RACONTEUR
Easter, 1956, marked the realization of a dream which extends over the 43 years Bakersfield College has been in existence. On April 2 classes began on the new $8,000,000, 150 acre Bakersfield College campus overlooking the city from the hill tops to the east.

The movement of Bakersfield College to its new home was accomplished in an atmosphere of organized confusion. Desks and equipment were mislaid, temporary offices for student officers were set up while students awaited completion of the beautiful new campus center, and feelings ran to sadness as the long and friendly association with Bakersfield High School came to an end.

But as the flag was raised in front of the administration building early on that bright cool April day, students and instructors finally realized that Bakersfield College was entering a new and exciting period of its history, a period filled with opportunities to become the finest community college in the nation.

Students look forward to the completion of the campus in the fall of 1956. The graduates of this year will not share in that phase of the college's development, but theirs has been the happy distinction of being the first class to earn their degrees from the campus on the bluffs.
Today the new Bakersfield College is a reality because of the farsighted understanding and efficient planning of the board of trustees of the KCUHS and JC District and the district administration under the direction of Mr. Theron McCuen, district superintendent, shown above. The district board members who serve without pay in an awesome and often thankless job are shown with Superintendent McCuen seated left to right: Albert S. Gould, Chester O'Neill, H. E. Woodworth, Emil Bender and William T. Baldwin. To these trustees and to Mr. McCuen and his able staff, we, the Raconteur staff of 1956, dedicate this book with a heartfelt thanks for their vital part in the realization of the age-old dream: our new Bakersfield College Campus.
The trip to the promised land took place this year. The waters of the big sea of speculation parted to let the red and white clad BCites onto the shore of a new era.

This past year most of our planning time centered around "The Big Move," but there were a number of other highlights, too. Our debate teams brought high honors to Bakersfield College; the athletic teams and the music groups carried on their programs in the usual superior manner.

Principally, we've been indebted to you, our students, for the way you have kept up your day-to-day associations with each other and with the staff of Bakersfield College. Your adaptability to a rapidly changing pattern speaks well for the way in which you will meet the problems of adjustment which you will have to face in the last half of this, the 20th Century. This is a measure of educational achievement which has little, if any, relation to the excellence of a physical plant. We have the greatest confidence in you, and the quality of leadership you will inevitably show.

—Ralph Prator
ORGANIZATIONS
Jerry Weitzel, secretary; Dale Spickler, president; Ron Sells, vice-president.

DALE SPICKLER
Student Body President

FALL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SPRING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 1956 1956 1956 1956 1956 1956

BACK ROW, left to right: Emil Berk, Frank St. Clair, Bob Pate, William Heffernan, adviser; Bill Ronaldson, Jim Swartzweiler, Jim Drennan. SECOND ROW: Helen Hearn, Pat Meredith, Mickie Witham, Kathy Gill, Sandra Rapleye, Larry Smatnar, Don Spence, Zane Bridges. FRONT ROW: Sharon King, Marilyn Valentine, Carol Crandall, Jerry Weitzel, Dale Spickler, Rhoda Cohen, Marilla Edwards, Mary Lou Noonan.
BACK ROW, left to right: Chester Wright, Larry Smetzer, Don Spence, Zane Bridges, Calvin Mock. FRONT ROW: Gerry Haslam, Carol Crandall, Marilyn Valentine, Dr. Dorothy Overly, adviser; Wanda Watson.

FALL FRESHMAN COUNCIL

BACK ROW, left to right: Larry Smetzer, vice-president; Gerry Haslam, president. FRONT ROW: Marilyn Valentine, secretary; Wanda Watson, representative.

GERRY HASLAM
Fall President
BACK ROW, left to right: Don Spence, Larry Smetser, Dr. Dorothy Overly, adviser; Gerry Haslam, Zane Bridges.

SPRING FRESHMAN COUNCIL

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GERRY HASLAM
Spring President
BACK ROW, left to right: John Friesen, Janice Lando, Bill Ronaldson, Rhoda Lee Cohen, Terrance Fix.
FRONT ROW: Sharon King, Sandra Rappleye, Joyce Works, Priscilla Guezec, Carol Morley.

BILL RONALDSON
Spring President

FALL SOPHOMORE COUNCIL

BACK ROW, left to right: Bill Ronaldson, Rhoda Lee Cohen. FRONT ROW: Sandra Rappleye, Priscilla Guezec, Carol Morley.
RON ORLOFF
Fall President

BACK ROW, left to right: John Zimmerman, adviser; Jesse Holmes, Bob Pate, Bill Ronaldson, Jerry Gibbons, Terrance Fitz, James Beairn. SECOND ROW: Louis Yarga, Sandra Rapplaye, Joyce Works, Carol Morley, Barbara Olsen, Priscilla Guexec, Don Hubbard. FRONT ROW: Carmen Lopes, Pat Meredith, Sharon King, Kathy Gill, Marilta Edwards, Jerry Waitzel, Mary Lou Noonan, Shirley Goode.

SPRING SOPHOMORE COUNCIL

BACK ROW, left to right: Jesse Holmes, Bill Ronaldson. FRONT ROW: Sandra Rapplaye, Carol Morley, Priscilla Guexec.
Georgine Bihlman, adviser of Pheds, was becoming a little irked when only three or four members showed up for meetings this year. She was on the verge of disbanding the club when the "delinquent" members began to appear at meetings after football and basketball seasons. Miss Bihlman thinks a solution to the problem would be to have membership and attendance in the club required for Physical Education majors and minors.
Bakersfield College’s Forensic Teams posted one of the most successful tournament competition years under the coaching of Miss Phyllis Justice, newly appointed advisor to the group. In addition to winning a debate from the University of California team, the Bakersfield Collegians speech whizzes won sweepstakes award at the famous Pasadena City College Invitational Tournament after coming within six points of that honor at the Stockton College Tournament. For the first time in many years, the team attended the Phi Rho Pi National Forensics Tournament at Weber College in Utah.

PHI RHO PI

Students with interest and a background in agriculture have found in the Agriculture Club an outlet for their ideas. Knowledge gained by these men from the college’s well developed agricultural department will be used in various ways. Some will use it in the actual practice of farming. Others will apply it to related branches of the field, such as selling of farm machinery, teaching, and writing for farm journals.
The Deseret Club was added to the college’s list of organizations during the fall semester. Basis of membership in Deseret is a sincere interest in supporting social and religious principles in college life. New members are accepted through a vote of approval by the original 25 members. The club’s activities, which included a speech contest, dances, dinners, and a snow party, were supported with response complimentary to the college.

Veterans on campus molded their organization into a consistent and serious group of adults handling their activities in an adult manner. The Vets Club took a maintained interest in a bill before Congress which will increase the amount of aid veterans receive while attending college. They have kept up a regular correspondence with Senator Knowland on this issue. The club was active on college level as well. Monthly elections of a Girl of the Month were held to give school spirit a boost.
Le Cercle Français represents the segment of BCites who share an interest in the language, culture, and heritage of France. Realistic French atmosphere was created by Eva Le Fevre, adviser, long a resident of Paris, and Claudine Schwob, fall president, whose home is the French city. Members found in their club an opportunity to enrich their background through French movies, records, and activities. Hortense Motte served as spring president.

Preparing for THE MOVE brought many distractions to the campus, but members of the German Club followed a similar pattern of other groups by concentrating on stimulation of interest in matters at hand. An organized slate of social and educational affairs kept the club on an even pace. Harvey Turner, president, and Adelaide Schafer, adviser, guided the 40 members toward recognition of the German Club’s purpose: to study and to enjoy Germany’s offering to mankind.
BACK ROW, left to right: Jesse Holmes, Joanne Becker, Marie Countryman. FRONT ROW: Rhoda Cohen, Mickie Witham, Kathy Gill.
Deserved recognition of Lance and Shield's service to the college came when the Executive Council authorized the group to act as official hostesses on the new campus. Representative of their many services this year was the co-sponsorship of handicapped children as Renegade Mascots.

**OFFICERS**

**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Ruia Keetch, Pat Swatzell, Francine Lum, Lu-Ann Tedrow.


BACK ROW, left to right: Marie Countryman, Pat Swatzell, Shirley Goode, Joanne Becker, Helen Hearn, Judy McCalloch, Francine Lum, Donna Dauwal, SECOND ROW: Rhoda Lee Cohen, Deanna Beatty, Lu-Ann Tedrow, Nonie Rouner, Ann Stagg, Priscilla Guzec, Carol Morley, FRONT ROW: Mary Lou Noonan, Pat Dutzi, Hortense Motte, Dorothy Albaugh, adviser; Jerry Weltzal, Loyne Stromier, Joyce Downing.
Guardianship of the victory bell and banner is a function of the Renegade Knights who also fill Christmas baskets and act as guides for the mascots. Designated official hosts for BC, they also are affiliated with Kiwanis International Circle K of Bakersfield.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Ron Hanson, Joe Salas, Clyde Stephenson, spring president; Chuck Ladley, fall president; Don Duns.

BACK ROW, left to right: George McKenney, Don Duns, Morris Kyle, Jim Swartzwelder, Joe Salas, Johnny Rees, Rollie Hoffman. SECOND ROW: Dennis Day, Chuck Ladley, Jim Bartholomew, Terry Alexander, Don Buck, Ron Siemens, Richard Garcia. FRONT ROW: Clyde Stephenson, Stan Sherman, Dale Spickler, Wylie L. Jones, adviser; Ron Hanson, Don Duns, Tony Sullivan.
Alpha Gamma Sigma, the Bakersfield College scholarship society, is co-sponsored by Robert Young and Dr. Melvin Cherno. Membership in the organization, which is affiliated with the California Junior College Scholarship Honor Society, is open to students who achieve a high record of grades in their classes. Students may be elected to temporary membership for a single semester if they compile a 3.0 grade point average when enrolled in 12 or more units of college courses other than physical education. Permanent membership in the organization may be extended to temporary members who achieve a record of three out of four or four out of five semesters of temporary membership and an over-all grade point average of 3.3 or better. Students with a record of 3.5 in all college work may be made members of the group regardless of the number of semesters of temporary membership.

ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA

OFFICERS
BACK ROW, left to right: Wilbur Dong, Ray Simpson, Willis Flickinger. FRONT ROW: Pat Beck, Darlene Ram, Heidi Sentlieben.


Sophomore chemistry, geology, and engineering students comprise the bulk of membership in Engineers Club. Members express the theory that it is educational to make actual contacts with the engineering profession through field trips. The club's nonintellectual activities include semiannual fishing trips and steak bakes.
The Bakersfield College Symphonette was an all-college orchestra this year for the first time. Twenty-six members selected on the basis of excellence of performance and serious application to advanced music gave several performances during the year. Audiences found these performances interspersed with professional-like qualities not usually noted in a college orchestra. Director Clarence Wiggins plans to maintain the present size of the Symphonette since it has proved to be a balanced group. The Symphonette has shown itself to be an activity for only those persons who demonstrate their willingness to work diligently and to fulfill the duties of serious musicians.
In 1956 the Bakersfield College Renegade Band, marks its third year under the dynamic and enthusiastic leadership of Clarence "Wig" Wiggins. Wiggins, who came to Bakersfield College from the post of assistant bandmaster at the University of Washington, has generated a spirit of esprit de corps which has lifted the band to the championship form it now holds. Renegade Bandsmen this year showed the competence of a large college band with their sparkling and original half-time stunts at Bakersfield College football games, and gained a reputation which is now state-wide for their musicianship as well as their showmanship. Wig and his troop are now laying plans for an even better year next season in the new tradition of excellence they have established.
When a request came to Bakersfield College for donation of books to be sent to university students abroad, International Relations Club began a drive with the help of other organizations, principally the Sophomore Council, which netted hundreds of books. The first big 1955-56 assignment of IRC, the annual foreign student tour, was cancelled. Members had spent hours in preparation for the tour and arranging for families to act as hosts for the students. Disappointed but undaunted they tackled other jobs. Emil Berk, president, and Dr. Jack Casey, adviser, directed the activities of IRC.

With the ever-present demand for teachers in our country, State Collegians, the teaching majors’ organization, is determined to help in the drive by working on the problem on the junior college level. State Collegians engages in selected activities, hears speakers, and schedules meetings designed to give preteachers a look at the profession. The thought is to iron out the difficulties of perplexed education majors before they lose confidence and branch into what may seem to be a less problem-filled occupation.
A perfect example of complete organization is the Kraftsman Club. Leo Meyer, adviser, has instilled in the members the attitude that if there is a job to do it should be done promptly and well with no horseplay. The Kraftsman Club scholarship program, all club meetings and projects, reflect such planning.
Beta Gamma Rho offers to retailing and store management majors the opportunity to explore all choices of occupation in distribution. The club also attempts to create in the members a feeling of responsibility from contributing to civic, social and moral welfare of society through business activities. Beta Gamma Rho is a complete supplement to the class work of its members. Monthly meetings were held of the Board of Governors. An installation dinner, Christmas party, convention, fashion show and employer-employee banquet were among the nonbusiness functions of the club.
Delta Psi Omega members and College Players demonstrated their memorable array of talent often during the year. One-act plays presented included William Saroyan's "Hello Out There!" and Noel Coward's "Fumed Oak." "The Long Christmas Dinner" by Thornton Wilder was chosen for the group's Christmas program. Several members now have the distinction of being the original cast of the three-act comedy, "In Case of Murder" written by their director, Frank Wattron. College Players will become members of Delta Psi Omega when requirements of the national organization are met.
Presidents and representatives from every organization held regular meetings as the Activity Board. The group's function was to keep college activities running efficiently. Director of activities was Joyce Brooks, fall, Mary Lou Noonan, spring.

ACTIVITY BOARD

GADETTES

Georgine Bihlman put the Gadettes through the rigorous practice she believed to be warranted by the college's reputation. The girls may have nursed tired and sore muscles from the workouts, but their half-time performances at football games brought credit to them and to their instructor. Half-time action was top-notch this year and the Gadettes, some of them "veterans," worked hard to live up to expectations, revamping routines, creating new ones, perfecting others. The result was a drill team which gave the polished touch to the football season entertainment.
Warren Wheatland, choir director, has guided the choir toward achieving a quality of performance definitely of college caliber. Wheatland points to the increase in the choir’s size as the reason for its organizational stature. "We can afford to be choosy about our singers now," he said. The choir is 60 in number and has more men this year, 31, than in history. The male quartet, in its second year, was an appreciated adjunct to the choir as was the Women’s Chorus. Next year it is hoped that a men’s chorus can be organized in addition to the Women’s Chorus, with the two groups combining as the Choir. The Bakersfield College Choir is the most active organization on campus and is self-supporting. Members spent several planning hours on a summer music camp which is to be held during the summer at Greenhorn and will offer one unit of college credit. During the camp the Choir will begin its plans for 1956-57, a year which the director believes will find his Choir expressing even more of a collegiate attitude in their work.
Associated Women Students were constantly active, beginning even before school started, with registration. A few accomplishments from their roster of undertakings include sponsorship of after-game dances, decoration of goal posts, and handling of a food drive for Thanksgiving, and a Christmas party at the Old Folks Home.

A.W.S. OFFICERS, left to right: Shirley Goode, Hortense Motte, Judy McCulloch, Helen Hearn, president.

ASSOCIATED WOMEN STUDENTS

BACK ROW. left to right: Sharon King, Lynne Osborne, Shirley Goode, Pat Swatzell, Margaret Levinson, adviser; Myrna Dee Bell, Joyce Avakian, Lu-Ann Tedrow. FRONT ROW: Mary Lou Noonan, Judy McCulloch, Janice Carley, Helen Hearn, Hortense Motte.
Roger Williams Club in the fall officially changed its name to Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The new name is felt to be even more in keeping with the club’s aim to deepen and strengthen spiritual life of all college students. Members of I.C.F. believe in the philosophy that it is a paying experience to incorporate religion with college and everyday life and that such actions will tend to make more worthwhile their contributions to their collegiate, home, and social contacts.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NEW MAN CLU B

Men and women of Catholic faith compose the membership roll of the Newman Club. Through their organization they are developing a stronger and more meaningful experience with their church as well as a spirit of brotherhood with their fellow students, regardless of professed faith.
Organized this year as a supplement to the Choir, the Women's Chorus made a great deal of headway toward establishing their own individual recognition. They performed at several community functions, both on and off the campus. Three of the members of the Chorus gave individual performances throughout the year as the Women's Trio. The trio consists of Madeline Cimentel, Myrna Schadle and Barbara Fuson.

**WOMEN’S CHORUS**

**USHERS**

The Ushers group is composed of college students interested in cultural betterment and service to the community and college. They devoted several evenings each semester to usher for most of the musical events held in Harvey Auditorium.
Half-time activities at football games this season were expanded to include card stunts. The inevitable flaws were usually due to misunderstanding of directions or to overzealous rooters, not to lack of thoroughness of planning by the Rally Club which coordinated the stunts as well as preparing rallies. Their results, especially in the card section, brought increasing pride among college students because of the impression our half-time "spectaculars" created on visitors.
JOYCE DOWNEY
Criminology

MARY DAVIDSON
Donna Dawald
Education

DENNIS DAY
Speech

JIM DRENNAN
Journalism

SELMA EUBANKS
Education

WILLIS FLICKINGER
Pre-Dentistry

BARBARA FIFE
Liberal Arts

OLIVIA GARCIA
Business

MERLE FISHER
Business

LINDA EDMONDSON
Liberal Arts

RON ELROD
Liberal Arts

LINDA EDMONDSON
Liberal Arts

TERENCE FIX
Business
Space for student activities was limited. Even Racconteur Editor Mickie Witham couldn't find a place to rest her typewriter.

Class royalty, Soph Doll Janice Lando and Frosh Queen Maurine Peterson, sit in state.

“Longing to study and scarcely a cranny could he find.” So went the tale of this Bakersfield student until M-Day.

High school and college students made use of the college book store. Everything from electric razors and hair nets to 'How-To' books could be bought here.
Bakersfield High's new cafeteria was practically confiscated by the college. It served as coffee shop, study hall and student center; and club meetings were held there as well as our dances.

The fall semester Soph council, under Ron Orlott's leadership, set a standard for college activity. Their most significant service was the drive for the cerebral palsy fund. The council and their guests are shown here at their banquet.

Women at the dorm had regular kitchen duty to fulfill. Sometimes, a drudge, it was admittedly practical experience.

Another landmark for us was our first big-name band, Russ Morgan, at the Christmas Formal.
On one of the premove student trips to the campus, the unfinished auditorium is examined. Courts like this one with their benches had maximum use by the foot-weary.

It isn't completed; there is wind, dust, noise, and lots of space between buildings, but the campus is ours.
Blueprints of one of the buildings are explained, no doubt unsuccessfully, to a curious group.

April 2 brought freedom from the freeway-like halls on the old campus.

Unfinished art cabinets are discovered and discussed. General comment was "Wait till those art students see these!"
Cast members of "The Long Christmas Dinner" gathered on stage to let the photographer capture the essence of Thornton Wilder's unusual play.

When the team from Wenatchee, Wash. arrived for the Potato Bowl game, bringing their several players from Hawaii, these exiles from the Islands made a guest appearance.

Alumnus Russell Lusk, 1954-55 head yell leader, with Diana Lee '55-56 yell leader, are shown here during a ceremony involving the victory bell.
George Hedley, of Mills College, spoke on "Seeing," at the sixth semiannual convocation in December.

In making pottery, the amateurs soon learned that unless the kiln was on their side, those modern works of clay they put in were liable to come out looking like relics from Cousin Caveman's era.

Thursday mornings found the corridor in front of the Rip office milling with people as they picked up their copies of the paper. Temporary quarters for the Rip and Rae on the Bluffs was a janitor's closet.

Warren Wheatland shushes the choir in this shot which portrays the atmosphere back stage just before the curtain goes up.

Pam Taylor, center, with her English-like composure and beauty, was well-chosen as Football Queen.

Peter VandenBerg, in his "death scene," stole the show in "In Case of Murder." It was the first play for Peter who came here from Holland three years ago.

Interesting and worthwhile were the conventions our delegates attended.
Five of the most glamorous girls in school were elected to keep spirits lovely with their song-leading routines. During the homecoming game, only two of the girls were left out front, since Pam K. and Joanne were chosen to serve as court to Pam T. Football Queen.

Yell leaders at Bakersfield joined the bravest of the brave when they, too, chose Bermuda shorts as their costume. A constitutional amendment this year increased the number of yell leaders from three to five.
The major characteristic of our foreign students is their dynamic friendliness. They have come here from such countries as Persia, Turkey, Holland and France.

Always serious and orderly about the job at hand was the Kraftsman Club at their regular meetings.

Adding an authentic Medieval aura to our football games were this Knight and his mount. The horse, much too distinctive, soon was banished by a royal edict.

Attendance at most dances was generally low but each one was a success to those who went.
The pep band, the song and yell leaders, the crowd, the Alma Mater, and another victory for our basketball team.

"What a headache!" was the wail of office personnel and the student body as they struggled through spring registration in the cramped quarters of the Records Office.

The fact that walls of barracks buildings just aren't soundproofed almost proved the downfall of the Exec Lounge.

Wenatchee's Hawaiian quartet helped make the Potato Bowl Game rally the season's best.
The Bakersfield College Renegade football team of 1956 played the first season of games in the beautiful, new Memorial Stadium and drew the biggest football crowds in the history of American junior college football. The Gades were troubled briefly by a lack of scoring punch at crucial times yet finished the season with a 9-1-1 record and pushed the three-year record of the successful Bakersfield College coaching staff to only two defeats and one tie in more than 30 games.

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Bakersfield College's four man grid coaching staff smiles one of the few times during the harrowing and hard-fought season. Coaches Garrett Arbelbide, Homer Beatty, Don Robards, and Jim Turner sport the new coaching jackets purchased this year.

Renegade footballers watch a tense minute of a game against East Los Angeles Junior College. From left to right: Art Belczak, Ron Estes, Dick Clark and Bruce McDonald.
Bakersfield College President Ralph Prator exchanges a wheelbarrow full of potatoes for a box of Washington apples in ceremonies during the annual Shrine Potato Bowl Game which played to a capacity crowd in Memorial Stadium.

The massed bands of Bakersfield College and high schools throughout the county salute the Kern County Shrine Club by spelling out Potato Bowl during halftime activities of the memorable game.

Renegade halfback Jim Riley grinds out a couple of additional yards as a determined Santa Monica defender hangs on the fleet-footed Riley's ankle.

Renegade sparkplug Jim Riley proves his backfield versatility as he gets away a jump pass in the Santa Monica game.
Jim Riley again carrying the ball, this time gritting his teeth as he gets ready to plow into the Wenatchee linemen on a sweep around left end.

Wenatchee back Talbert George pitches out to a teammate as the Washington junior college begins to move in the Potato Bowl Game. Three Gade defensive men move in to make the tackle.

"Booster" Ellis, hard-charging Renegade fullback is stopped cold at the line of scrimmage by a host of Santa Monica College Corsairs.

Lovely Potato Bowl Queen Judy Kileen examines band trophies which were awarded to Kern County bands at the Spud Bowl Game. Assemblyman Pat Kelly, long a Renegade fan, joins in admiration of the table full of trophies.

C H A M P I O N S
Art Balcerzak, Renegade back, lowers his shoulder to meet the tackling lung of the Wenatchee defensive linebacker in the Potato Bowl Game which the Gades won, 33-4.

Leonard Bulmer, hard-running Bakersfield quarterback shakes off a L.A. Valley tackler as two others approach in another of the consistently tough games which the Gades played in their ten-game season.
Sturdy speedster Fred Perry eludes the outstretched hands of a San Diego tackler and prepares to outprint another in an exciting game which the Gades finally won, 27-14.

Riley prepares to break into the open for a long-gainer after shaking off an East L.A. tackler in a game which the Gades won, 14-12.

A Santa Monica defender prepares to sit down abruptly after falling to stop the charge of quarterback Leonard Bulmer.

Charles "Booster" Ellis, who hails from Wasco High School, leans hard into a tackler in the rough and brutal Long Beach game played in the coastal city.
"Congratulations" says Gil Bishop, Renegade basketball coach, to George Fields and Pat Black after a close Metropolitan Conference victory.

The Renegades enjoyed a relatively successful 1955-56 basketball season, highlighted by winning the Second Annual Bakersfield College Invitational Tourney and by setting a new high scoring record as they racked up 109 points against El Camino College. Led by Bill Cowan, George Fields, Pat Black, and Jess Washington, the Gades finished in second place in Metropolitan Conference standings for the second year in a row. During the entire season, the Bakersfield College five compiled a record of 20 wins against 11 losses, some of which were agonizingly close.

Members of the Bakersfield College basketball team caught in a brief moment during practice. BACK ROW, left to right: Steve Burnett, Pat Black, Jess Washington, Bob Clerico, George Fields. SECOND ROW: George Love, Bill Bussey, Will Montgomery, Bob Pate, Bob Smellie, manager. FRONT ROW: Laurie Strauss, Smithie Callahan, Bill Cowan, Fred Perry, Booker Kilgore.


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Lanky Jess Washington gets the tip on his El Camino opponent and prepares to tap the ball to George Fields for another scoring combination as the Gades walloped the Southern Californians, 109 to 61.

Freshman sensation Billy Cowan fast-breaks in for a score as Renegade basketball fans in the background sit silent and tense for an instant in the fast action game.

Cage Coach Gil Bishop gives halftime instructions to the Renegades as they huddle for a moment before the horn speeds them into action.

Jess Washington again goes up for two points despite the fact that his El Camino opponents outnumber him two to one.
The Bakersfield College baseball team drew more than their share of misfortune and bad breaks as they played a near .500 season of wins and losses against tough Metropolitan Conference opponents. The Gades suffered what might be called a sixth-inning jinx. Resting on comfortable leads up to the sixth frame, they lost on several occasions to teams which came from behind to win in the closing innings of the games. Coach Garrett Arbelbide finished his first year as head baseball coach as the Gades posted victories over Harbor, Fresno, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles City College, and Antelope Valley two-thirds of the way through the season.
A well-placed bunt puts Leftfielder Vic Chrisman on first in a crucial Metropolitan Conference encounter.

First baseman Steve Burnett opens a big mitt to take a sharp peg to put out an opponent slugger who had dropped a bunt down the third base line.

The 1956 edition of the Renegade track and field team turned in one of the finest records of overall accomplishment in the history of Bakersfield College. Ken Napier in the mile run, Eddie Jackson in high jump, Vernon Crawford in the two-mile run, and Smithie Callahan in the broadjump joined the ranks of all-time Grade trackmen by establishing new school records. By the last of April, the red and white tracksters had won the Metropolitan Conference Dual Track Championship. The cindermen also give promise of another fine performance next season, since all but a handful of the team are freshmen.
Morris Kyle passes off the baton to Jack Nevarov in the mile relay of the Bakersfield Invitational Meet where the Gades finished second.

Eddie Jackson, undefeated high jumper for the Renegades, set a new school record of 6' 5" during a double dual meet with Long Beach and El Camino.
Bakersfield College netters, coached by Don Robards and paced by number one singles man, John De Vincenzo, had one of the better records in recent years for the college tennis team.

**TENNIS**

Don Isaac, serving, and John De Vincenzo were outstanding racquet men for Bakersfield.

Gade Doubles team Bob Gentry and Don Pon get set for the C.O.S. return of the ball.
Renegade swimmers enjoyed a good season in the tough Metropolitan conference, finishing in the first division. Jack Stanton set a BC record in the 200-yd. backstroke and the 200-yd. breast-stroke record was broken by Johnny Rees. The freshman-dominated team can expect great things next year when they use BC's own heated pool.

Johnny Rees, ace diver and competitor for the swim team, performs a smooth dive.

BC's all-time great, Backstroker Jack Stanton, was scheduled to represent the college late in the spring at the California J.C.'s state meet.

BACK ROW, left to right: Coach Jim Turner, Ken Crabill, John Spencer, Bob Williams, Bob Shepherd, Rodger Burcher, Doug Udlock. FRONT ROW: Jim Anderson, manager, Johnny Rees, Jack Stanton, Bob Wilson, Don Trammell, Gordon Harvey.
Renegade golfers, with a well-balanced squad, gave a good account of themselves on the green in the spring. Top golfer was freshman Charles Allen. Competition events for Frost's golfers included the State Tournament held in Bakersfield.

Star golfer Charles Allen proved to be a consistent performer for the Gade golf team.

"Are you sure that's the club you want, Coach?" ask Bob Pelley and Dick Nelson.
ADMINISTRATION
Dr. Edward "Si" Simonsen, dean of administration at Bakersfield College, has been a busy man this year in his duties as overseer of the occupancy of the new campus. To Si have been directed the complaints and impatience of students and faculty members alike as they waited anxiously to move to the new Bakersfield Campus. And it was under Dr. Simonsen's efficient and able coordination that the move to the new campus site at Easter was accomplished. Hats off to Si for a successful job. Able assistant to Dr. Simonsen was Miss Margaret Cameron, the dean's secretary.
Some of the most important administrative duties at Bakersfield College are entrusted to the capable hands of Deans Margaret Levinson, dean of student personnel, Burns Finlinson, dean of records, and veteran's coordinator, and Tom Merson, dean of instruction. Miss Levinson, the popular "Peg," coordinates student affairs and generally offers wise counsel to all students. Mr. Finlinson supervises the important department of student records. It is from his office, though not from him, that students receive their semester grades. The Records Office staff also handles the matter of absences which are recorded according to provisions of state law. Dr. Thomas Merson works closely with instructors regarding teaching methods and curriculum. New instructors are launched successfully into teaching at Bakersfield College under the helpful advice of Dr. Merson.
Bakersfield College counselors are the overworked staff of faculty members who guide the curriculum destinies of students during every phase of their education at Bakersfield College. Entering students meet with their counselor soon after making application to enter Bakersfield College. Here they are directed into the proper course of study and the right classes which will lead them successfully to their educational and vocational goals. Well in advance of each semester, students again meet with their counselors to set up the class schedules for the coming 18 weeks. The counselors instruct orientation classes in which new students are set upon the right road to successful scholastic achievement. Bakersfield College counselors also act as informal advisers to their student counselees in matters of school and personal problems which might be interfering with their education. Many a disgruntled or depressed student has found his counselor an important source of encouragement and hope in the difficult job of getting a college education.

COUNSELORS

One of the least known but most important departments of Bakersfield College is the department of testing and guidance which has the awesome job of testing the capabilities and interests of each student as he works his way steadily toward an education. Under the direction of Dr. Orral Luke, the testing and guidance office provides students with every type of test from manual dexterity to intelligence quotient. Results of these become part of the student's record and help him and his counselor determine in which fields he has the most chances of succeeding. Now lodged in its new spacious quarters alongside the counseling offices, the guidance and testing office looks forward to a period of even greater student and faculty service.

TESTING AND GUIDANCE

STUDENT AFFAIRS

William Heffernan, as director of student activities, acts as adviser to the executive council. His is the task of explaining the loopholes, legality and advisability of any decisions made by the regular council meetings.

Mr. Heffernan finds his own decisions aren't always met with complete agreement by the student body officers, but adept in the fair handling of students from his work as a counselor, he insists on compromise rather than "throw his weight around." He usually sits quietly at the meetings, trusting the student leaders to intelligently cope with their problems, but he is constantly willing to lend that helping hand, when it is asked for. This attitude gives the council members a sense of having done their own work and creates a feeling of harmony in the relationship of students and administrators.
The Bakersfield College Extended Program of education, adult education night school, actually enrolls more students each year than does the regular day college. Under the directorship of Dr. H. Parley Kilburn, the college night school offers courses in a wide range of subjects from mechanical arts to fashion modeling. Purpose of the night school is to offer adults in Bakersfield a chance to complete their education and at the same time to receive college credit toward a junior college degree or for transfer to a four year college. Many day students who have full time jobs find it convenient to take some of their courses at night.

EXTENDED DAY

VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL ED.

The Vocational-Technical Division of Bakersfield College is organized to offer education, training, and part-time job experience for students who want college level training in agriculture, business education, engineering-technical fields, home economics, and trades and industries. The division is under the direction of Mr. Norman Harris and provides one of the most important and popular areas of study among Bakersfield College students. It is through such training as offered by the Vocational-Technical Division that Bakersfield College gains its title of Community College.
Dr. J. Wesley Sanderson, Bakersfield College's Clinical Counselor, is a busy man in an important job. Vitally interested in the personal growth and development of students, Dr. Sanderson provides individual clinical counseling services for Bakersfield College students who feel they need special help beyond that counseling provided by their counselor-advisers and instructors. In his office in the Humanities Building, Dr. Sanderson helps troubled students find improved methods of solving their difficulties. He also serves as consultant to counselor-advisers and instructors. The clinical counseling service is one of several student services coordinated under the Dean of Student Personnel, Miss Margaret Levinson.

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Paul Walker handles the vital job of director of public information and publications. From his busy office in the Administration Building pours a steady flow of news releases about Bakersfield College which appear in the local newspapers and on local radio and television stations. Throughout the year, Walker can be seen interviewing students and instructors for news facts about their organizations, classes, and projects. These facts he turns into polished news stories which are delivered with appropriate photographs to public communication outlets. Walker also supervises publication of the college catalogue and other institution publications.
Left to right are Librarian Goldie Ingles, Library Assistant Marian Henry and Librarian William Grelinger.

LIBRARIANS

NURSES

College nurses are Lillian Howan and Ione Bailey.
"Flowers for All Occasions," slogan of the Flower Mart, 604 Chester Ave., is demonstrated by this display. Dale Spickler and Carol Crandall try to choose from among the numberless plants and bouquets as Marion Winer, owner, offers advice as to the most suitable choice.

Jerry Gibbons watches, amused, while Caroline Mathis, trying to imitate the manner of a male in sighting a Savage Rifle, is given instructions by Louis Roux, owner of Louis Roux Sporting Goods, 1817 I St. Mr. Roux's store is one of the most interesting in town, with its mounted trophies, and is completely equipped for every sport.

Leon Rolnick, manager of Guarantee Shoe Center, 2101 Chester Avenue, gives special service to Carol Crandall and Maritta Edwards. The girls are examining the latest summer footwear in the store which offers lower prices for the shoes of best quality.

Pat King and Calvin Meek were easily convinced of the excellence of any Magnavox Hi-Fi model after hearing their performance in this newly completed Hi-Fi room at Booth's, 2020 H St. Booth's record department is fully stocked with selections of high fidelity records for any music taste.
Alice Hankins and Carol Crandall always shop first at Weill's Department Store, 1420 19th. Margie Acedo, salesgirl, gives professional advice to the girls as they model two of the attractive cool styles.

Fedway's displays of summer wear, including recreation, casual, and dressy styles, attract many fashion-wise BC coeds, including Maurene Peterson and Joyce Sprehn. Fedway's friendly and capable employees, its top selection of merchandise, and its location, make it one of Bakersfield's better stores. Fedway's is located at 2106 Chester.

A massive Allis-Chalmers HD-6 Bulldozer, sold by San Joaquin Tractor Company, is the focus of interest for college students Zane Bridges, Jerry Gibbons, Mickie Witham, and Don Spence. Bob Tobias, BC class of '39, is manager of the company, located at 1201 Union Ave., which plays such a major role in our agricultural community.

Bill Hoggan, manager of the men's clothing department at Coffee's, knows that a woman's opinion of how her man is dressed is very important. Here he is showing a top-selling style to Jack Reeder and Jim Swartzwelder while Maritta Edwards, center, gives her nod of admiration.
Every home should own and enjoy at least a few pieces of beautifying silver, Terri Fabian, salesgirl at Wickersham Jewelers, convinces Don Spence and Zane Bridges. The most logical place to purchase items of fine quality is at Wickersham’s, downtown at 1531 19th.

Jim Swartzwelder chooses the best in golf clubs, found at Vincent’s Athletic Supply, to demonstrate for Mickie Witham correct golfing techniques. Carol Crandall and Bill Escola, manager, observe. Vincent’s is located at 1723 18th and is prepared to fulfill any order for winter or summer sports requirements.

Pam Taylor and Pam Knight learn from a salesgirl at Dickey’s Jewelers, 1520 18th, just what would please any man. Dickey’s is always ready to help anyone select the just-right gift, and the many satisfied persons who have shopped there agree that their favorite store is Dickey’s.

Furniture for any taste, any home, any income can be purchased at McCart and Bultman’s. The store, located at 701 19th, is interested in any home furnishing problem and will do its best to answer any questions concerning decoration. Lynne Clerou, Jim Swartzwelder, Maurene Peterson, and Chester Wright try out a beautiful sectional. This would look swell in our lounge, Chet says.
Stan Eischen, sporting goods manager at Sears, Roebuck, and Co., stands by while a group of college students get an inside view of this year's best buy in boats. The other departments at the store, located at 1317 19th St., offer merchandise for every interest and every person.

Valley Office Supply Company, located at 1622 19th, is stocked to meet the needs of a top executive or a budget minded college student. A saleswoman points out the durability of a binder to Cheryl Wagner, Zane Bridges, and Don Spence.

Robert Crowe, Sharon King, BC, Bob Rowe, George Lynch, Mary Ellen Elliott and Chester Wright, also students at Bakersfield, surround the official pick-up truck of Bob's Muffler Shop, 2431 N St. The shop has gained distinction in the community for its quality of workmanship and its reasonable rates.

Complete relaxation is the atmosphere created at the Bamboo Chopsticks, 1203 18th. Both Chinese and American dishes are featured. College students find it an ideal place to bring their dates, or as this group did, get a crowd and just drop in. Jim Swartzwelder, Maurene Peterson, Mary Ellen Elliott, Chester Wright, and Lynne Clerou give Bill Lee their orders and wait for their wonderful dinners.
This Wurlitzer organ would be a revered and well-cared-for guest in anyone's home, Charlie Leech, manager of Toon's Music Studios, tells Don Spickler. Concetta Stratton, BC student who teaches accordion at Toon's tells Don also of the firm's reputation as a qualified music studio.

Camera bugs, professional and amateur, find Towne Photo Supply has available all the latest photographers' gadgets and the better brands of cameras and camera supplies. Gerry Haslam, Cheryl Wagner and Joyce Sprehn discuss the fine points of one of the cameras sold by Towne Photo Supply, 1609 19th.

Sharon King knows the best in silver can be found at Lane's Jewelers, 1813 Chester. The other displays of items call attention to Lane's reputation as one of the better jewelry stores in greater Bakersfield. Jerry Gibbons, an advertising major, is impressed by the sincerity of Lane's sales personnel.

"Please daddy, all I want is a crimson Corvette" pleads Mickie Witham. Don Spickler offers his own plea as he reminds Santa that it's only six months till Dec. 25, and that a '56 Corvette, any color, would fit nicely in a stocking. Corvettes are sold by Three-Way Chevrolet at 22nd and Chester.
Only a few short blocks from the old campus, **Budge-In Drive Inn** at 1030 Chester Ave., was constantly patronized by BCites, on their lunch hour, for coffee, some even to study geology and zoo. The reasonable prices for the good food and the friendly welcome given college customers by waitresses like Rachael Lynn made "Budge" the usual stop for Joe Salas, Mickie Witham, Don Allendorf, and others.

**Witham's Radio TV Appliance**, 1801 19th, each spring attracts BC students to its display of portable radios, so popular during vacation months, and other times. Jim Drennan, Garry Gill, and Joyce Brooks stop at Witham's to find a beautiful new model to replace the battered table model in the Rip office.

Joyce Brooks and Virgil Beckham team up to shop for their mothers. Like most wise shoppers they choose markets where the produce department is stocked by **Pacific Produce Co.,** 1814 R St., knowing they will find only the best in produce. This counter displays the excellence of all vegetables distributed by Pacific Produce.

Doug Johnson, BC student, and Marilee Jones, employees at **Bewick's Flower Shop**, take time off to enjoy the beauty of one of the shop's flower arrangements before its delivery to a customer. The owner of Bewick's Flower Shop at 1819 Chester Ave. is among the more conscientious florists in Bakersfield who are content with presenting their customers only the best.
Buddy Ward, formerly a student at BC and now a salesman for George Haberfelde, 1510 Chester Ave., stresses the importance of the phrase, "It's a Ford!" Jerry Gibbons and Mickie Witham agree that the quality and eye-appeal of the '56 Ford convertible eliminate need for high-pressed sales talks to sell this car.

Virgil Mitchell, proprietor of Mitchell and Snyder, tells Jack McKnight and Cheryl Wagner why the Smith-Corona has established a fine reputation alongside other brand names of typewriters. Mitchell and Snyder sells and services nearly every office machine manufactured. Their store is located at 1021 North Chester.
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