, Gordon Krauter, Scott Bender, Mike Findley, and Randy Berg.

## CIRCLE K



CIRCLE K CLUB, fall semester (left to right) — Doyle Bradshaw, Delta Clemmons, Robert Gray, Debbie Spear, Karie Roberts, Mike Vickanoff, Sarah Henry, Blaine Roberts, Fernando Chavez, Robert Kimball, John Stowe, Pam Hutchings, Jon White, Andy Ratemann (with ashtray on head) and Phred Hall.



The Parachute Club poses for a picture.

BY FOREST PHINNEY  
Raconteur Staff Writer

One of the most active clubs on the BC campus is the Circle K Club.

In an effort to help others, they sponsored many service projects during the summer and fall. They took handicapped children to BC football games, played bingo with the elderly at Colonial Convalescent Hospital, presented a Magic and Entertainment show at the Hilltop Convalescent Hospital, and helped MEChA with their Christmas party for the underprivileged children of the community.

The club also gave toys to the Vietnamese refugee children at Camp Pendleton, operated a fireworks booth as a fundraiser, created and assembled the ASB coupon booklets, transported the victory bell to and from home and away football games, and helped in the Bike-a-Thon for Diabetes sponsored by McDonalds.

Over \$400 was pledged to Multiple Sclerosis as a result of BC Circle K's participation in a rowboat regatta sponsored by San Diego State University Circle K. Bakersfield club members helped row 22 miles from San Pedro to Catalina Island in a tremendous effort to benefit the national Circle K cause, Multiple Sclerosis.

BC Circle K was very active also in the Homecoming festivities at the college. The club sponsored Pam Harper as a Homecoming Queen candidate along with a float which placed second in competition.

The purpose of Circle K, according to Phred Hall, Fall-semester president is threefold: (1) participation and support of school related activities, (2) assist community service programs, and, (3) promote student services and activities on campus.

Fall semester officers were Phred Hall, president; Andy Ratemann, vice president; Roberta Freyberger, secretary; Karie Roberts, treasurer; John Stowe, director at large; and, Dave McClure, historian.

"If helping and caring about others is what you're all about, then Circle K wants you," Hall stated.

## PARACHUTE CLUB

One of the more active clubs on the BC campus is the Sport Parachute Club.

The club was active this year in many campus activities. They hosted the Air Force Academy Chorale to Renegade cocktails in the campus cafeteria and delivered pumpkins at Halloween to the Kern County Mental Health department. Another highlight was the magic and music show they co-hosted with Circle K Club for the guests of the Hilltop Convalescent Hospital.

During Homecoming the Parachute Club entered many events including the pumpkin carving contest and the best looking legs contest. They also entered a float in the Homecoming Parade as well as the Veterans Day parade.

With MEChA and Circle K clubs they sponsored a Christmas party for the underprivileged children of Bakersfield. Other activities included field trips on week-ends where they do what the club is all about... jump out of airplanes.

The Parachute club meets every Thursday night at 6 p.m. in the Fireside Room of Campus Center. So, if jumping out of airplanes is your thing, this may be the club for you next fall.



Fall residents at Levinson Hall included these "dormies:" Allison Kurg, Rayleen Raganis, Margie McGhee, Laura Dona, Rhonda Ford, Darlene Rowand, Shohreh Yasavolian, Debbie Moore, Pam McElfresh, Nedra Palmer, Karen Nance, Joannie Hass, Patty Sieckowski, Susan Newman, Dora Miller, Roberts Froyberger, Sue McElfresh, Susan Burdick, Angela Ghilerducci, Lana Fene, Pam Morland, Carol Rice, Suzanne Koutroulis and Zindi Homer.

Levinson Hall, the women's dorm at Bakersfield College, is celebrating its 20th anniversary with the rest of the campus. Since 1966 they have added one wing to the building and have come to the point where all the rooms are filled.

Levinson Hall has 62 girls this year, and many are from far away but the dorm does have some local girls.

This year the dorm, along with Prator Hall, entered Sandy Marcellin for Homecoming Queen. She went on to be crowned as queen at the Homecoming game.

The dorm had a Welcome Weekend, where the women's and men's dorm had a successful bar-b-que. Students got acquainted with dorm life, had good conversation with other students, ate good food, and met new friends. After the first week with classes and their new friends the girls began to forget about homesickness.

Levinson Hall entered Intramurals competition under Gaylen Lewis, and its group participated with others on campus. Their sports included football where the girls won two or three trophies.

The girls went Christmas Caroling to Hilltop and Colonial Convalescent Hospitals over the holidays.

Levinson Hall had open house early in the spring where the girls had a chance to invite their parents, faculty and friends for a tour of their campus home.

## Levinson Hall



Although some students had left for the Christmas holidays when this photo was taken, these thirty Prator Hall residents were representative of the dorm students housed on campus: Kris Marks, Paul Sanchez, Archie Cooper, Brian Zagala, Bruce Zagala, Tim Upp, Tim Atherton, David Mills, Phil Morrell, Bob Caplinger, Darrell Howe, Arell Avitia, Craig Schier, Michael Tom, Frank Darrow, Randy Berg, Neil Winnemore, Mark Frey, Tim Cornwell, John Keller, Rocky Waharten, Greg Martz, Grant Carroll, Brent Tunget, Jim Turner, Joe Brown and Rusty Beeler.

## Prator Hall

Although the Men's and Women's Dorms have separate clubs with separate officers, they think of themselves as one.

Prator Hall was involved in Homecoming activities, along with Levinson Hall, by helping with the Homecoming float and entering Sandy Marcellin as Homecoming Queen candidate. She went on to win and was crowned at the Homecoming game.

Prator Hall was part of Welcome Weekend, where both dorms got together to meet each other.

For the first time in the history of the men's dorms, they had a female advisor, Jonnie Finch.

Prator Hall had roller skating parties and dances, went to Los Angeles to see plays, and visited California University campuses. Prator also had a number of guest speakers visit on campus.

In the early spring the dorm held Open House where students, parents, faculty and friends got together for a great time.

Along with the rest of the campus Prator Hall is in its 20th year as a part of Bakersfield College.



## BSU

BSU members at January club meeting in Fireside Room included, seated, left to right: Jackie Bruce, Rachelle Hill, Selene Roberts, Carol Tucker, Vickie Jenkins, Stephanie Campbell, Cheryl Wynn, Loretta Ward and Pegerine Williams. Standing: Archie Cooper, Annette Moore, Dwight Rollins, Willie Jenkins, Danny Clark, Duck Finley, Marvin Janussy, Lee Edwards, Harlan Hunter, James Jordan, Ricky Peterson, adviser Jesse Bradford, Cordell Edwards, Tom Wilson, Steve Turner, Larry Owens, Hiran Johnson, Michael Evans, David Young, Michael Bessers.

MECHA CLUB officers at their January meeting included, seated: Rosie Loon, Chicana Committee Chairman, adviser Esther A. Torrez and Guadalupe Ortega, student activities. Standing, Lupe Sanchez, social activities and Maria Pesina, 1st. chairwoman.

## CLUBS

The Black Student Union is an organization of the black students on the Bakersfield College campus designed to create harmony among the student body of the campus.

Highlights of the BSU activities during the past year included events such as bake sales and various other fund-raising activities. The biggest activity of the year for the organization was Black History Week during the week of February 9-13, in which the club brought several prominent black leaders to the BC campus to speak on the various aspects of life for the black American.

The main concept behind the Black Student Union is to further the black student's knowledge in all the different areas of life and to help prepare him for the future. A major emphasis is placed on the area of togetherness, not only among each other but with all individuals in our community.

The BSU is looking for more and more community support during the coming years in order to keep things the way they are and to improve on those at the first opportunity. With the addition of members each year, the BSU will continue to be an organization for the people for many years to come.



MECHA is a Chicano community involvement organization which is also involved in education, according to the first-year advisor Esther Torrez.

The club's biggest event this year was the celebration of Cinco de Mayo, the Mexican Independence, the week of May 5th.

The club also sponsored their annual Christmas party for minority children at which the children were given presents, refreshments and, most importantly, the feeling that someone cares.

The 20-25 members in the club brought special speakers to the community and campus, had dances, held Chicano women's conferences and took part in other social functions.



Photographed at one of their regular Friday meetings were these members of the Latter Day Saints: Seated, front row: Derral Ricks, Annette Siliznoff, Kurtis Saelberg, Libby Hooten, Paula Costean. Second Row: Joe Food, Brent Winn, Pat Jorgensen, Jill Hemingway, Cindy Johnson, Gayle Graff, Cora Mayo, Sheryl Costean, Melinda Gardiner and Mary Lynn Ricks. Standing, rear: Glen Wahlquist, adviser, Paul Mead, Paul Whitfield, Bob Munn, Alan Cheaman and Mark Jacobus.

The LDS have been active on the BC campus since 1967. Their Institute building on Mt. Vernon avenue, adjacent to the campus, was dedicated in 1966. During the current school year the group took part in many activities. Shelly Finley represented the club in the Homecoming contest; the float entry was called "Friendship and Brotherhood."

Later in the year the club presented a mini-conference for the young adult church members in the Kern County area. Leaders in the Youth Adult program traveled to Asilomar Conference grounds, where a large group of people representing Northern California and Reno, met for a church conference.

Luncheons given in the Institute Building were good reminders that nutritional values were as important as social values. On Friday mornings at 7:30 a special program called the Friday Forum was presented as part of the Institute curriculum, providing a spiritual complement to evaluate the past week and the weekend to come.

Other events included a Friday the 13th box lunch social with the girls preparing lunches later auctioned off by the boys. A Valentine Dance was highlighted by the crowning of the King and Queen of Hearts, followed by an exchange of Valentine cards. The LDS also participated in Intramural sports and took part in the BC Spring Fair.

## CLUBS

### Campus Crusade for Christ

This past year Campus Crusade for Christ entered many of the events on campus, including Homecoming and had a booth during Club Week. The club sent 90 of its members to the Fall Student Mobilization Conference which was held at Arrowhead Springs in San Bernardino.

This Spring, the club put on a guessing game campaign by displaying signs up all over campus, and writing on almost every blackboard, "What's up Josh?" It turned out that "What's up Josh?" was a movie the club sponsored to help raise money.

The club also held a Bible Study every Tuesday, along with the club's regular meetings on Monday afternoons in the Fireside Room.



# DTC: More than living up to expectations



Fashion merchandising is another popular DTC course. Here instructor Mardi Kieke, right, shows Jolie Underwood, Venita Sarala and Drochella Godbolt some tips on modeling.



DTC Dean Dr. Charles Carlson: "The design of the building is working very well."

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AND CHUCK DAVIS

BY JOHNNY McKEEVER  
Raconteur Staff Writer

Enthusiasm for the Downtown Center (DTC) may have died down somewhat among most since the opening of the center in January, 1975. But, Dr. Charles Carlson, Dean of the DTC is more enthusiastic than ever about the center.

"The DTC is living up to all our expectations. In fact, it is rather uncanny that it has followed our plans so well. If anything the outcome is much better than we had hoped. Enrollment is almost double our estimates. In fact, we have been operating over capacity in relation to space in our classrooms. Our enrollment is now over 2400 students," Carlson commented.

Carlson feels that the design of the building is working very well. "A survey of students' feelings about the building revealed that classroom arrangement and the overall design of the building creates an atmosphere conducive to learning. We did have some complaints, however, and the majority were to regard to the fact that there is no full-time bookstore and that a larger student lounge is needed."

When asked about plans for the development of the second floor of the DTC, Carlson replied, "At this time we are using six classrooms on the second

floor. We are hoping for more funding in order to expand the floor."

Carlson feels that certain classes at the DTC are much more successful than others. "Interest in the open entry and open exit classes is overwhelming, especially in the math programs." Carlson added, "Many students taking math are here partially because of the atmosphere and partially because of the fact that they can set their own pace, progressing at the rate they are capable of. They don't have to compete with other students."

Carlson added, "Police and fire science programs are coming along very well, as are the office skills programs."

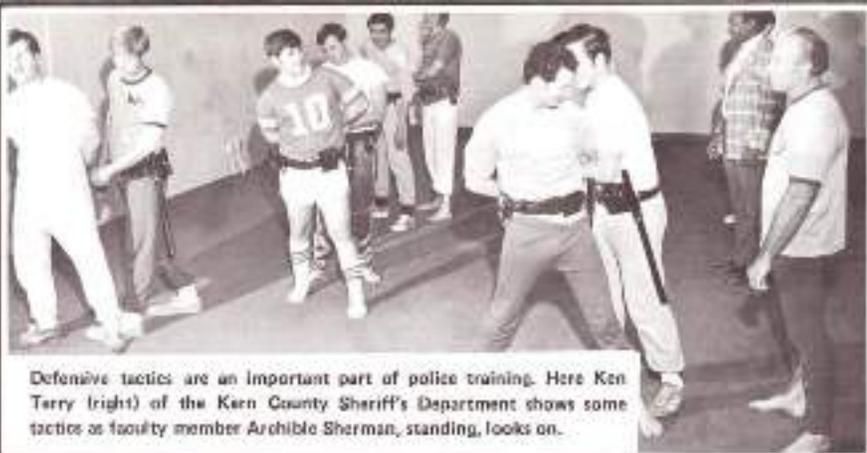
Harvey Warren, one of the center's two counselors, feels that the DTC is very successful. "Many of the students attending here would find it difficult to attend school elsewhere. They might have a phobia about school, whereas, here at the DTC the atmosphere is more relaxed and homelike."

When asked about the success of the counseling program at the DTC, Warren replied, "I am satisfied with the overall results here, but, I would like to have more 'drop-ins' at the counseling office. I wish more people knew that an



Counselor Harvey Warren likes the relaxed atmosphere of DTC classes and curriculum.

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Defensive tactics are an important part of police training. Here Ken Terry (right) of the Kern County Sheriff's Department shows some tactics as faculty member Archibie Sherman, standing, looks on.



Electronics classes are among the most popular offered at DTC. Here students Frank Wilson, Don Johnson and Don Wilson check out latest equipment under instruction of professor James T. Bradley, rear. Photo by Al Noriega.

appointment is not necessary and that all they have to do for counselor assistance is come by."

Warren also said, "I find that staff morale at the DTC is very high, if not more so. Our instructors volunteered for this center and are satisfied. None have returned to the main campus due to unhappiness here."

Manuel Gonzales, the other DTC counselor, is also very pleased with the center. "We have many students who would not attend the main campus because of the atmosphere and the location. Our students are of an older age group, especially the women, and feel more comfortable here with their peers. We have more community minority interest in our training programs, possibly due to better transportation facilities and the ease of registration."

## DTC:



Counselor Manuel Gonzales, left, with DTC secretarial assistant Paula Gallimore, offers counseling help to students Connie Holland and June Sovell, right.



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# The hill is alive



A fitting performance for the holiday season was this concert, "A Festival of Carols" staged by the Bakerfield College Choir and Chamber Singers. A near-capacity audience at St. Joseph's Catholic Church gave Oliveira and his singers a standing ovation. PHOTO BY WILLIAM WALKER.

"It's been a good year for choir" stated BC Choir Conductor Robert Oliveira as he explained the successful reception of many performances presented for the community in 1975.

The first presentation for Fall season included the Requiem Mass in C minor by Luigi Cherubini and Hymnus Matutinus by Sem Dresden, both selections presented by the choir. The BC Chamber Singers performed Veramente in Amore by Philip de Monte and In the Beginning by Aaron Copland.

In the early part of December, the BC Chamber Singers were invited to present two operas "Amahl and the Night Visitor" by Gian Carlo Menotti and "Gianni Schicchi" by Giacomo Puccini in association with the USC Opera Department. The program including full costume and complete staging, was presented in the BC Theatre.

As the Christmas season approached, a Christmas program including Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Christ is Born Today) by Jan Bender; Regim Natum (The Birth of the King) by Jacobus Gallus; O Holy Night by Adolphe Adam; See the Radiant Sky Above (Danish Carol) arranged by David Cummings, text by S. J. Cummings; Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Johann Sebastian Bach and Silent Night by Franz Guber.

In April a presentation of King David by Arthur Honegger was staged in the BC Theatre. In early May a mission tour, including San Luis Obispo and Carmel, was planned.

Oliveira has been the conductor of the BC Choir and Chamber Singers for the past seven years.

Members of the BC Choir include Tenors: Ken Rains, Vernon Chappel, Russell Crabtree, Jim Gains, Peter Stanhope, Kevin Trueblood, Russell Unruh, Allen Watts and Dan Webb. Bass: Douglas Battan, Archie Cooper, Mark Cross, Larry Fish, Ed Harpes, Steve Edwards, Dave Langbottom, Glenn Middleworth, Victor Pesina, Bill Pemberton, Allan Savage, Doug Stewart, Mike Wright, Mike Luttrell and James Blackwell. Soprano: Nancy Garcia, Yolanda Graveman, Sharon Amos, Nita Elliott, Tina Emerson, Debbie Fronteras,



# with the sound of music



This a scene from "Gianni Schicchi" by Giacomo Puccini, one of two operas presented in the BC Theatre last December by the USC Opera Department, in collaboration with the BC Choir. Both performances were marked by lavish sets and costuming.

Anne Gray, Jan Healy, Peggy Jackson, Karalee Lovett, Wenette McGuire, Pat Rutan, Marianne Perttula, Ann Saecker, Peggy Sutton, Terry Tarrence, Jill Weddel, Betty Wells, Juanita Wildins and Shanda Witham. Alto: Carol Murray, Cathy Adams, Patricia Ahucro, Nancy Book, Brenda Cooper, Ann Hollarbush, Linda Hubbel, Kathi Joseph, Lynn McDowell, Debra Shavers, Lynda Sporgen, Laura Tackett, Laura West, Page Williams, Margaret Wood, Sandra Burgess, Theola Knox and Myrna Welch.



It takes lots of rehearsal time to get musical selections arranged smoothly. Here Robert Oliveira directs. PHOTO BY TEDDY PARROTT.

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# Fall Community Services Lecture



Veteran UN correspondent Pauline Fredrick (far right) answers questions at an airport press conference. Standing at left are Ann Gutcher and Randy Dickow of Bakersfield College; seated at left are Roberta Piazza of TV Channel 23 and Robin Witt of the Californian.

## 'People in Asia apprehensive about U.S intentions'

BY JIM MEADOWS  
Raconteur Sports Editor

Dr. Roger Swearingen, noted author and authority on international relations, was another of the speakers who participated in the BC Community Services Program this past year.

Swearingen has been a consultant with the State Department and the Justice Department, the RAND Corporation and the Ford Foundation, as well as an advisor to business and industry.

In an interview before his speech at the BC Theater, Swearingen replied openly and candidly to questions asked of him.

When questioned whether Red China could be considered a nuclear threat to the United States, Swearingen replied, "While Communist China obviously has nuclear weapons that could be delivered, the United States' power overall is so overwhelming that I see very little possibility of anyone in Peking being so irresponsible as to want to be engaged in an exchange of nuclear weapons."

"No one in history, at least to my knowledge and I have studied quite a few wars, has ever started a war with the assumption that he would lose or that it would be a draw. Hitler thought that he would win the war. He was wrong but he started out with the proper attitude."

Last year after returning from a fact finding trip around the periphery of China, Swearingen reported that the people in Asia are "changing rapidly, apprehensive and are confused about United States' policies and intentions." He added, "Potentially the area is very explosive."

The big question asked of Swearingen was whether or not there should be any changes in foreign policy in dealing with China or the USSR. To that he quickly replied, "yes."

"I think we have not been tough enough and by that I mean that it seems to me that foreign policy should be conducted by all nations purely, or at least first and foremost by definition, in the interest of what is best for the people of that country. Therefore the United States' foreign policy should be

conducted in the interest of the United States. Hopefully that will not violate the interests of some of the other peoples in the world, but when there is a clash between the two, we must resolve it in favor of our own national interests," concluded Swearingen.

As an author, Swearingen's publishing record is most impressive. He has written ten "books that matter." His first entitled "Red Flag in Japan," received front-page reviews in both the New York Herald Tribune Sunday Book Section and the prestigious London Times Sunday Literary Supplement. His high school text, "The World of Communism" became an educational "best seller."

Swearingen is considered by many to be a distinguished professor of International Relations at the School of International Relations, University of Southern California. Although he has a Harvard Ph.D., he is not considered an "ivory tower" scholar. He has traveled extensively throughout Europe, Asia, and the Soviet Union—managing somehow to be at just the right place the critical time.

# Program features Swearingen and Frederick

## UN correspondent blasts huge war budgets

BY JIM MEADOWS  
Raconteur Sports Editor



Pauline Frederick, veteran United Nations correspondent for over thirty years, was one of the many visitors to the BC campus last fall as a guest of the Community Services program.

Frederick was the first woman elected President of the UN Correspondents Association and for two years the only reporter included in a Gallup Poll of the world's "Ten Most Admired Women." Last May along with Walter Cronkite and Sylvia Porter, she was named to the New York Professional Journalists Hall of Fame.

There have been however, favorable implications for peace. "At long last we appear to be beginning to understand security in the present world rests in cooperation for a better economic and social existence for all people, rather than in armed camps, threatening annihilation for the discontented."

In a press conference at Meadows Field shortly after her arrival, Frederick claimed that the Americans are switching over to internationalism from isolationism, and based her claim on a comparison of American ambassadors to the UN with those of other nations. "We could do much better in selecting men or women that are equal to their peers," stated Frederick.

Also in 1975, Frederick was appointed International Affairs Analyst for National Public Radio a network of 175 public radio stations. As analyst she reports on, interprets and analyzes world affairs including developments at the UN.

In her speech at the BC Theater, she talked about the nations of the world spending \$300 billion a year on war preparations. Frederick pointed out that the sum of \$300 billion a year was "nearly three times what all nations spend on health and nearly twice what they spend on education" and that "the male dominated political-military complex is dedicated to the belief that nations, like men, must be powerful, physically strong and virile."

Her attitude brightened somewhat as she talked of plans brought on by International Women's Year. "This," she declared, "is an appropriate time to take seriously and try to remedy the sexism machismo motivating high policy... there would seem to be some evidence to indicate that women, in the main, would make searching for peace rather than preparing for war their first priority. Their cultural conditioning has not imbued them with a need to prove toughness and virility at any cost.

"Moreover, it's difficult to believe that women are more impressed by an armored giant meant to be feared, than a nation respected for its concern for human needs," concluded Frederick.



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The Russian folk music group, The Odessa Balalaikas performed at the BC Theater in October as part of the Community Services Program. The performance was divided into two types of music: early Russian folk songs and cabaret style music. The members of the group are all American-born UCLA musicology students creating the traditions of early Russian folk music. PHOTO BY MARY KIMBLE.

## ODESSA BALALAIKAS

BY FOREST PHINNEY

A Campus Center noontime concert and an evening performance by the Odessa Balalaikas gave BC audiences an insight into how Russian folk music has shaped an image of peasant life.

For centuries the fiery, often sad Slavic music gave hints of an expansive existence bursting at the seams with the limits of human joy and suffering.

Transported to a new century and a new continent, the old melodies have not lost their capacity to contain epic history or nonsense. An overflow crowd in the BC Theatre showed their appreciation for the musical leadership of Stephen Wolowik and his group of UCLA musicology students.

The group includes Judy Sherman, David Lieberman, Linda O'Brien and Jonathan and Peter Rothe. The balalaika they play looks very much like a Western world guitar, but the sound is quite different.

From their first professional appearance it was apparent that the group's appeal was not limited to Russian cultists. People who had never heard Russian folk music before, people who didn't understand a word of the Russian lyrics, young and old alike listened and were delighted.

At the Hollywood Paladium during a Persian New-Year's celebration, hundreds of young Iranians crowded around the group on stage and made them play until their fingers were numb.

Highlighted by their richly embroidered costumes, their appearance alone is enough to peak the imagination of any audience.

The songs they play are so strongly identified

with Russia that their very form evokes pictures of the wide steppes and vast stretches of snow-covered taiga.

A typical program carries its listeners through the entire gamut of musical moods—cheerful village dance tunes and ditties, mournful lover's lament, wild cabaret songs and fiery gypsy vocals. The group also performs music of the Ukraine, Georgia, Romania, and Yugoslavia.

Between numbers, informal commentary establishes an intimate atmosphere while acquainting audiences with details of Russian folk culture, the history of the folk instruments and the original settings for the songs.

In creating its program the group has drawn on the diverse talents of all its members. Steve Wolownik, Judy Sherman, David Lieberman and Linda O'Brien all have degrees in musicology from UCLA. Their expertise provides the group with a solid musical foundation. Jonathan Rothe is a graduate of the Slavic Languages Department, and is an authority on Russian linguistics and culture. Peter Rothe's experience as a luthier has provided the group with many of its authentic instruments.

These elements engaged the imagination and devotion of the six young students who started playing together three years ago. Their energies were focused on the re-creation of a tradition. They mastered Russian folk instruments, the Russian gypsy and village vocal styles, studied the music and history of balalaika orchestras, researched and designed costumes, expanded and improved their repertoire of Russian and Eastern European music. Their product is timeless and an unique entertainment experience.

# ROGERS: 'ONLY INDIANS SHOULD FORM INDIAN PROGRAMS'

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Forest Phinney

BY FOREST PHINNEY

Will Rogers Jr., son of the late cowboy-philosopher, has never been one to avoid controversy. The former congressman, newspaper publisher and actor had some pungent observations about Indian affairs when he spoke before a Community Lecture audience at BC last fall.

In a pre-lecture press conference, Rogers, who is part Cherokee Indian, said, "We've got to remove the large number of bureaucrats from Indian reservations . . . the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs should either be abolished or replaced by a more effective agency."

He predicted Indians will continue to be "kicked from agency to agency unless they organize efforts to control their lands." Incidents like the disturbance at Wounded Knee, S.D. aren't effective until they (Indians) quit doing public relations tricks and get down to the difficult task of organizing, as Cesar Chavez has done, he said.

In his lecture Rogers emphasized that "Only Indians should form Indian programs, other people should keep out." And although he is part Indian by blood, Rogers said "he doesn't consider himself in the same category as those who live on the reservation.

"I'm a member of the Cherokee tribe. When they receive money, I do. When they vote, I do. But other than that we really have no connection."

He described the controversial American Indian Movement (AIM) as the best thing that could happen to Indians, even though many reservations have been discrediting the organization.



"Indians had a lot of good will, but they lack power. Congress was a major stumbling block," he said.

His father, famed as a comedian, philosopher, political pundit and newspaper columnist in the 1920 and 1930's



# Women's Open House, SHE program highlight of fall semester



It was a busy scene at the first BC Open House for Women last December as faculty and staff manned the information exchange in Library 4. At left behind the table are Lucille Sautter, Ruth Maguire, Merriam Palitz (standing), Harriet Sheldon, Esther Torrez and Yvonne Milliken.

BY DELTA CLEMMONS  
Raconteur Editor

All over the country women are returning to school. "They are discovering that after their child-rearing chores are over they have many fruitful years of life yet to live," commented Merriam Palitz, coordinator of the BC Womens Studies Program.

Mrs. Palitz attributes the increase in the percentage of BC women students to this discovery. (According to Records Office officials, fall 1975 enrollment was up 13.35% over the fall of 1973. Total women enrolled in day and night courses during that period jumped from 4589 in the fall of 1973 to 5202 in the fall of 1975.)

With the increase of women on the BC campus and an increasing recognition of the needs of women, BC has increased its programs and services to women.

Among these innovations is the Women's Center in Humanities 11, designed so women could find encouragement and guidance in the planning of their educational and vocational goals. In particular need of such support are those women who return to college after a 10 or 15 year break, according to Mrs. Palitz.

In an effort to encourage such re-entering women, BC sponsored an Open House on December 5 for women returning to school. Career guidance experts, counselors, faculty and women students, who themselves had resumed their education after a break, were on hand to talk individually with guests.

"The enthusiastic response of women in the community to the open house invitation proved the need for the services to women of Bakersfield College," commented Palitz.

Lucille Sautter, BC director of placement and an instructor in the Women's Studies Program, believes that counseling of re-entering women is one of the most important services the program offers. "The re-entry program for those returning to the campus after a long break points out to the woman what it is going to take to succeed in the classroom. It also provides her with an opportunity to build her own self-confidence and to learn the kinds of contributions she can make that will be both self-satisfying and economically beneficial," she observed.

Sautter added that one of the primary functions of the Women's Studies program is to make women aware of the opportunities in employment in both traditional and non-traditional jobs for women.

The Women's Studies Program, in cooperation with the administration and faculty of BC, presented several programs and lectures designed to aid women and/or examine their role in society. The most publicized programs presented were the Contemporary Women Lecture Series and SHE week.

The Contemporary Woman Lecture Program was an attempt by the BC Women's Studies Program to inform women on topics of interest to them and were presented each Wednesday evening in the Faculty Lounge.



MEN at the Women's Open House? Certainly, but . . . Randy Dickow, Jack Hernandez, Cliff Garrett and Sam McCall were under scrutiny by Margaret Logan, left, Betty Jo Hamilton, Phyllis Dubbs and Barbara Gray, right.

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Lecture titles included "Woman's Search for Her Own Identity," "Why Marriage," "About Money Matters," "Things Mother Never Told You," "What About Social Security," "Rape and Assault," "Self-Expression through Art," "Widowhood," "The Single Mother," "Being Single and Making the Most of It," "Women and Alcoholism," "Women's Need for Physical Development," "Women as a Political Force," "Growing Out of Motherhood," "Legal Concerns of Women," "Consumerism and the Woman," "Self Defense for Women," "New Careers for Women" and "Job Reality."

SHE Week, a joint project of the BC Office of Community Services, the BC English Department and the BC Women's Studies Program, examined women in literature. Highlight of the week in November was the appearance of the Co-Respondents, a professional theatre group from Washington.

Besides the performances of the Co-Respondents, many other informative lectures were given by BC teachers. Topics and related lecturers included: "Shakespeare's Women," Donald Stansbury; "Goddesses in Classical Mythology," Frank Sherman; "Women as a Symbol Among the Pueblos," Marguerite Johnson; "Fighting Words of Modern Women Poets," Jane Watts and students; "Poems About Being Human," Carol Benston and Lowell Debbs; "Love and Its Aftermath," Richard Benston; "Hills Like White Elephants," Carol Cunningham and Lowell Debbs; and "No Room of Her Own," Fred Jacobs.



The program in Library 4 offered advice, hospitality, a renewing of old ties between teachers and students and encouragement to women planning to return to the campus scene.



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## Contemporary Lectures popular



The Open House for women provided an opportunity for women to renew old acquaintances and chat about future plans. Typical of the many groups at the luncheon was this one composed of Mary Rin, Mary Chavarria, Willye P. Collier, and Christine McClanahan.



Mothers and babies alike were welcome guests at the Open House, planned to ease the return to school for housewives, mothers and those who had been away from the class room.



One of the most popular programs during the fall semester was the series on The Contemporary Woman presented in the Faculty Lounge. Here Coordinator Morrison Palizz meets with an overflow crowd in the lounge.

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As part of SHE week, the Readers Theatre professional trio from Washington, D.C. presented skits and songs as part of both the morning and evening programs in the BC Theatre. Here, Maggie Savage Unruh, Patricia Branch Larson and Sandra Lewis Nisbet presented "Fun and Games: Women and Marriage."



Here are students in a section of the women's lecture series that looked at the need for physical development in women. Marlene Blunt and Phyllis Hullett, standing, right, were instructors at this particular session.



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## STUDENTS INTERACT POLITICALLY



Jerry Hill asks a question during the question and answer period following Shaw's speech.



Conrad Shaw, director of the local field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, feels that the use of informants is a "dirty business, but, it's something we have to use."

BY DELTA CLEMMONS,  
SUZANNE AHRENS,  
AND JOHN DIFFENBAUGH

Last fall the ASB sponsored Government Week in an effort to strengthen communication between the people involved in our government and those they represent.

Jerry Hill, fall ASB president who originated the idea and planned the speakers with the help of Lana Fain and Laurie Wallace, stated, "One reason Government Week was so successful was because of the communication situation it set up for students here. It permitted them to come hear government officials speak on topics they were studying about in their classes."

Speakers for the event included Bill Thomas, 33rd District Assemblyman; Al Loustalot, Kern County Sheriff; Frank Hoover, deputy district attorney; Willard Weddell, public defender, and Conrad Shaw, director of the FBI's local field office.

Assemblyman Thomas, a former BC instructor told students effectiveness in Sacramento is more a matter of personality and one-to-one relationships than of partisanship and seniority.

He said he anticipated seeking re-election and added, "Incumbents don't lose. Incumbents beat themselves." Thomas also answered questions



One of the largest crowds of the week-long program turned out Friday to hear FBI agent-in-charge Conrad Shaw tell how his department operates.

about his first legislative session in Sacramento.

In contrast to Thomas, Al Loustalot, Kern County Sheriff, is no newcomer to his profession. A veteran 28-year member of the Sheriff's Department, Loustalot is linked to a successful family tradition of law enforcement. He views his new job as Sheriff, however, as a new learning experience and stated his role is somewhat different than he had anticipated since his efforts are directed more toward crime prevention than apprehension of the criminal after committing the crime.

As Sheriff, Loustalot has little time to concentrate on specific crimes. Rather, he is responsible for the preparation and presentation of proposed budgets to the Board of Supervisors for approval, and supervision of the narcotics task force, the criminal bureau, the county jail, and 13 separate substations in outlying areas.

According to Loustalot the 1975 crime rate was up, although the second quarter rate was less than that of the first quarter. He added that a lower crime rate can only be the result of increased public involvement and concern for the property of others along with the realization by the public that reporting a crime results in the prevention of other crimes.

Even though he expressed his desire for more direct citizen involvement, Loustalot did not see the formation of vigilante groups to assist the

# DEEMED A SUCCESS



Frank Hoover, deputy district attorney, stated that plea bargaining was a device used "only in unusual cases."



Willard Weddell, public defender, was perhaps the most controversial speaker of the week. He said in reference to the issue of plea bargaining, "We can't afford true justice in this country. We need the courts to try the really serious crimes, and we don't have the time or facilities to handle all the lesser crimes."

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Sheriff's Department as a worthwhile undertaking. He felt his department was doing an adequate if not successful job of law enforcement.

Loustalot expressed reservations about hiring women for potentially hazardous duties such as patrolling and feels that jobs should be given to the persons best qualified regardless of whether or not they are of a minority.

Despite the fact that one of the goals of Government Week was to increase communication, at least two speakers were in sharp conflict and were lacking such communication.

Frank Hoover, deputy district attorney assigned to the narcotics task force, stated that plea bargaining (allowing a criminal to plead guilty to a lesser offense to avoid going to trial) was a device used only in "unusual cases" in an effort to relieve the strain on overloaded courts in this county.

Willard Weddell, public defender, disagreed with Hoover's statement that plea bargaining was used only in "unusual cases." According to Weddell, plea bargaining is now used in four out of five cases and due to the court backlog is a "necessary part of our judicial system."

"We can't afford true justice in this country," he said. "We need the courts to try the really serious crimes, and we don't have the time or facilities to handle all the lesser crimes. There are as many as 150 misdemeanor cases scheduled for

court each week. We can't try all of them."

Weddell said he has no objections to gaining the freedom of an accused criminal on a technicality, even if the person is guilty. "We need to guard against the possibility of the police overstepping their legal bounds."

Weddell, whose staff represents 95% of the accused criminals in the Kern County jail, added, "The only thing that stands between you and tyranny is a lawyer."

Conrad Shaw, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's local field office, was the last speaker of the week.

Shaw, an FBI agent for 18 years, explained that the FBI not only serves the federal government, but, also helps the local authorities as well. The Bureau provides information and backgrounds on criminals and helps to find them if it is suspected that they have left the state. It also trains law officials at a newly-built facility back East.

Shaw also discussed several subjects that the public has deemed "shady." Among such subjects was the use of agents in foreign countries. Shaw stated that the FBI maintains about 20 offices outside the United States, with the largest in Mexico City.

Commenting on a question regarding informants, Shaw said, "It's a dirty business, but, it's something we have to use. But when it is used it's used as a tool and nothing else."



Members of the Fall, 1975 Activities Board included, seated: Bob Lienhard, Andy Ratermann, K.C. Thompson, ASB vice president and Nancy Nielsen, secretary. Standing: Billy Lowden, Bob Young, Becky Laird, Paul Whitefield, Bill Pemberton, Matt Block, Fleur Dahlig, Bob Kimball, Ken Lotze, Bill O'Donnell, Selens Roberts, Guadalupe Ortega, Randy Peterson, Vic Ste. Marie, assistant dean of student activities and Suzanne Bunker, coordinator of student activities.

## ACTIVITIES BOARD

BY MARK LUTTRELL,  
Raconteur Staff Writer

Bakersfield College has had numerous activities scheduled this year through the efforts of Activities Board members.

The Activities Board is composed of one representative from each chartered BC club or organization and is chaired by the ASB vice president (During the fall semester this year K.C. Thompson headed the Board; during the spring the board leader was Bob Kimball). Vic Ste. Marie and Suzanne Bunker were the board advisors.

The primary duty of the Activities Board is to review all requests for student facilities not falling under the jurisdiction of the office of Community Services. The board also reviews requests for activities by

BC clubs and organizations.

From the technical aspect, the duties of the board may seem somewhat dull. But, the board members occasionally enter into lively discussions on some of the planned activities and events at the college.

Student politics also frequently enters into the discussion. Many members of the fall activities board probably recall the views of one top member of student government in regard to his higher-up. One anonymous observer described the conflict between the two as "an all out war." If nothing else, the conflict sparked interest in the meetings and its activities.

During the spring the meetings were reasonably sedate in comparison with those of the fall semester. There was some conflict, however, over the bids for the ASB coupon booklet.



ACTIVITIES BOARD, Spring 1976 — Front row: Lars Olson, Robert Gray, Bill O'Donnell, Bob Kimball, ASB vice president, Gloria Cobb, secretary, and Fleur Dahlig. Second row: Karis Roberts, Alix Donnelly, Bill Pemberton, Elnor Espinoza, Forest Phinney, Louise Nikkel, Guadalupe Ortega and Suzanne Bunker, coordinator student activities. Back row: John Stowe, Mark Jacobus, Floyd Lee, Thomas Donaldson, Thomas Wilson, Mark DeWeese, Ray Timmermans and Barry Clausen.



Student government took an interesting change of pace during the fall with new faces on the Board of Reps. Pictured in the front row are Diana Cross, Terry Ribelin, Jerry Hill, Mike Vickanoff, and Terry Hoertter. Middle row: Randy Peterson, Jill Thayer, Bob Lienhard, Karin Roberts, Robert Kimball, and Laurie Wallace. In the back row are Victor Ste. Marie, Carl Stewart and Joe McKinley.

## BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

BY MARK LUTTRELL  
 Raconteur Staff Writer

Student government took an interesting change of pace this semester when the personnel changed drastically. Usually the top three positions remain the same during the entire year, but such was not the case this year as a new ASB president, vice president, and chief justice were elected for the spring semester.

Jerry Hill began the 20th year of BC's tenure on the "hill" as ASB president during the fall semester. Under Hill's leadership the Board of Representatives got off to a successful start and many activities were planned and carried out.

The year began with the formation of committees. Those formed included a dance policy committee, a concessions stand committee, and an ASB card sales committee.

Football games are always a big event and the Board of Reps added to the season by helping the ASB sponsor a hamburger feed before the BC-Taft football game. Following the game, BC students celebrated a victory with an "Ice Breaker" dance.

Also a part of student government was the California Community College Student Government Association (CCCSGA). BC students attended meetings of that organization and attempted to voice the opinions of the student body on both local and state levels.

Board of Reps members helped coordinate and support "Government Week" during the fall semester. The idea of the event, which provided a chance for leaders in government to speak to BC students, was originated by Jerry Hill.

One of the most controversial items tackled by the board during the fall semester was the BC Bookstore policy. The controversy arose over the sale of Playboy and similar magazines in the bookstore. After much debate on campus and in the community, a student services committee was formed to review the situation. Meanwhile, the magazines were taken off the shelves. After considerable discussion, however, they were returned to the shelves and the controversy died down.

Until the beginning of the current semester the ASB president, vice president, and chief justice were granted small salaries. However, after discussion, last fall's board decided to discontinue the practice.

ASB elections were held in December and Bob Lienhard was elected ASB president for the spring. Since assuming office Lienhard and the new Board of Reps have been working on several projects. Among them is a plan to put up a marquee to publicize campus events on the front of the Campus Center.

Also busy this spring was the insurance committee, composed of the freshman class officers, which investigated the current student insurance in hopes of designing a new program.

The Spring, 1976 Board of Reps included, seated, l-r: Bob Kimball, Randy Peterson, Sarah Henry, Bob Lienhard, ASB president, Gail Rose and Ralph Goehring. Standing are Penny Roberts, Mike Vickanoff, Bill Pemberton, Mark Luttrell, Robert Gray, Karin Roberts, Carl Stewart, Laurie Wallace, Frank Wells, John Ramos, Mike Mason, Ruth Stevens and advisor Victor Ste. Marie.





The Fall, 1975 Student Court included Ann Karoly, Scott Frazer, Rusty Hirsch (secretary) Mike Reid, chief justice, Andy Ratermann, Delta Clemmons and Bruce Meier, advisor.

## STUDENT COURT

BY DELTA CLEMMONS  
 Racetrack Editor

"I think the student court has the potential to be the most powerful student organization on campus," Andy Ratermann, spring Chief Justice of the student court commented.

Ratermann explained that the court, which is composed of four Associate Justices and a Chief Justice, is the only organization on campus that has the power to remove any student from the Associated Student Body without a means of appeal. He added that the court is presently working on a system of appeal which will give the Board of Representatives the power to override decisions of this type.

The justices of the student court review, interpret, and have jurisdiction over all issues involving discipline or constitutionality at Bakersfield College.

The court is modeled after the Supreme Court of the United States. It interprets the ASB constitution and reviews all proposed club constitutions to see that they comply with state and federal law and the objectives of Bakersfield College.

According to federal law, discrimination on the basis of race, religion, creed or national origin is forbidden. It would be possible for a BC student who believes he has been discriminated against in regard to club membership to sue Bakersfield College. It is for this reason that each proposed club constitution is carefully reviewed by the student court.

The court also takes care of referrals. A club is referred to the court if its representative to the Activities Board misses two consecutive meetings or three meetings in a semester. An individual on the Board of Reps is referred to the court after two absences.

The court also defines election procedures and poster regulations. Members of the court generally work the polls at student elections and count all votes.

Fall semester court members were Mike Reid, Chief Justice; Andy Ratermann, Scott Frazer, Anne Karoly, and Delta Clemmons. Court secretary was Rusty Hirsch. Advisor to the court was Bruce Meier.

Spring semester court members were Andy Ratermann, Chief Justice; John Esparza, John Diffenbaugh, Carl Diffenbaugh, and Delta Clemmons. Arlene Nakagawa was court secretary. Advisor to the court was Victor Ste. Marie.



The spring semester student court had three new members and two returnees from the previous semester. Pictured from left to right are John Esparza, John Diffenbaugh, Andy Ratermann, Chief Justice; Arlene Nakagawa, court secretary; Carl Diffenbaugh, Delta Clemmons and Victor Ste. Marie, advisor.



## rally squad

Seated left to right, front row includes Teresa Thompson, Denise Flynn, Jill Thayer (head song) Valerie Buckingham and Tammy Edarra. Back row includes Archie Cooper, Randy Peterson (head yell) and Percy Glover.

The 1975-76 Bakersfield College Rally Squad was a very active part of campus life.

First year squad members included Randy Peterson (head yell leader from North High), Tammy Edarra (BHS), Teresa Thompson (Highland High), and Valerie Buckingham (Foothill High).

Second year members included Jill Thayer (head song leader from North High), Denise Flynn (Barroughs High) Percy Glover (BHS), and Archie Cooper (Delano High).

In August the group attended an all-college cheerleading camp in Santa Barbara. Over 500 cheerleaders from colleges and universities nationwide attended to learn new yells, routines, and techniques. In competition BC was given the opportunity to view different college styles and the songleaders returned home with 10 superior and 5 excellent ratings. The yell leaders brought back first and second place awards, along with one of the spirit sticks awarded for interest and enthusiasm they displayed during camp work.

As fall approached the cheerleaders were busy rooting for the cross-country and waterpolo teams. On Saturday nights the squad would be down on the football field, promoting spirit and just having a good time. Each week they provided the team with helium-filled balloons and giant spirit signs. For the Homecoming game they rode the victory bell down Chester Avenue in a parade, and that night brought back the Almani cheerleaders to perform.

Two rallies were held in the Campus Center, with one honoring Disneyland's own Mickey Mouse as special guest.

In the winter, the Rally Squad cheered for basketball and wrestling. They traveled out of town when possible to cheer the Gades on to victory.

During the spring, they worked hard to attend many sports including swimming, track, tennis, golf, and baseball. With so many events it was almost impossible to have the full squad in attendance—rather, they would split up to cover the majority of the sports.

Gaylea Lewis, adviser, accompanied them on out-of-town trips and offered help when needed.

Jill Thayer commented, "It's been a great year. The squad has worked hard together in good times and bad. They have always displayed spirit and achievement in everything they did. I will really miss it all."



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They have a right to be proud of trophies won in the 1976-78 season. Seated, l-r: Bob Lechtreck, John McDole, Wenette McGuire, and Jim Duncan. Standing: Mary Morton, Judy Holtz, Margaret Wood and advisor Ron Reel.

## Forensics Squad

successful  
in  
competition



Gary Ramey and Mike Gray, seated, examine debate card files for the evidence used, as Wenette McGuire and Paul Ledbetter check briefs.

Traveling 3,000 miles in a station wagon may not be a typical BC student's idea of a fun way to spend a weekend, but for the Renegade Forensics squad, driving up and down the state packed three a seat in school cars, is the normal way of life. What could entice a person to go out of his way to spend so many hours cramped into a car with other students? It is the prospect of competing in Intercollegiate Forensics.

Unknown to most people, forensics is a wide spread and increasingly popular college activity, similar to football in many ways. Unfortunately, the debater and the interpreter do not get the same notoriety that the quarterback and the linebacker receive. Drawers of debate evidence and black binders full of various types of speeches replace shoulderpads and helmets.

This year the BC Forensics Squad deserves special recognition. Fielding a most impressive squad, the team has never once failed to bring home awards from a tournament, no matter how tough the competition.

A combination of Individual Events and Debate superiority allowed the team

to place in the sweepstakes awards for total team excellence. In the area of debate, freshmen Gary Ramey and Paul Ledbetter have demonstrated their ability of quick analysis and sound reasoning. Ramey and Ledbetter have not failed to make it to at least semi-finals in the last ten contests and have won in senior division (Juniors and seniors from four-year colleges) in three of the tournaments.

However, debate was only one strong area for the BC Squad. Individual events strength was dominated by almost each member in his/her own special event(s). Bob Lechtreck, squad captain, consistently won with his Oral Interpretation concerning the reasons why individuals take the lives of others. Mary Morton argued that fathers in America should be allowed to stay close to the family throughout life. Wenette McGuire persuaded her audiences about the per capita population that we are currently facing. Ms. McGuire also had a very "sensuous" Oral Interpretation. Denise Knox explored the theme of Mistaken Identity in her award winning O.I. Judy Holtz allowed people to laugh

with her as she eulogized her car that died this year. Ms. Holtz and John McDole combined their talents to provide an award winning Duet Acting program.

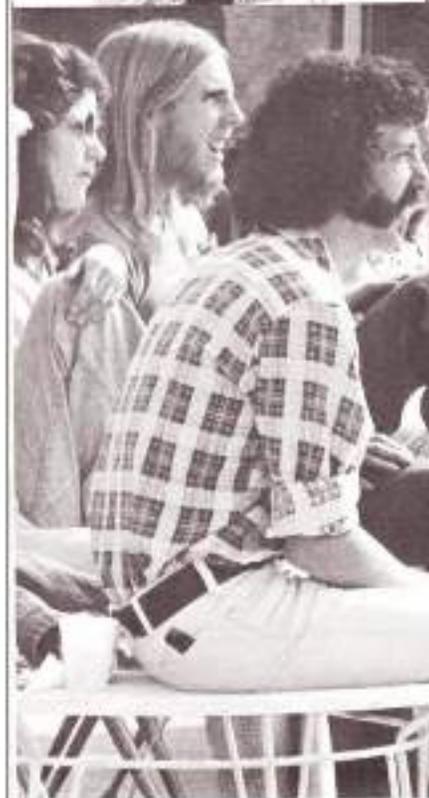
Yet one of the most exciting events offered in competition was Readers' Theatre. BC's competitive entry is "A salute to Motion Pictures." Students included Bob Lechtreck, Frederick Grayson, Denise Knox, Wenette McGuire, Judy Holtz, Margaret Wood, Mary Morton and Jim Duncan. The competitive Readers' Theatre was only one of several excellent shows that the squad performed. The "Bicentennial Salute" has been performed before thousands of individuals this season. "Sounds of the Ghetto" depicted one day in the life of children living in the ghetto.

The BC Squad also had four students who captured District honors in the Bicentennial Youth Debates: Joy Huff, Persuasive Speaking; Gary Ramey, Extemporaneous Speaking; Paul Ledbetter and Mike Gary, Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

The team was coached by professor Ron Reel, a former national champion himself.



Campus Faces





Nobody knew the pressures of deadlines more than RIP editor-in-chief John Eparza. Under his guidance the campus weekly inaugurated new features and expanded coverage of campus events. A graduate of Delano High School, Eparza served as sports editor of the RIP last Spring and was also editor of the 1975 RACONTEUR, probably the first person to serve as editor of both major campus publications.



David Payton, left, capably handled the job of photo editor of both the RIP and the RAC for the spring semester, while Arcadio Jose, right, held the same titles in the fall, 1975 semester.



## Renegade Rip

The Renegade Rip underwent several changes in operations which explains the success the weekly enjoyed this year. Editor-in-Chief John Eparza and managing editor Ruth Stevens directed the campus publication which came out on Monday instead of the usual Friday to better serve a greater percentage of students.

The Rip usually had eight-page editions, a notable accomplishment. A special tabloid-size paper was distributed at the Homecoming game. Thirty-four editions were published this year, which is near maximum for a junior college publication.

New changes in the Rip this year were the addition of a Student Services page, headed by Forest Phinney, who took over after the spot was vacated early in the year; the American Forum Issues pages which were done through the cooperation of BC Community Services Department; and the addition of entertainment and feature pages.

Editorial page editor in the fall was Debbie Moreno while John Ramos was the page editor in the spring. Feature page editor was Diane Cross; entertainment editor was Jim Meadows; film critic was David Kraft; sports editor was Bob Young; and Lynn McDowell followed Gloria Cobb as business manager.

Bona Dillon served as advisor for the paper while David Payton was spring photo editor succeeding Arcadio Jose. Diane Hendricks did most of the copyreading.



Sports editor Bob Young relaxes between editions.



BUSY ADVISOR—always on hand to assist RIP staff was advisor Bona Dillon, shown here checking page layout.



It's makeup time in the RIP newsroom with staffers Bob Gray, Kathy Fowler, editorial editor John Ramos and activities editor Forest Phinney checking page layouts.



Reporter Suzana Ahrens and editorial page editor John Ramos check mail boxes in RIP office.



Ruth Stevens, left, as RIP managing editor, was responsible for assignments and the day-to-day coordination in the newsroom. Jim Meadows was a jack-of-all trades, working as sports writer, staff photographer and entertainment editor. Diane Cross was responsible as feature editor for that section.



RACONTEUR staff members photographed in the newsroom included writer Seema Wahid, foreground, sports editor Jim Meadows and advisor William Walker, center. In rear photo editor David Payton, staff writers Mark Luttrell, Gary Ramey, Diane Hendricks, photojournalist Johnny McKeever, general manager Mary Kimble, conferring with Delta Clemmons, editor-in-chief, writer Suzann Ahrens and club editor Forest Phinney. PHOTO BY AL NORIEGA AND JIM FISHER.

A comparatively large budget and a small staff. That was the situation last fall as plans for the 1976 RACONTEUR were formed. Administration support for a Life-magazine format annual, used so successfully in 1970 and 1971, promised better and more intensive coverage of campus events and personalities than had been done in smaller 48 page magazines the three previous years.

Under the leadership of editor Delta Clemmons, a former South High editor and two semester staffer on the RIP, plans were formulated to help BC celebrate its 20th anniversary on the Hill. Special highlights included interviews with BC faculty members who made the move to the new campus in 1956, profiles on successful members of the BC Alumni Association, coverage of student government, interviews with visiting lecturers, divergent views on the nation's Bicentennial and coverage of club activities.

Mary Kimble, as general manager, was in charge of production and layout and put together several photo pages of her own. Arcadio Jose and David Payton alternated in the fall and spring as photo editors. Jim Meadows was sports editor, with Forest Phinney handling club news. Suzann Ahrens covered drama capably and John Diffenbaugh, Mark Luttrell, Diane Hendricks, Johnny McKeever, Gary Ramey, Diane Cross, Ruth Stevens, Brenda Richert and Bob Sniffen covered special assignments. William Walker served as advisor. Andy Rattermann and Phred Hall handled promotional duties.

## RACONTEUR



Mary Kimble, Raconteur general manager, trims some copy to fit layout.





## Student Leaders

BY DELTA CLEMMONS  
AND  
MARK LUTTRELL

Carl Stewart, an engineering major, is a 1973 graduate of Bakersfield High School. He will graduate from Bakersfield College this May with an Associate of Science degree in Physical Science. He plans to transfer to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo this fall.

When asked about his age, Stewart replied, "I'm 21" and added with a smile, "I've been legal for a long time."

Since coming to BC, Stewart has served four semesters on the Board of Representatives. He served as sophomore representative for the fall 1975 and spring 1975, as ASB Director of Public Relations during the fall 1975 and as the current sophomore president. He also has served as president of BC Circle K.

At the 1975 sophomore honor brunch, Stewart was the recipient of the ASB service award.

Stewart is also active in the community as Master Councilor of the Bakersfield Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Stewart said of his BC experiences, "I am indeed fortunate to have had an active role in student activities while attending Bakersfield College. Through my involvement, my years at BC have been complemented with the addition of many new friends and many memorable experiences. I will be forever indebted to BC for providing the unique atmosphere of higher education with the opportunity for personal development. I know that I will reap the rewards of both in the years to come."

Robert Kimball, the ASB vice president, is a 1972 graduate of East High School. He is majoring in Philosophy.

Kimball says he considers himself a sophomore, "God only knows how many semesters I've been up here. Actually it's my fourth full-time semester up here," he commented.

When asked why he grew a beard, he said, "I'm just too lazy to shave. It does make me look older, though."

Kimball, age 22, is a member of Circle K, International Students Association (ISA), and the Community Services Committee.

**LEADERS**—chosen by vote of the Board of Reps, these five student body leaders were acclaimed for their contributions to student government. From left to right: Carl Stewart, Soph class president; Andy Ratermann, chief justice, Student Court; Laurie Wallace, director of public relations; ASB president Bob Lienhard and ASB vice president Bob Kimball.

Bob Lienhard, current ASB president, is a Broadcasting major who plans to transfer to San Francisco State in the Spring of 1977. He plans to graduate from Bakersfield College in December of this year.

Lienhard, age 24, works the graveyard shift at KZZZ radio as a disc jockey on week-ends. He says that he loves barbecued potato chips and was the official ax waver for the Vets Club at the football games. He explained that as the official ax waver, it was his duty to encourage the BC cheerleaders to yell, "Give 'em the ax Big Red" so the club

could wave their giant wooden ax.

Lienhard was also the winner of the best looking legs contest, held during Homecoming Week and is an honorary member of Bakersfield Rotary Club. He has also served as Activities Board Representative for the Vets Club and as Freshman president, both during the fall of 1975.

In late January, 1976, Lienhard wrote and presented a speech at ceremonies designating Bakersfield College as an official Bicentennial college. Lienhard's speech was so well received that it was printed in the Congressional Record.

When asked if he had any plans for getting married, Lienhard replied, "My only plan for getting married is not to."

Andy Ratermann, Chief Justice of the Student Court, is a chemical engineering major who plans to transfer to Berkeley.

Ratermann, age 19, is involved in a variety of activities at Bakersfield College and in the community. He is treasurer of BC Circle K (a Kiwanis affiliate), president of the BC Renegade Knights, assistant treasurer of Kern County Young Republicans, a member of the ASB finance committee, and a member of BC Chess Club.

Despite his busy schedule, Ratermann finds time to run a small business, Odd Jobs Incorporated, with partner Phred Hill.

In January of 1976, Ratermann, Hill, and a friend named John Stowe made national news. They promoted a bicentennial fad by singing "God Bless America" in public places. The national wire services picked the story up and students on the East coast joined the fad.

Ratermann played on the BC football team during the 1974 season as a defensive back (number 29). When asked if he was a bench warmer he said, "No, I wasn't. I never played, but, I didn't consider myself a bench warmer because the only people who ever warm the bench are the good athletes who need a rest. The remainder stand on the sidelines either waiting and begging for the coach to let them in the game or praying that he wouldn't put them in there because they would get slaughtered."

Laurie Wallace, anything but typical of the average BC student, is very involved in student activities. She has served as Sophomore representative in the fall of 1975 and is currently ASB director of public relations. She is a member of BC Ski Club.

A BHS product, Wallace was very active in drama in high school. In college, she played the role of Alexandria in the Showcase Theatre production of "Little Foxes."

Wallace is somewhat exceptional in that she will have approximately 85 units from Bakersfield College when she transfers to Berkeley this fall.

Active in community affairs, she has been a camp counselor for the YMCA at a summer camp and has worked as a legislative intern for Assemblyman Bill Thomas. She has also served as a Big Sister (this is the female off-shoot of the Big Brother program for troubled girls in juvenile hall).

He has served in the past as vice president of ISA, Activities Board Representative, Board of Reps Representative, and as Manager of the BC track team. He is also a former member of the ASB President's cabinet, Gayds Club, and the BC cross country team.

Kimball probably has one of the most varied employment records of any student at BC. During the period between junior high school and college, he has served as a newspaper boy, an appliance deliveryman, a "self-employed" knife salesman, a dishwasher, a meat cutter, and as a seasonal fireman.



Bakersfield College was officially designated a National Bicentennial College by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration in ceremonies January 30. Here BC President Dr. John Collins accepts an official certificate from Congressman William Ketchum (R-36th district). BC also accepted the National Bicentennial Flag which will hang in the Administration Building lobby throughout the year.



Columnist-critic teacher Max Lerner left his BC audiences last fall with some provocative thoughts: Is America a dying civilization? Is it unaware of forces in the world—a sleepwatcher? Women's lib is healthy. There is a loss of confidence in leadership. Is it possible for us to cope with our problems?

## The Campus Scene . . .



BC Theatre patrons were treated to an acclaimed version of James Goldman's play, "The Lion in Winter" early last spring. The cast, directed by Dr. Robert Chapman, included Curtis Abbott (Philip of France), Davis Neija (John), Yvonne Milliken (Eleanor of Aquitaine), Frank Watron (Henry II), Phillip Douglas (Richard), Janice Clark (Alicia), and James Simmons (Geoffrey).



Let's get those contributions in! The Bakersfield College Alumni Association Scholarship Fund Committee last year awarded 21 \$150 scholarships to BC students who re-enrolled the following year. Here three members of the five man committee, Superior Court Judge J. Kelly Steele, seated, and co-chairman Tom Sprayberry, left and Jesse Stockton, start their drive for 1976-77. Two past BC Alumni Association presidents, Angus Marchbanks and Dean Gay, not in picture, are also active on the committee.

# Ag Department growth reflected in new courses

BY RALPH NIELSEN

During its 20 years on the hill the college has experienced tremendous increases in enrollment, and one of the most rapidly expanding areas is the Agriculture Department, as growth in the general population creates a need for more trained workers to supply necessary food and advances in agricultural technology create a need to upgrade the training of those already employed in farming.

Enrollment in agriculture courses, especially in recent years, reflects the demand for training. Class enrollments over the past three years have increased by 68 percent in the day program and 112 percent in the evening program. The Department has outgrown existing facilities, causing the staff, under chairman Lloyd Hokit, to take a serious look at ways to expand and improve courses and programs.

## NEW COURSES ADDED

Six full-time instructors, plus a number of outside professionals, teach courses in agriculture, agronomy, animal husbandry, forestry, horticulture, natural resource management, and soils. New courses added recently include bookkeeping, weed control, fertilizers, and ag water. And some of the department's growth has come in the hobby-oriented

courses, courses for homeowners who want to add a little natural beauty to their dwellings inside and out.

"We think the addition of a campus orchard and garden (on the northwest corner of the campus) will fill much of the need for facilities," Hokit said. "Even though the area is still under construction—installing irrigation and preparing the soil—we have started a number of test plots on the grounds to let students observe different varieties of plants."

Initial plans for the orchard/garden call for planting at least one of each of the most commonly grown varieties of fruit and citrus trees, a vegetable stand on the site to sell the produce grown so students can gain experience in every step of agriculture including planting, growing, maintaining, and marketing. Part of the orchard may even be developed as a park by landscaping classes.

## JOB OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Job outlook in agriculture, especially in Kern County, is bright. An Ag. Dept. survey of local farm-related businesses indicated there is an acute shortage of people who can repair, maintain, and operate farm machinery; there is a need for personnel trained in pruning, vine training, and other cultural practices of permanent crops; and as farming

corporations grow in size, the need for unit managers, foremen, and technicians increases.

In addition to standard AA and AS degree programs and transfer courses, seven 30-unit certificate programs are planned in Agricultural Sales, Agricultural Management, Crop Production, Forestry, Ornamental Horticulture, Resource Management, and Animal Husbandry.

Department instructors—including Hokit, Holger Hansen, Lawrence Haycock, Dr. Charles Krauter, Richard Molinar, and John Oglesby—all have strong backgrounds in practical experience as well as academic training. They maintain close contact with commercial agriculture to try to insure an up-to-date curriculum in ag programs. But keeping pace with the increasing demand is difficult at best.

"Agriculture is one area where it seems there are always more jobs available than there are qualified people to fill them," Hokit noted. "Even in schools, while other disciplines may be flooded with teachers' applications for work there still is a shortage of qualified agriculture instructors. And with thousands of acres of new crops coming into production in the near future, the demand for training is going to increase even more."



Professor John Oglesby's twenty year teaching career combines practical experience with academic training.

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A greenhouse discussion — here instructor Keith Haycock, center, goes over some points with students Vickie Oberg and Rob Monji.

# and increased staff

Instructor Charles Krauter (right) discusses a plant with student David Henderson.



Agriculture Department chairman Lloyd Hokit, left, takes a class on a field trip to a dairy farm facility. Photo by Al Noriega.



Instructor David Muliner



**HANSEN RETIRES**—When Holger S. Hansen retired this semester it was the culmination of nearly four decades of involvement with agriculture and education. Born on his family ranch near Fresno, Hansen attended Central Union High School in Fresno, Fresno State, and earned B.S. and M.A. degrees from University of California, Davis. He managed the family farm and then taught at Shafter and Arvin High Schools. He twice headed the Bakersfield College Ag Department, from 1964–1966 and 1967–1976, and supervised agriculture education for the Kern high school and junior college district. Always active in community agriculture affairs, he coordinated Ag Work Experience programs, organized an Ag club, and started the Kern County Fair Jr. Livestock Auction Sale Committee. The auction is now the largest sale of its kind in the world. Hansen has also been active in promoting Future Farmers of America, and helped start Tenneco West's Agriculture Scholarship awards.

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# A frustrating season for cagers

BY JIM MEADOWS  
Raconteur Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College basketball team finished their 1975-1976 season on a fighting note at conference leading Long Beach City College but with the 77-74 loss, it made it a final touch to a dismal season.

The Gades finished in Metropolitan Conference action with a 3-11 record and a 12-18 overall record. This was quite a turn around from the preceding season with 'Helicopter Smith and Company.'

Wayne Stevenson, 6-6 Gades center, was an outstanding contribution to this year's team, along with others like freshman Steve Turner, sophomore Rod Banducci and the countless numbers who made up the reserves. This year's team was not the winningest team in school history, but they never gave up in any of the contests.

John Fox, freshman guard from Garces High, turned in several fine performances toward the end of the season and showed promising maturity for next year's squad.

The most exciting game all year was when East Los Angeles came to town and was beaten 82-81 on a last second tip-in by Banducci. The game had jockeyed back and forth and finally was decided in the closing two seconds.

With a nucleus of experienced, matured players returning next fall as a cornerstone, Krafve hopes to build another title contender to match his 1974 and 1975 teams that brought a revival of interest in Gade basketball.



Rod Banducci and Coach Ralph Krafve reflect mood of game in their expressions. Photo by Jim Meadows.



Wayne Stevenson—high above the crowd on a jumper. Photo by Harry Hofman.



Stevenson battling the boards against Long Beach. Raconteur Staff Photo.



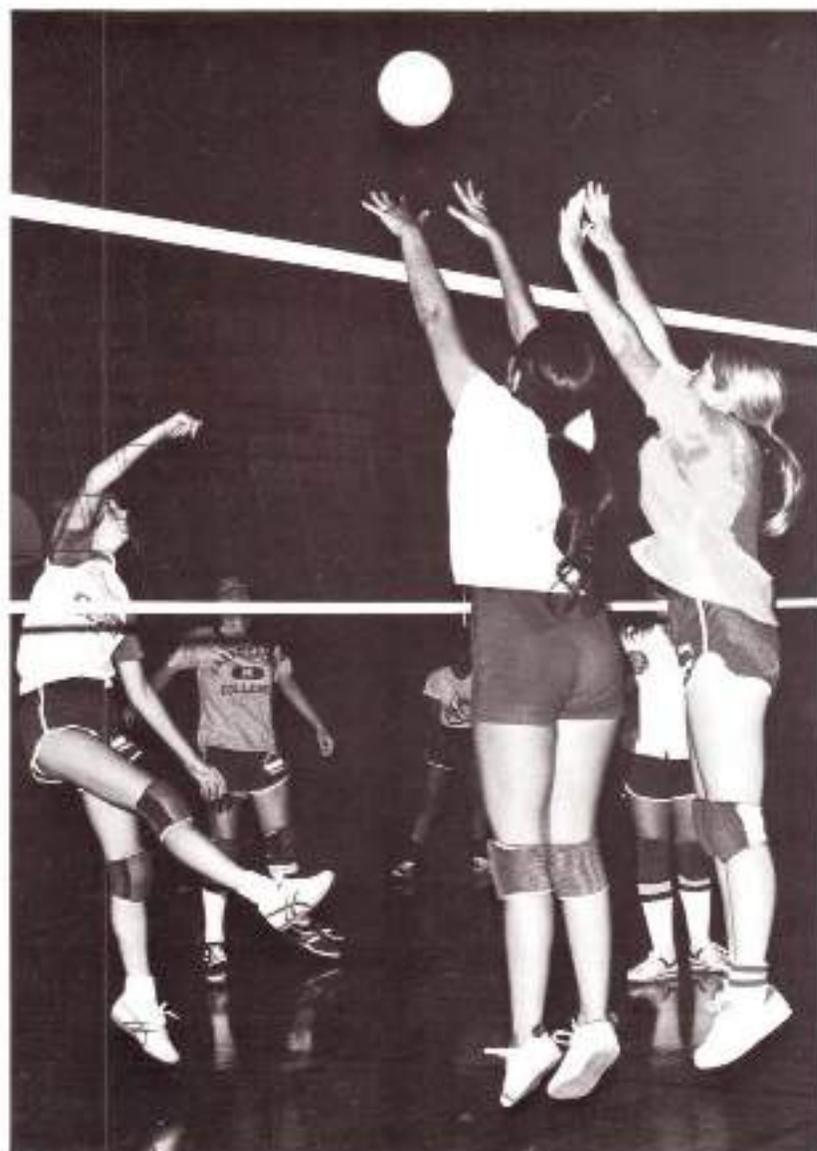
The Renegades ready to hit the floor for another tough Metro battle. Photo by Harry Hofman.



Steve Turner—reaching high on a fast break layup.  
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# Brilliant Metro victories

BY JIM MEADOWS  
Raconteur Sports Editor

The 1975-1976 season for the Bakersfield College Wrestling team was a very successful one for both the wrestlers and the town of Bakersfield.

Coach Bruce Pfutzenreuter and the Renegades compiled an undefeated record during regular Metropolitan Conference dual meet action until the final meet of the year at El Camino College.

The Warriors downed the Gades in the final dual meet and took the dual title from BC.

With that over with, the red-and-white came back the following weekend to overcome all of their opponents and to capture the overall Metropolitan Conference Championships.

After the Metro meet, the Renegades went on to the Southern California Regional Meet where five individuals qualified for the State Championship meet for Junior Colleges at San Jose.

At that meet in San Jose, only Franc Affentranger was able to come away with a number one spot as he beat Allen Williman of El Camino in the 136 pound division. Affentranger's record stands at 39-1 for the season. Joe Lopez finished second in the State in the 142 pound class while the Gades overall finished in a seventh place spot for the meet, well behind first place El Camino.

The Renegades finished their regular season with a record of 4-1, good enough for a solid second place spot in the Conference.

Several members of this year's team will return next year to the advancing wrestling program of BC in hopes of repeating their performance from the past season.

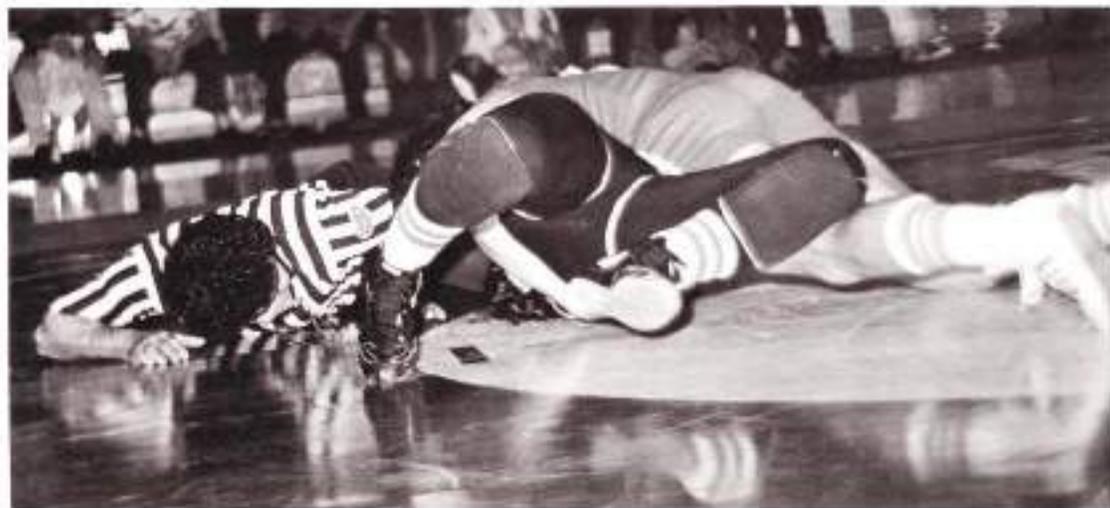
"I just hope we can continue to bring some of the fine wrestlers from the area schools to Bakersfield College," commented Coach Pfutzenreuter, "so we can continue to build our program."

"If we can continue to build our program and tack on to it a few titles along the way, it will encourage high school wrestlers to become part of the Renegade Athletic Program."



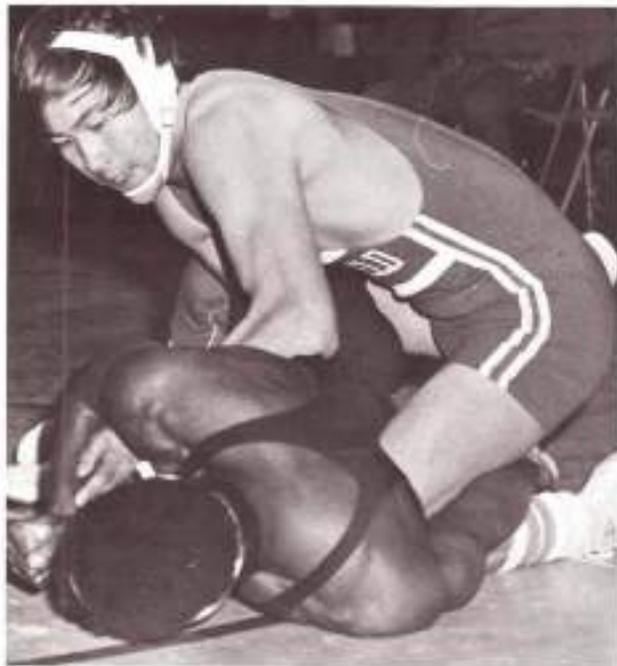
Coach Pfutzenreuter

"GO 'GADES GO!!"



The Renegades with a pin just seconds away.

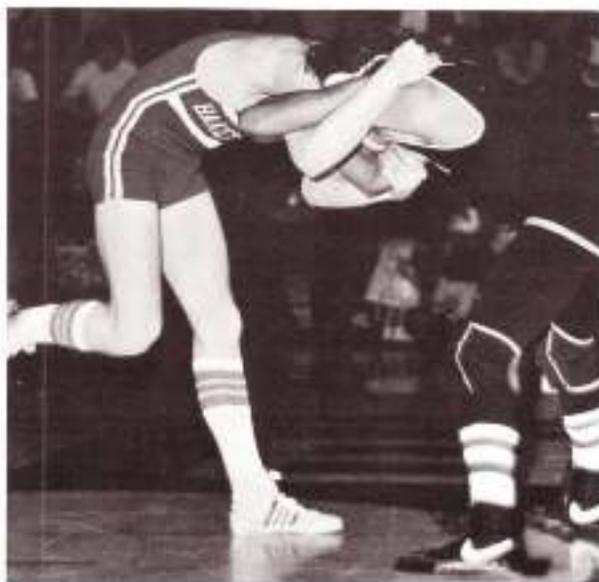
# highlight wrestling season



Stanley Eng in control of Antelope Valley in his close match.

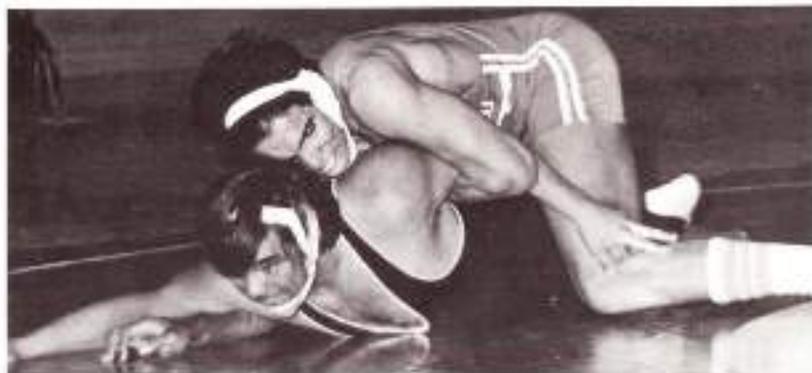


Plutzenreuter interviewed by TV Commentator Gil Bishop.



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David Pierson puts the grip on Moorpark.



The bench helps in the cheering as the Renegades look for another victory. Unidentified Renegades locks up his Moorpark opponent.

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# Senior Adult program expands



Keeping up-to-date — Senior Adult programs at Community House include current events discussion groups. Here retired BC faculty member Wylie L. Jones, at head of table leads discussion.



The Senior Adult Program, started in 1973, has experienced a rapid growth. Here the staff at DTC, Victor Garcia, Jackie Tate, Mitzy Bennett (at left), Sherry Dolan and Coordinator Miriam Paine hold a staff meeting.

BY DIANE HENDRICKS  
Raconteur Staff Writer

Bakersfield College's Senior Adult program has grown rapidly since its beginning in the fall of 1973. Under the coordination of Miriam Paine, the education program and the information and referral service have helped many.

Various classes are taught to senior citizens by certified teachers employed by BC at different locations throughout Bakersfield. "Art classes are number one," according to Paine. "Other subjects include current events and discussion, music, poetry and travel. Chorus has been taught in the past," she said.

Senior adults need only to go to the class site to register for the non-credit subjects. News stories in local newspapers publicize the courses, and current students pass the word to their friends. Approximately 1,000 students are involved in classes this year.

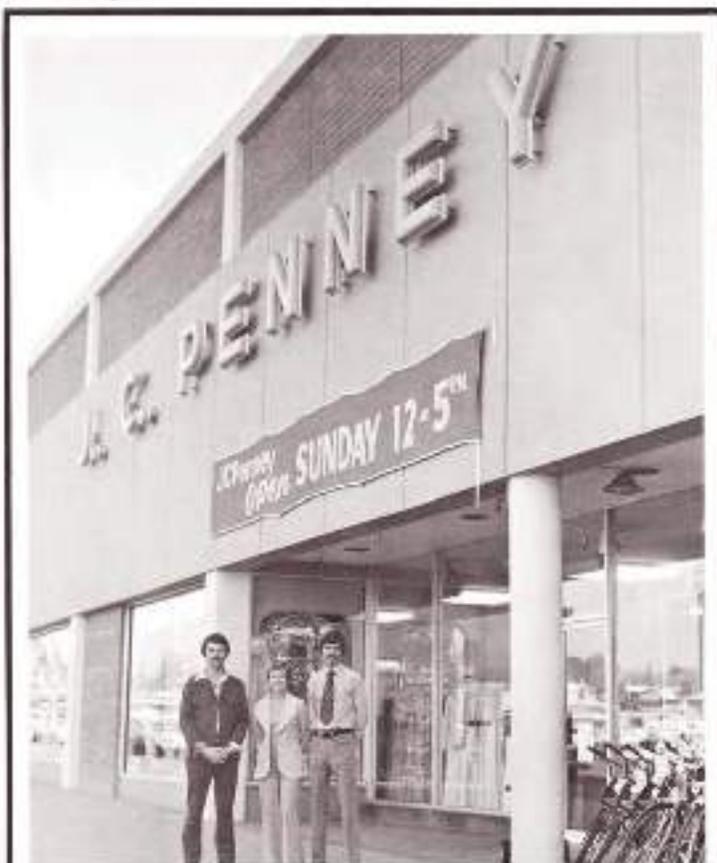
"We are trying to reverse the negative aspect of aging, and education provides life-long learning. It is a bridge to dignity and independence, and though it can lead to something else, is also an end in itself," stated Paine.

The information and referral service is county-wide, with satellite offices in Ridgecrest, Delano, Taft, and Bakersfield. It began this past fall, and according to Paine it is a "social service, and an attempt to link seniors with activities in the community."

The service staff operated with the help of volunteers. Senior adults call if they have questions regarding almost anything. The staff answers what it can, and often refers them to someone else who can help.

"We are always in need of volunteers, and we offer to train them. Many times senior adults volunteer to help other seniors, and that in itself is very fulfilling," Paine added.

"A community college reaches beyond education, anyway, and is a community leader. I think this is a beautiful example of how it can reach out into the community," she said.



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# A final thought on Bicentennial

Editor's Note: BC officially opened its Bicentennial year on January 30 in ceremonies in the Administration Building. Officially designated as a National Bicentennial College by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, BC, under the chairmanship of Robert Clark, assistant dean of community services, has been presenting Bicentennial Potpourri since school opened last summer. President John Collins accepted a National Bicentennial Flag from Congressman William Ketchum (R-36th District) and ASB president Bob Lienhard, speaking on behalf of the students, made the following remarks which were later printed in the Congressional Record.

As a young American who has waited patiently for the year 1976, I find that it has fallen far below my expectations now that it's here. I have spoken with many students, and we have all come up with one opinion—that the Bicentennial has been sold out . . . with the options open to Americans to decorate their households with a variety of Bicentennial mementos, ranging from red, white, and blue toilet seats to a George Washington transistor radio (which, by the way, is made in Japan). After being constantly bombarded with the advertising agencies' ideas of the Bicentennial, most Americans feel that it has become the B-U-Y Centennial. And, of course, we Bakersfield College students are no exception.

And who can we blame for this? For one, let's start with Madison Avenue. Through a massive advertising campaign they have turned America's 200th birthday into a bargain basement sale. In 1776 Madison Avenue, you weren't ground. In 1976, you are, and let's hope you're gone again in 2076! The purpose of the Bicentennial was to commemorate the 200th birthday of America; the product of the Bicentennial has been a multi-million dollar business.

But let's not place all the blame on Madison Avenue. Don't forget the good old U.S. government which led the way by selling out George Washington's birthday. You may ask, "George Who?" Rumor has it he was instrumental in the founding of our country. He was born on February 22, or was it the 21st. Oh, well, it doesn't really matter, we now celebrate his birthday on the third Monday in February. Personally, I think it shows a trend away from the important things in life. I mean, what is more important for future generations—remembering a founding father's birthday, or having a three-day weekend?

What this country needs to do is take a good, long look at itself and decide whether we want to leave anything for future generations or not. If so, we had better look at America with improvement in mind. Food. How about a guaranteed hot lunch program for all school-age kids? Development of new energy sources. Solar energy has unlimited potential, and could some day be the only power source needed in the San Joaquin Valley. Change America from the land of "No-Deposit, No-Return" to the land of recyclables. America has the ability to clean up all the pollutants, so let's do it! The United States has the manpower and the desire to overcome any and all obstacles, and we can do it, because, even in spite of its shortcomings, America is still the best country in the world.

Wouldn't it be terrible if my children and grandchildren looked back at this celebration, and all they had were red, white, and blue toilet seats and radios to remind them, "That's the way it was in 1976!"



Delta Clemmons

Well, the end has come and it is with a deep sigh of relief that I lay out this last page as Editor of the Raconteur.

The staff of this year's Raconteur had a much more difficult time I believe than in past years because of our threefold aim (to reflect the 1975-76 year at BC, to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the college on the "hill," and to celebrate the American Bicentennial).

If we have even partially succeeded in capturing the essence of a few of Bakersfield College's 16,000 students, then maybe our efforts have been worthwhile.

What can I say as Editor of the Raconteur? It's been a good year despite all the hard work. I know there were times I thought we wouldn't make it, but, we did.

I'd like to thank Mary Kimble, who was Raconteur General Manager. I feel she deserves special credit for the hard work she put forth and the constant cheerfulness she displayed. (She even managed to smile when we were at the college working at 2 a.m. in the morning).

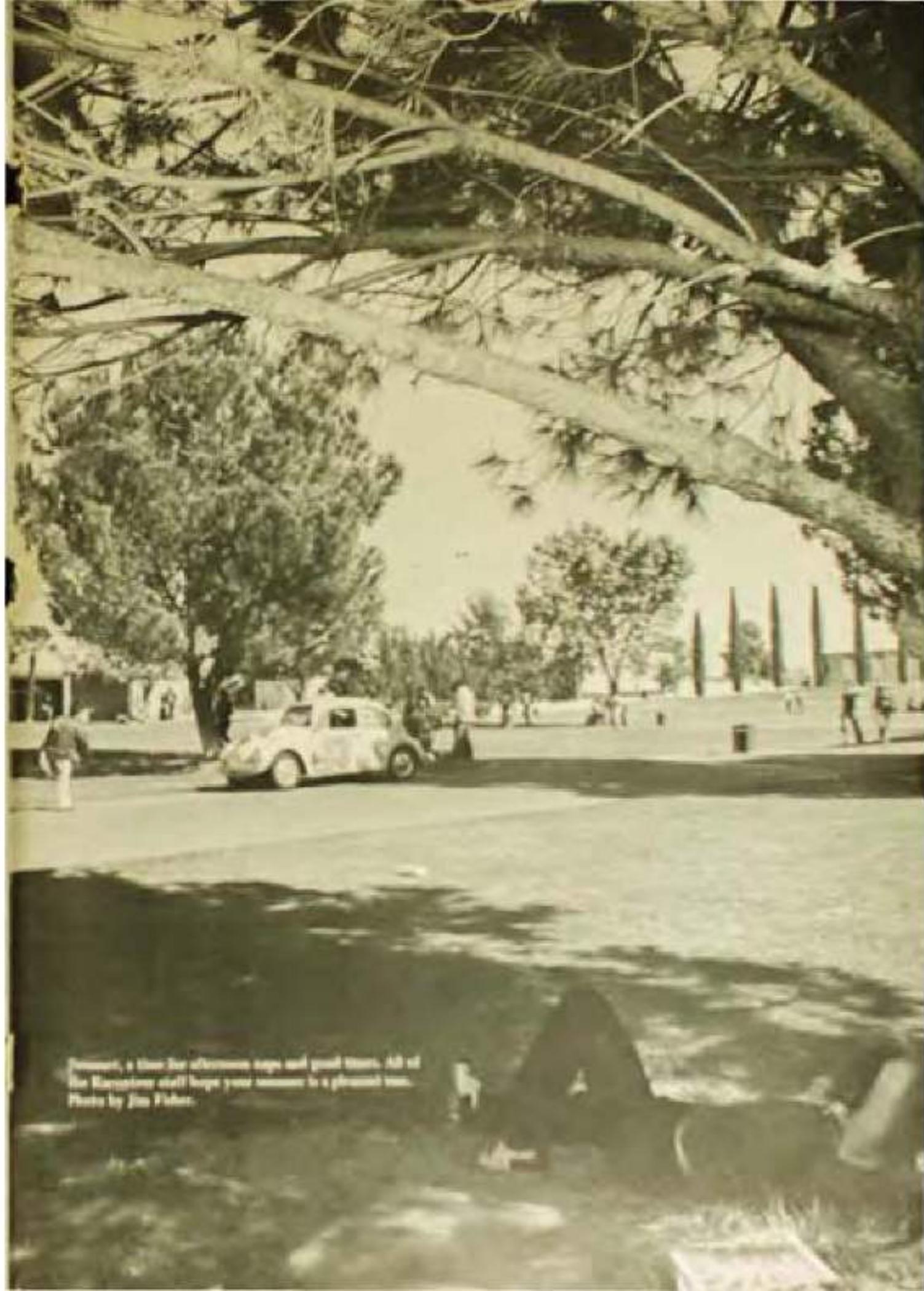
To Mr. Walker I owe a special thanks for putting up with my constant spring fever. That poor man had to drag me kicking and screaming to my typewriter every time he wanted some work done. Sorry, Bill, but sometimes it's difficult to work when there is no incentive such as money or glory (Who reads the Raconteur, anyway?).

I'd also like to thank all these obscure souls who composed my staff. In particular I feel I owe a big thanks to Jim Meadows, Sports Editor, who I had to drag kicking and screaming from the Rip office to his typewriter. I also want to thank Forest Phinney, Activities Editor, who I constantly nagged for club copy, David Payton also deserves a big thanks for his photos and for putting up with my constant teasing. Al Noriega and Randy Dickow also deserve a thank-you for their technical assistance. Thanks fdtas! Su Ahrens handled drama pages very capably, too.

I sincerely hope that each of this book's readers enjoy this book as much as I enjoyed putting it out. Despite the hard work, it was fun and I'll miss it all.

*Delta June Clemmons*

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Summer, a time for afternoon naps and good times. All of the Recreation staff hope your summer is a pleasant one. Photo by Jim Fisher.

