r a c o n t e u r
The 1955 Raconteur is respectfully dedicated to Dr. Edward Simonsen
Trustees of the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District spent a busy year preparing for the continuing growth of the district's eight high schools and one junior college. Board members, district administrators headed by Theron McCuen, as well as Bakersfield College leaders spent endless hours poring over plans, bids, and time schedules in a herculean effort to have the new Bakersfield College campus ready for a 1955 opening.
Anxious eyes watch the construction of the new Bakersfield College. As the structures rise and grow in size, we reflect on what they mean to the people we serve. The facilities have been especially designed for the students of this community. Here in mortar and stone is the philosophy of Bakersfield College.

Our students, our faculty, our taxpayers, and especially our Board of Trustees have been engaged in planning this new campus. It reflects the thinking not only of us who are here but those who preceded us. However, to our sophomores and freshmen of this year, we owe a special debt of gratitude. You've been patiently helping to plan for the students who will follow you. Perhaps they will profit most from your contribution, but the community in which we live will profit, too. In the years ahead when you have taken your place among the leaders of our city and our county, you may gaze in retrospection. You can truthfully say, "I had a part in planning the college of our community." It is now and it will be more so in the years ahead Bakersfield's community college.
activities
The most logical place to find BC students is the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library... well, at least before finals.

At Bakersfield College

Highlighting the football season, was the coronation of Queen Diane with her royal court and gallant escorts.
One of the many half-time activities included a solo by Larry Thornton, member of the Renegade Band.

BC sophomores call a time out from one of the after-game dances to relax and enjoy a refreshing Coke.

The Queen and her attendants were presented with gifts from local merchants at the Coronation Ball.
Promoting school spirit was of utmost importance to our song and yell leaders.

If at first you don't succeed... proved true in the case of the AMS Bonfire Rally. Despite valiant efforts, defenders had to rebuild the bonfire three times before the student rally.
Bakersfield College played a large part in training vocational nurses for this area.

The State Collegians sponsored many cake sales to boost the club treasury.
In the year '54-'55

Bakersfield College was well represented at all California Junior College Conferences.
Richard Brown, Editor of the Renegade Rip, receiving an award for the best editorial of 1955.

The annual Christmas program sent BC students home for the holidays in high spirits.

These BCites take time out for lunch on one of the many botany field trips from Bakersfield College.
These Bakersfield College students seem assured they will enjoy themselves as they arrive for one of BC's many dances.

These Bakersfield College students are enjoying a "Let's sit this one out" at the Christmas formal "Stairway to the Stars."
The "Ice Breaker Dance" on the tennis courts was a huge success as the year's social season got underway.

Many helped the Queen celebrate her victory at the Coronation Ball.
The AWS potluck gave BC girls a chance to become acquainted early in the year.

There were parties

These girls find that life in the dorm is just one big party.
Hungry members of the German Club wait patiently for their weiners to get that charred look at their club's annual weiner roast.

The conservation field trip gave these students a swell reason to have a picnic.

The 3-D day at North High (Dine, Dance, and Duel) brought out a record crowd.
One of the highlights of the Spring fashion show was Jackie Luce in a snazzy pedal pusher set.

A good item for Ripley's Believe It or Not column was the appearance of this pair of size 38 shorts at the Beta Gamma Rho fashion show.
Showing their respect for upperclassmen, the freshmen remained standing until the sophomores were seated at the first BC assembly.

All the models in the Harry Coffee Fashion Show come on the stage as Joana Kurr sings "Easter Parade."
At the student body play, "The Far-Off Hills," Patrick enjoys a good joke with his two cronies.

There were projects

These students were responsible for counting votes after BC elections.
"Interior Decoration can be fun," says Mrs. Johnson as she helps these students choose drapery material for their model home.

Helping spread the true spirit of Christmas was the Yuletide display which these students are admiring.

Dr. Ralph Prator participates in a recording session for one of the many projects of the recording class.
Rosemary Robinson demonstrates the fact that it takes constant concentration to cope with the problems that arise in a bacteriology class.

Dean of Women Margaret Levinson and Assistant Dean of Men William Heffernan chat over last-minute plans with student delegates to the California Junior College Student Government Association Conference at Asilomar, California.
Many B.C. students motored to Death Valley to take part in a Geology field trip.

Dr. Jack Casey, instructor in the social sciences, pauses briefly to outline the program of events scheduled for the Bakersfield College students and their friends who were leaving to attend an opera in Los Angeles and to enjoy some delicious foreign cuisine.
The temptation is great at times to skip classes and drive off for the hills on a brief holiday.

There were the in-actives

The student lounge does its greatest business during fifth period when most of the B.C. students are free for lunch.
These students take time out to discuss the current happenings at B.C.

Who says that the boys at B.C. outnumber the girls?

The student lounge is the focal point for all those students with free time on their hands.
We haven't heard Jack make any more promises to let people throw pies at him, have you?

This picture just goes to show that you should never bet on elections.

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here were joyful funsters
It seems like the two young ladies in this picture had the same thought at the same time.

You can find almost anything on the roadside if you look hard enough.
One student, her eyes glazed from hours upon hours of burning the midnight oil studying for final examinations, searches the photographer foggily in hopes of finding inspiration while dozens of other students bury themselves in Dr. Gorman's test.

there were finals

Ed Hemmerling, chairman of the engineering and mathematics department, takes an unmerciful ribbing from the members of one of his engineering classes as he appears an hour late to one of the fall semester final exams. It wasn't shortened by one question, students reported ruefully.
"You lucky stiff," says Mickie Witham, Bakersfield College freshman, to the photographer. "All you have to do during final week is snap pictures. I don't see any bags under your eyes from studying."

"By Golly," says one discouraged student, "I don't remember him giving that problem." On the blackboard, a sympathetic student has chalked hopefully, "Dream—and it might come true."

Any old costume will do for final exams. It isn't how nice you look, but rather how nicely filled out your examination paper looks that counts with Bakersfield College instructors.
These sophomores are keeping their fingers crossed that they will be in the graduating class this June.

Doris Rosales can't decide whether she should buy a class ring now or wait until she finishes a four-year college.
Sophomores received graduation instructions and were measured for caps and gowns at a special meeting.

Climaxing this year at B.C. the graduates wait tensely to hear their names called and receive their B.A. degrees.
Organizations
Fall Executive Council

Jerry Orrick
Fall Executive Council
President

LEFT TO RIGHT: Colleen Bertolini, Secretary; Jerry Orrick, President; Gene Mau, Vice President; Pat Bowden, Business Manager; Tom Giles, Chief Justice.

Spring Executive Council

Gene Mau
Spring Executive Council
President
BACK ROW, left to right: Pat Lewis, Helen Hearn, Ben Crabbs, Kent Kilburn, Bill Watson, Richard Brown, Fred Doehrn, Sid Sheffield, Dr. Edward Simonson, advisor. MIDDLE ROW: Pat Calder, Nancy Ghilarducci, Murray Smith, Pete Grossman, Joyce Ilagg, Ron Holley, Jack Adkisson, Ernest Holland, Bill Maxwell, Peggy Williams. FRONT ROW: George Landers, Joanne Becker, Colleen Bertolini, Jerry Orrick, Gene Mau, Pat Bowden, Tom Giles.

Fall Freshman Council

Murray Smith
Fall Freshman Council
President

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jerry Weitzel, Murray Smith, Diane Reynolds.

BACK ROW, left to right: Morris Kyle, Bill Ronalson, Dick Snyder. MIDDLE ROW: Sid Sheffield, Janice Carley, Sharon King, Helen Hearn, Diana Beatty, Dorothy Arthur, Shirley Goode, Ron Siemons. FRONT ROW: Jean Monfort, Jerry Weitzel, Murray Smith, Diane Reynolds, Sandra Rapley, Celia Zamborlan.
Spring freshman council

BACK ROW, left to right: Morris Kyle, President; Bill Ronaldson. FRONT ROW: Dick Nelson, Jerry Weitzel, Dick Snyder.

All Sophomore Council

Kent Kilburn
Fall Sophomore Council
President


BACK ROW, left to right: Loretta Porter, Pat Bowden, Pete Grossman. FRONT ROW: Darrell Parks, Bill Maxwell, Jack Adkisson, Jack Edmoundsen.
Spring sophomore council

Bill Maxwell
Spring Sophomore Council
President

BACK ROW, left to right: Darrell Parks, Carolyn Rice, Mr. Zimmerman, Advisor. FRONT ROW: Pat Bowden, Bill Maxwell, Loretta Porter.

The Associated Women Students this year as in the past have contributed much to the activities at Bakersfield College. Their potluck dinner started the social ball rolling in the fall and their booth at the annual Spring Carnival concluded the cycle for 1955.

The Associated Men Students sponsored two major events during the social season at BC. AMS took charge of the annual Football Queen Contest and the bonfire rally before the Long Beach game. Another organization highlight included the awarding of trophies to the track and baseball stars.
Organizing out of a common desire to promote athletic activity, the physical education majors, otherwise known as the Pheds, have broadened the social outlook at Bakersfield College by including such sports as bowling, skating, and miniature golf.

One of our newest clubs, the Agriculture Club, was formed this year to give ag students a chance to meet and study common interests ranging from slaughtering of beef to conditioning of soil.
Several ski enthusiasts this year decided to take advantage of nature's winter offerings by organizing a club which would help to further interest in skiing. The ski club's first year in operation has been as successful as expected. The members enjoyed several week-end trips to Greenhorn and Yosemite's top skiing areas. This new organization has contributed much to Bakersfield College's wide variety of activities.

The Associated Veterans' Club started its activities rolling with the election of Diane Perry as Football Queen in the contest sponsored by the Associated Men Students. The Vets also scheduled a full slate of social functions with several club get-togethers. Between times they sponsored a well-planned after-game dance and participated in the Spring carnival.
raccoeur

Joyce Blagg, Editor

BACK ROW, left to right: Gene Mau, Vera Church, Melisa Emerson, Pat Bowden, Tom Giles. FRONT ROW: Carol Hale, Mary Ann Noonan, Joyce Blagg, JoAnn Becker, Donna Dawald.

Pat Bowden,
Business Manager

Gene Mau,
Photography Coordinator

Don Pond,
Student Photographer

Gary Girard,
Sports Editor

Budge Loustalo,
Advertising Manager

Kent Kilburn,
Copy Editor
Le Cercle Français, the French Club, worked hard this year to raise funds to purchase French phonograph records for the listening booth in the Audio-Visual Aids Laboratory. They also held a French dinner to stimulate interest in French outside of the classroom.

The German Club has been very active this past year in the pursuit of German cultural interests. A deeper and better understanding of the German people, their country, and language was the goal of this organization. A trip to Los Angeles to see a German movie highlighted the season’s activities.
In addition to promoting the ideals of service and citizenship at Bakersfield College, the Lance and Shield members also found time to donate their services in making stuffed toys for needy children. Part of their busy pre-Christmas schedule was devoted to decoration of the Christmas tree in the JC Building. Several dances and a part for new members were also among the activities on their agenda.
The Renegade Knights received a well-deserved honor this year when the organization was admitted to the Circle K, an international college men’s service organization. From the long list of accomplished activities of the Knights, such as sponsoring a March of Dimes drive, ushering at football games and the Convocation, and installing the new campus activity board, it is certainly evident that the group followed their motto, “We serve.”

renegade knights
An achievement of not less than 30 grade points in 12 units and a grade ratio of at least 2.0 gains for students the honor of membership in Alpha Gamma Sigma. High school graduates who earned life membership in CSF are also granted membership in the organization for the fall semester of their freshman year. Activities of the club were limited this year, but the members did contribute heavily to the scholastic average at Bakersfield College.
The Bakersfield College Chapter of the American Association of Engineers has as its purpose the promotion of activities of interest to engineering students at Bakersfield College. This year the activities included two steak bakes, field trips to Lockheed Aircraft, Fontana Steel Mills, Monolith Cement Plant, and the PG&E steam plant, a fishing trip, besides entering a basketball team and two bowling teams in intramural leagues, and sponsoring a booth in the Spring Carnival.

engineers
Purpose of the 65-piece BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA is to serve college, high school, and community functions. Under the able direction of Harold J. Burt, the orchestra added its bit to PTA's "Back to School" Night, Beta Gamma Rho's fall fashion show, "Song of Christmas," and assemblies for elementary schools. In the springtime the group sponsored a chamber music concert, took part in music festivals and the All-County Orchestra, played for Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, and aided the light opera production. Concluding the busy and successful year was the brilliant spring concert on May 23, high school Baccalaureate, and college commencement.
Mr. Burt, Director, with four college students.

Bob Easter, President of the Orchestra.
Cheers greeted the BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE RENEGADE BAND when it brought home the coveted Junior Rose Bowl Parade Sweepstakes Trophy for the second year in a row. The band, ably directed by Clarence Wiggins, drew wide acclaim for its showing at football games. In the fall, it sponsored a concert by the United States Air Force Band in Harvey Auditorium. Bakersfield was privileged to hear a concert in January put on by both the band and choir. On April 25 the band staged its own concert. Performances at various schools, in community parades, and at BC day filled out the band's eventful year.
Janice Tolson

Richard Claassen, Drum Major

Chris Garland
The main desire of the Interfaith Council is to bring about a better understanding and genuine feeling of friendship among all races on campus. Keeping abreast of social gatherings, the club enjoyed a barbecue at the home of their advisor, Mr. Robert Davidson, during the fall semester, and sent several delegates to the meeting of the International Y Clubs held in Asilomar.

The Co-Curriculum Board, which coordinates student organization activities on the campus, took on the man-sized job of managing the annual Spring Carnival. Among the other activities of the council was sponsorship of the interclub bowling league.
The Kraftsman Club again gained the distinction of being one of the more active, cooperative, and helpful of our campus organizations. Through money brought into the club's treasury from the candy vending machines on campus, they were again able to present their annual scholarship. Another successful business venture for the club was the showing of a movie, with the main attraction being a TV set given away as a door prize.
Beta Gamma Rho, a club for students primarily interested in business affairs, again contributed their share to Bakersfield College’s social functions. Their 3rd annual fashion show was the highlight of the club’s activities. The group is advised by Mrs. Geraldine Wilson and Mr. Richard Tigner.
Delta Psi Omega made it possible for BC students to enjoy some of the better plays and top dramatic talent on campus. Their formal initiation highlighted the club’s activities. Their project for this year was the presentation of a series of one-act plays. Even the hard work involved didn’t faze them, according to Miss Phyllis Justice, their advisor.
The cutouts formed to bring together all the B.C. students who are interested in cars. The main object of the club is safety. The group sponsored a very successful dance called "The Cutout Capers."

Cutouts

Gadettes

Sporting new red and white uniforms and prancing with perfect timing through their original routines, the Gadettes this year added much color and variety to the halftime activities of most of Bakersfield College's sporting events. The attractive girls, eight in number, create, practice and learn their unique drills in a special physical education class under the direction of Miss Georgine Bihlman.

Miss Georgine Bihlman, Advisor
The A Cappella Choir performed many times during the busy school year. They represented the college at the various high schools in this district, took part in the Christmas Pageant, California Pageant, and College Night for P-TA members. They had a combined concert with the band, attended the music festival at Redlands, and wound up the year by singing for the Commencement exercises.
The Modern Dance Club performed for the Mother Singers, for the Women's Club, and gave a Modern Dance Concert. The hours of training and practice that goes into this art and the skillful leadership of Miss Robesky combine to make this group one of the most enjoyable and interesting clubs on our campus.
The Newman Club is composed of students of Catholic faith who are interested in furthering the ideals of Christianity. They attempt to achieve this goal through organized and dedicated social and religious activities.

The purpose of the Roger Williams Club is to further Christian spiritual growth throughout the school and to promote friendly spirit and thoughtfulness. This year they sponsored a Queen candidate and several sales on the campus.
Members of Hepsilon, women's home economics organization, proved their culinary abilities this year by cooking a turkey dinner for the Agriculture Club and sponsoring cookie sales at various times on the campus.

The Ushers did much to promote better relations between the college and the community. The aim of their organization was to show persons to their seats during such performances as the George Lewis concert, the Los Angeles Philharmonic concert, and all other offerings of the Kern County Musical Association. They ended a very busy year with a party after the final concert.
State Collegians provides an opportunity for those interested in teaching to become acquainted with the scope of education. Fulfilling this purpose is done by inviting the state's outstanding administrators and teachers to speak before the club. The Collegians gained an inside view of their future vocations when they toured the many new schools in this area.
Sports
1954

Renegades
Head Coach Homer Beatty, Backfield Coach Don Robards and Line Coach Jim Turner led their charges to another top season as the Renegades won nine out of their ten scheduled football games, giving the Gades a record of 21 wins and only one defeat in the past two seasons. The heart-breaking loss to El Camino on Thanksgiving Day ended a winning streak of 24 games, extending back into the middle of the 1952 season. Bakersfield College’s “winsome” three show a varied background of experience with which they built the great Renegade grid machines. “Butch” Beatty had coached in every field of organized football from high school to professional ranks. Don Robards played football at Tulsa University as a teammate of the great Glen Dobbs and was a student assistant coach at the University of California. Turner was an All-American at California, before turning to high school coaching at Hayward High School in the Bay Area.
LEFT TO RIGHT: Fred Doehrn, Manager; Tom Henderson, Manager; Parley Poulson, Frank Smith, Henry Shumpert, Carl Gordon, LeRoy Kolleabreen, George Spencer, Hal Eggleston, Alfred Lee, Pat Mills, Dick Clark, Terry O’Connell, Jim Dempsey, John Uhalt.


LEFT TO RIGHT: Joe Lizarrago, "Coke" McClinton, Jim Jackson, Budge Loustalot, Fred Perry, Sheldon Sullivan, Don Shulte, Walter Napier, Bill Menagh, Jim Turner, Coach; Homer Beatty, Coach; Don Robards, Coach; John Valenbois, Equipment Manager.
"Stop those end runs," says Renegade Coach Homer Beatty as he sends in end Bob Bierlein. Line Coach Jim Turner nervously paces the sidelines. And there's no wonder as the Gades squeak by on a close 7-0 decision over L.A. Valley.

Five Renegades converge to knock a hapless L.A. Harbor player out of bounds just short of a first down. Walt Napier, with his helmet bobbing, hits him first, then Carl Gordon puts on the clincher. Bakersfield won going away 42-13.
Pat Mills, Cade quarterback, is off and running down the sidelines eating up added yardage for Bakersfield. Mills was the chief signal caller throughout the season.

Renegade bench looks tense as Bakersfield trails El Camino. The cheering section stayed with them throughout the game.

Renegade team Doctor, Romain Clerou, helps Captain Dick Olive get the tape off his hand as Olive sits glumly after the Renegades lost a hard-fought 30-19 contest to El Camino in the final game.
Renegade fans hoot and holler after gridders spank Pasadena 27-0.

The look on the face of Jack Frost, former Gade football mentor, seems to mirror the outcome of the game. The final score of this Thanksgiving Day game with El Camino was real upsetting to the host of Bakersfield College players and fans.

The renegades proved champions...

Renegade fans hoot and holler after gridders spank Pasadena 27-0.

Renegades line the sidelines for a kickoff late in the El Camino game. As the looks on the Renegades show, Bakersfield trailed in the game.
Ex-Berkeley High stars Walt Watty and Carl Gordon combine to flatten an L.A. Harbor man. Four more Gades zoom in to help.

Bakersfield won going away, 42-12. Walt Napier rips off 11 yards around end for a first down against East Los Angeles. The Renegades scored on a first period pass and held on for a 6-0 score.

Everyone's all set for the opening kickoff of the L.A. Valley game. The big question then was the outcome of the game. The answer: a 7-0 victory for Bakersfield.
| Bakersfield College | .71 | Fresno | .81 |
| Bakersfield College | .85 | Glendale | .66 |
| Bakersfield College | .83 | Dixie (Utah) | .69 |
| Bakersfield College | .58 | Santa Ana | .46 |
| Bakersfield College | .89 | Hartnell | .52 |
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| Bakersfield College | .89 | Menlo | .72 |
| Bakersfield College | .87 | San Jose JC. | .77 |
| Bakersfield College | .72 | Glendale | .57 |
| Bakersfield College | .81 | Santa Monica | .55 |
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| Bakersfield College | .70 | East Los Angeles | .57 |
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| Bakersfield College | .69 | Los Angeles Valley | .71 |
| Bakersfield College | .89 | San Diego | .74 |
| Bakersfield College | .82 | Santa Monica | .76 |
| Bakersfield College | 100* | Los Angeles Harbor | .75 |

*New School Scoring Record.
One of George Fields' famous layups is about to drop through the hoop as the Long Beach man tries frantically to stop him. Gade Ralph Barkey follows Fields in for the shot.

Ed Holliday

Pat Black
Pat Black jumps high to drop in a bucket against El Camino while Ed Halliday stands poised to make sure it's in.
Jim Key, Renegade center, is about to let loose with a jump shot. At the basketball banquet Key was honored as the most improved Renegade player.
Ralph Barkey sprints down court for a layup as the El Camino man closes in. Bakersfield teammate Laurie Strauss rushes in to help.

Is it in? Yep, it's two points for Pat Black. Ed Holliday is under the basket just in case. Leonard Brown, number 16, is in the foreground.
baseball

Coach Earl Sargent
**BASEBALL SCORES FOR 1955**

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* Azusa Tournament.
* San Joaquin Valley Tournament.

Games through April 25.

Here are the members of the Bakersfield Renegade baseball team, winners of the Azusa and San Joaquin Junior College Tournaments. In the back row, left to right, are Lloyd Medlen, Manager; Reggie Furley, Mike Solano, Ernie Gosselin, Don Dearing, Walt Watty, John Bucka, Claude Gilbert, Pat Mills, Dick Adams, Coach Earl Sargent. In the front row are Emery Barnes, LeRoy Kollenborn, Bob Taylor, Bob Craven, Delbert Little, Bill Menagh, Harry Shaw, Walt Napier.

Chances were slim for a baseball championship for the Renegades as this copy went to press, but the diamond nine could still boast of their two tournament championships. Long Beach was leading the league with the Renegades in third place with five wins and three losses. Just before and during the Easter holidays Bakersfield won the Azusa and San Joaquin Valley baseball tournaments, sweeping to eight straight wins in the two tourneys. For the season Coach Earl Sargent’s team has 19 wins and 7 defeats.
Joanne Becker, pretty Bakersfield score-keeper, has difficulties keeping up with all the Gade hits.

on or off the field....

Workhorse pitcher Dick Adams is winding up and about to fire one across the plate.
Walt Napier comes in to score for the Renegade baseball team as Pat Mills walks toward the plate to take his turn at bat.

Claude Gilbert, center fielder, blasts out a hit for Bakersfield.

Handling all the pitching chores for the Gades during the season were, left to right: Walt Napier, Pat Mills, Don Dearing, Dick Adams, and Mike Solano.
Track Coach Chris Christenson is flanked by managers Chuck Ladley on the left and Jerry Orrick on the right.
and field

Wins for the Bakersfield College Renegade track team have been scarce this year, but the small 15-man track squad has turned in some fine individual performances. Bakersfield athletes who qualified for the conference finals were John Notley, Alfred Lee, Morris Kyle, Leonard Brown, and Coke McClinton. The mile relay team and distanceman Pete Grossman did not have to qualify for the finals.

Here is the small but very competitive Bakersfield track team that Coach Chris Christenson fielded this year. In the BACK ROW are, left to right: Coach Christenson, Jerry Orrick, Manager; Chuck Ladley, Manager; Sherrill Sears, John Notley, Leonard Brown. MIDDLE ROW: Eddie Fisher, Ward Holden, Bennie Walker, Alfred Lee, Henry Shumpert, Grant Schofield. FRONT ROW: Captain Jack Schuetz, Don Randolph, Blake Baumstark, Pete Grossman, Morris Kyle, and Rollie Hoffman.
Morris Kyle, star Gade halfmiler, strides home first in the two-lap event.

It's a race to the finish line between distance man Rollie Hoffman of the Renegades, left, and the Los Angeles Valley man.
Weightman Blake Baumstark starts his spin in the discus ring.

Henry Shumpert, 440 man and broad jumper, leaps from the board for a distance of over 20 feet in the broad jump.

Pete Grossman, ace distance man for the Gades, leads the way in the two-mile run.
Members of the Bakersfield College tennis team are, from left to right, Don Pond, Bob Gentry, John DeVincenzo, Ron Elrod, Paul Swafford, and Bill Bope.

Bakersfield College netters had won one match this year as this copy goes to press. The Gades took their first match since 1953, beating El Camino 6 to 3. Coach Don Robards will lose only one player by graduation from this year's squad.
Coach Don Robards

Bill Bope smashes the ball over the net for a point as doubles mate Don Pond is poised for action on the right side.

Bakersfield netters Ron Elrod and John DeVincenzo, on the far side of the net, shake hands with their opponents after a grueling match.
Swimming

Renegade swimmers, left to right, BACK ROW, are Don Beebe, Herb Walker, Fred Mears, Gordon Ellis, Ben Sill, Jack Immel, and Coach Jim Turner. In the FRONT ROW are Roger Hudson, Ken Crabell, Wade Freeland, Bill Ronaldson, Ronald Hanson, and Manager Ben Crabb.

Renegade swimmers won two and lost three meets in Metropolitan Conference competition this year. The schools with their own pools finished on top in the conference meet. Next year Coach Jim Turner's Gades will have their own heated pool.

On your mark! Bakersfield swimmers awaiting the starting signal are, left to right, Ben Sill, Don Beebe, Jack Immel, Ken Crabell, Gordon Ellis, Herb Walker, Fred Mears.

Coach Jim Turner

Don Beebe springs from the board in preparation for a one and a half gainer.
Members of the Renegade golf team are, BACK ROW, left to right: Bob Easter, Charles Maddux, Leonard Whitlock, Ralph Barkey, Coach Jack Frost. In the FRONT ROW are Eddie Ryan, Bob Pelley, G. B. Glasgow, and Dick Nelson.

An inexperienced Bakersfield College golf team, coached by Jack Frost, defeated Los Angeles Valley for their own victory in Metropolitan Conference play. Leonard Whitlock was the top man for the Gades throughout the season.
"Down in one," says Renegade golf star Leonard Whitlock.

Hey, G.R. How can you keep your eye on the ball?
administration
Miss Levinson, Mr. Finlinson, Dr. Simonsen, and Dr. Merson discuss school problems over a cup of coffee.

Miss Levinson puts in many long hours helping students and teachers alike solve their problems.
Discussing counseling problems and answers are, left to right, seated: Miss McGuire, Mr. Freed, Mr. Heffran, Miss Levinson, Dr. Luke, Mr. McKaig, Mr. Hemmerling. Standing, left to right: Mr. Walt and Mr. Bishop.

Mr. Freed advises a student as to how many units his schedule for the Spring semester should contain.
records
office

STANDING, left to right: Miss Duerkson, Mrs. Quan, Mrs. Champness. SEATED: Mrs. Taber, Miss Daniel.

college
office

STANDING, left to right: Miss Campiglio, Miss Misono, Miss Cameron, Mr. Finlinson, Mrs. Van Oedel, Mrs. Sears. SEATED: Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Huffman.
The extended day classes this year were larger than ever before and offered more varied courses. This program allows people who work in the day time to complete their educations without conflict.
librarians

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Engles, Mr. Grainger.

nurses

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Howen, Mrs. Bailey.
Faculty

Albaugh, Dorothy
Baldwin, Paul
Bishop, Gil
Burt, Harold
Chamberlain, P. J.
Cullimore, Clarence
Frantz, Don
Gianopulos, George
Gibbs, Fred
Gillett, George

Gorman, Dr. Joe
Granger, William

Hanson, Holger
Johnson, Don

Jaggard, Guy
Johnston, Charlotte
Metzger, Charles
Neilsen, William
Robard, Don
Sogen, George
Spilsbury, Duane
Stuttsman, N. D.
Wilbur, L. E.
Zimmerman, John
Bihlman, Georgine
Bitner, Dorothy
Boyd, Dr. Harland
Casey, Dr. Jack
Emerson, Ruth
Freed, Paul
Graff, Mary
Halling, Victor
Harris, Norman
Heffernan, William
Hemmerling, Edwin
Hulsebus, Lowell
Ingles, Goldie
Johnson, June
Keough, Edna
Kilburn, Dr. Parley
Luke, Dr. Oeral

Lynn, Forrest

McKaig, Leonard

Yeleil, J. W.

Parmenter, Lucille

Schueit, Donald
Tigner, Richard
Wessman, Rodney

Walker, Paul
Wiggins, Clarence

Walt, Robb
Wilson, Geraldine

Young, Robert
Abbott, Ronald
Adkisson, Jack
Ahlberg, Lloyd

Allen, Bob
Anderson, Floyd
Arnold, Ann

Ashworth, Penny
Bagby, Joyce
Bain, Bonnie

Barkey, Ralph
Barick, Joyce
Beanley, Pat
Becky, Patty
Beebe, Don
Benge, Wanda

Bertolini, Colleen
Biederman, Louise
Blackwell, Janice

Class of '55

Blagg, Joyce
Bledsoe, Kay
Beck, LaVan

Bock, LaVell
Bosu, Barbara
Bowden, Pat
Bramlett, Bobby
Bramlett, Louise
Brown, Leonard
Brown, Richard E.
Casados, Victor
Chandler, Juanita
Chanley, James
Christian, Jean
Christensen, David
Collins, Violet

graduates
Constantin, John
Cox, Harold
Crossley, Gerald
Daugherty, Ken
Davis, Billy Jo
Dearing, Don
Deitchman, David
Dibble, Valerie
Downs, Walter
Duerksen, Ronnie
Earborn, Roger
Easter, Bill
Emery, Mary Ann
Erickson, Bob
Floyd, Fred

class of '55
Franklin, Janet
Ghilarducci, Nancy
Giles, Tom
Goss, Jeannette
Gould, Albert S.
Graham, Willie

Greene, Robert
Grossman, Pete
Highman, Clifton

Hill, Betty
Holland, Ernie
Holliday, Ed
Holley, Ron
Hoy, Alfred
Hull, Dondra
Immel, Jack
Johnson, Sylvia
Jones, Bruce

Key, Jim
Kilburn, Kent
Kosman, Richard

Laman, Norma
Landes, Lee
Leitch, Mrs. Grace
Long, Louise
Louis, Pat
Love, Ida
Lum, Gaye
Madruga, Joe
Martin, Bobbie
Mashburn, Virginia
Mattson, Don
Mau, Gene
Martin, Thomas
Maxwell, Bill
McClure, Kathleen
Mears, Fred
McRae, Jim
Miller, John
Morris, Cosby
Mulhouse, John
Murray, Dale
Neu, James
Nord, Leland
Nutley, John
Oppenheimer, Merle
Orrick, Jerry
Owens, Manuel
Patterson, Selina
Porter, Loretta
Powell, Beulah
Ratzlaff, Stanley
Reed, Arlene
Rice, Caroline
Richardson, Jean

Robertson, Dale
Rockwell, Bob
Sanders, Gerald
Sawyer, Betty
Schmidt, Alfred
Shaw, LuVaughn
Simmons, Frances
Soloman, Erwin
Sourbeer, Arlene

Spencer, Betty
Spreiter, Sibyl
Spurgeon, Tom

class of '55

Stevens, Carol
Stuller, Elaine
Summers, M. F.

Taylor, Don
Taylor, Jeff
Thompson, Ethel
Tolson, Janice
Tooman, Norman

Turner, Ronald
Ungles, Bob

Valdez, Luis
Watson, Bill

Watts, Don
Whaley, Leonard

Whitley, Maxine
Wilson, Linda

graduates
Williams, Carole
Wilson, Charles
Winder, Earlene
Williams, Bill
Winslow, Bob
Advertisers
The Raconteur Staff would like to thank all of the advertisers who placed an ad in the 1955 Raconteur.
“Man, I'd like to have,” Bill Williams tells Bob Bierlein as they examine a fine set of golf clubs at the Bakersfield Hardware Company, located at 2015 Chester Avenue.

Joanne Becker and Dorothy Arthur are making plans for their summer wardrobes from Fedway Dept. Store, located at 2106 Chester Avenue.

Garry Gill is pictured here looking at a picture of the Raconteur editor at Reinekings' Photography, located at 216 Chester Avenue.

Gene Hughes and Tom Giles are looking over the fine selection of music from Booth's Radio and Appliance Co., located at 2020 H St.
Bob’s Muffler Shop, at 2431 N Street, offers Bakersfield College students the latest in automotive muffler equipment.

“All right. Pitch it right in the old mitt,” Cheryl Wagner tells the photographer as Garry Gill, sports editor of the Renegade Rip, steps up to slap a hot single into left field while Vince Clerou, manager of Vincent’s Cyclery and Sporting Goods Store, watches.

“Put on your Easter bonnet” seems to be the tune Merle Oppenheimer, at right, hums as she watches Larona Baker having her chapeau adjusted by the smiling saleslady at Weill’s Department Store, located at 1420 19th Street.

Doyle Elliott and Dick Snyder getting ready to take a ride in a merry Oldsmobile from the Hawk Motor Co., located at 1101 18th Street.
Two pretty coeds, Gaye Lum and Francine Lum, are pictured here inspecting some fine vegetables from the Pacific Produce Co., located at 1814 R Street.

“Look at those crusty fragrant hamburger rolls,” says the Golden Crust Bakery man to Louise Long and Carol Hooper as they take a tour through the plant at 1512 M Street. Golden Crust is Kern County’s finest and largest bakery.

Jack Geer and his fiance, Nancy Burt, look for home decoration ideas at McCart and Bultman’s, home of fine furnishings, located at 701 19th Street.

Nancy Keeshan, Jerry Orrick, and Jack Adkisson compare the beauties of fine foreign automobiles at R. F. Hackett, Inc., located at 2300 H Street.
“My, but that’s a beautiful silver candy dish,” Rula Keetch tells Dennis Day as they shop for fine gifts and jewelry at Wickersham Jewelry, Bakersfield’s oldest and largest jeweler, located at 1531 19th Street in downtown Bakersfield.

Vera Church and Donna Dawald cast gleaming eyes upon one of the fine cameras on display at Towne Photo, located at 1609 19th Street. Towne Photo provides the tops in films, cameras, and photographic supplies to Bakersfield College students.

Gail Hancock and Melba Emerson compare shoe styles from among the many smart lines carried by the Guarantee Shoe Center, located at 2101 Chester Avenue.

“And here we go,” says Joyce Blagg from behind the wheel of the spanking new 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Air convertible as Jim Key and Jeannette Goss hang on for the pleasurable ride.
“Gee, that’s a beautiful train case,” Carol McGee says to Joyce Downing, as they examine the wonderful collection of J. C. Higgins’ white plastic matched sets offered by Sears, Roebuck and Co., located at 1317 19th Street in downtown Bakersfield.

“KBIS—970 on your dial. Listen, listen, all the while.” With this catchy singing commercial, KBIS, Bakersfield’s independent music and news station, announces some of the southern San Joaquin Valley’s finest entertainment. Carol Hale, Gene Mau, and Joann Kaar stage a merry rehearsal behind the station microphones.

“There is a Ford in your future,” from George Haberfelde, Inc., located at 1501 Chester Avenue. Pictured here are Jere Graham and Ron Colman.

“That fine gabardine wears like iron, and the cut of these slacks is the smartest thing in men’s fashions.” Vic Wessel at Harry Coffee’s tells Art Balcerzak and Budge Loustalot, star football backfield men from last year’s top Renegade football team. Coffee’s shops are located at 1409 19th Street and in Westchester.
Ralph Barkey, Renegade basketball star, seems highly satisfied with this classy Hotpoint automatic dishwasher from Witham's Radio and Appliance, while Diane Peery seems to be looking mighty satisfied with Barkey. Witham's offers a complete line of home appliances and radio and television equipment.

Jack Shuetz and Chuck Ladley, left to right in the center, admire the expert craftsmanship of two of the experienced body and fender men at Bakersfield Body Works, at 117 23rd Street in downtown Bakersfield.

Bakersfield Collegians enjoy a refreshing pause between classes at the Budge In Drive Inn, located at 1030 Chester Avenue just a couple of short blocks from the college campus.

Linda Wilson and Colleen Bertolini seem to be ordering an expert job of wiring from the electrician at Advance Electric Company, located at 3004 Jewett Avenue. The work is efficient and reasonable, and the service is courteous.
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