



Vision of BC Archives Association Becomes Reality



Dr. Randal Beeman, archives director, professor of history accepts donation from Tom Thomas, 1959 student body president.

The Archives Association—the first systematic attempt in the 90 year history of BC to capture and preserve the school’s history—can look to what we have accomplished the last year and a half, and especially in the last six months. We can proudly say that we have exceeded our goals established in our business plan of spring 2002. The facility is completely equipped with computer, scanners, photocopier, video monitor, and all the necessary archival materials for at least two to three more years of operations at our present pace.

Among our recent accomplishments:

- At least once at week we are receiving donations of materials from the staff or community, and we are also getting visits and providing information

to the public at least once or more per week. This is the essence of a functioning archive!

- We have created a first-class facility appropriate to our mission of promoting the college and its history in the community. As an addition to our classic furniture motif, Stinson’s donated our fine display cabinet. We have also framed a number of classic photos for display to the general public and have an exquisite plaque ready to order for the front door of the facility.
- As part of the ongoing public relations mission of the archives, I am in nearly daily contact with members of the public inquiring about our project. Several people have visited the facility and have made positive comments, including some of our contributors.
- Our web site has been expanding with the additions to our catalog and new photos we have scanned.
- Our oral history project continues to expand with nearly weekly interviews this spring, under the capable direction of our new volunteer coordinator, Jerry Ludeke.
- Work has commenced on a history of BC under my direction.
- BC Archives is establishing credibility in the archives community by becoming members of two professional organizations, and funding two future training opportunities for the archives director this April and this June.

Randal S Beeman

Football program - September 17, 1947



News Briefs

Archives Fund-raiser

Alumni and friends of Bakersfield College have been very generous in their donations to preserve the college’s history, demonstrating the significant role BC has played in the lives of our citizens. Spearheaded by President Sandra Serrano, former BC presidents John Collins and Robert Allison, and retired history professor Dr. Greg Goodwin, the Bakersfield College Archives Association initial fundraising drive has brought in over \$40,000 to help fund the creation and upkeep of the archives.

Associate members, listed on the back page, have contributed toward our \$50,000 goal, and their names will soon be recognized in our facility in the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library. The entrance will feature an engraved black brass-and-walnut plaque bearing the names of our members and will be unveiled at our open house next fall. Please note any errors or omissions and report them to the archives office at (661)395-4949.

The support of these individuals has helped equip the office with proper acid-free archival containers, chemicals necessary to preserve paper, office furniture and supplies, as well as helping to provide a small stipend for the director and staff. The archives steering committee is actively seeking grants to help fund the project for the long term.

Your support is vital so that in 500 years this facility will still preserve the first centuries of Renegade history. There is still time to make a donation or upgrade your donor category!

BC 90th Anniversary

The Archives will be an important contributor to the 90th anniversary celebration of the college slated for this fall. We will be hosting an open house for the archives, with entertainment and other activities. Please look for more information in the August edition of this newsletter.

Please deliver to:

Members

The individuals named below have helped make possible the opening and the ongoing operation of the BC Archives. With the state budget crisis, we can expect no assistance from the general operating budget of BC, thus the support of members is vital to the gathering and preservation of Bakersfield College history.

Donations received by August 1, 2003 will be recorded as part of this funding year. There is still time to make a donation or upgrade your donor category!

Founding Members (\$1000)

Robert and Heidi Allison
Michele Bresso
John J. and Patricia A. Collins
Greg and Peggy Goodwin
The Frank Gornick Family
Warren & Nancy Helmstedter
Jerry Ludeke
John & Donna Martin
In Memory of Margaret Levinson
Richard & Sharon Miles
Dr. David Rosales
Dr. & Mrs. James Seldon
Robert J. and Margaret C. Self
Robert Sheldon
Mr. Ben Stinson
Sandra V. Serrano and Robert S. Tafoya
Becki Whitson
Dr. Jim Young

Charter Members (\$500)

George L. Ansolabehere
Kelly & Yvonne Blanton
Peggy & Bob Buckley
Glenn and Marie Bultman Family Trust
Romain P. Clerou, MD.
Marjorie Lindsay
Bud & Marge Lindsey
Harvey B. Warren
Dr. Kevin and Mrs. Tara Young

Sustaining Members (\$250)

Cecil and Graci Bailey
Dr. Warren Coats
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Gerry & Vulva Collis
Lily Misono Culver
Billy Cowan
Dean A. Gay
Darlene L. Moeller Grogan
Leon & Shirley Harris
William A. Lingo
Barbara Leask-Lingo
Robert & Shirley Marshall
Mary Mc Ree
Yvonne H. Miliken
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Walt & Nancy Packard
Joyce & Milt Sanden
Patrick & Carol Shaffer
Dr. & Mrs. Edward Simonsen
Nicholas J. Valos
Milton M. Younger

Contributing Members (\$100)

Lorraine Bayes Anderson
Mary Jo Anhalt
Jacqueline Appel
Rose Marie Bans
Lynn & Patti Blystone
Bob Braitman
Fred & Linda Carlisle
Warren and Lenore Carter
Gary D. Charlon
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Gary & Charlotte Cox
Hoolyse Davajian
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John & Nancy Evans
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Dick & Cathy Ferris
Clif & Judy Garrett
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Harvey L. Hall
Gerald & Janice Haslam
Jack Hernandez
Sally Hill
Ernie Hofman
Phyllis Hullett
Emily Hurlbert
John & Sammie Jelletich
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Johnson
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Dan N. Kimm
Claire J. Larsen
Tom & Pauline Larwood
Herb & Rita Loken
Tracy Lovelace
Harold L. Matlock
Kenneth Meier
Jack & Marilyn Nevarov
Patricia & R. J. Parsons
Ned Permenter
Felice Plain-Mueller
Harvel & Mary Lou Pollard
Mr. & Mrs. James Radoumis
In Memorial to Marcia Rippey
Don Rodewald
Fisher, Keathley & Ross
Jack Saba
Helena Salaverria
Max D. Shaffrath
Mary K & Joe Shell
Mrs. Colleen Shuler
Roger & Nelda Gore Smith
Jack G. & Mary Lou Thomson
Linda Quinones-Vaughan & Patrick Vaughan
Ray M. Ward
Clarence Westra, Jr.

Alumni Notes

Noted and Promoted

By Angelina Saldana, student assistant, BC Archives

Before starting at Bakersfield College, Katherine Burke's highest education level was the tenth grade. She enrolled at BC in 1989 at the age of 76, having recently received her GED. She did not have any specific goals; she just wanted to attend some classes and see what would happen from there. In Katherine's first class, Professor James Inskeep's World History course, she received the highest score in the class.

Throughout her time at BC, she earned mostly As and enjoyed all her classes. Katherine's most satisfactory moment at BC was producing a biography of Margaret Mead for a class that Dr. Nancy Edwards taught. When the assignment was completed, Dr. Edwards complimented Katherine on a job well done. In 1993, when Katherine graduated at 80 years young, she was the oldest person to have graduated from Bakersfield College!

Katherine commented on how it would have been almost impossible to attend college if it had not been for the community college system. By attending BC she was able to gain the knowledge and confidence to attend a university.

After BC, Katherine graduated from California State University Bakersfield, majoring in history and taking a minor in English. Katherine is taking more classes at CSUB, while working on a book about Buck Owens.

Archives Publicity and Affiliations

The BC Archives was featured in a lead story in the Eye Street Section of *The Bakersfield Californian* this past February, which led to additional contributions of both funds and archival materials. We have also had two local news stories air on the archives, and a variety of researchers use our facility already!

The archive has also been mentioned in the magazine of the California Council for the Promotion of History, and we are now members of the Society of American Archivists and the Society of California Archivists.

Volunteers needed

We are seeking volunteers to help with oral history transcriptions, multimedia projects, event planning, and part-time office help. Please contact the Archives Director at (661)395-4949, or online at: rbeeman@bakersfieldcollege.edu

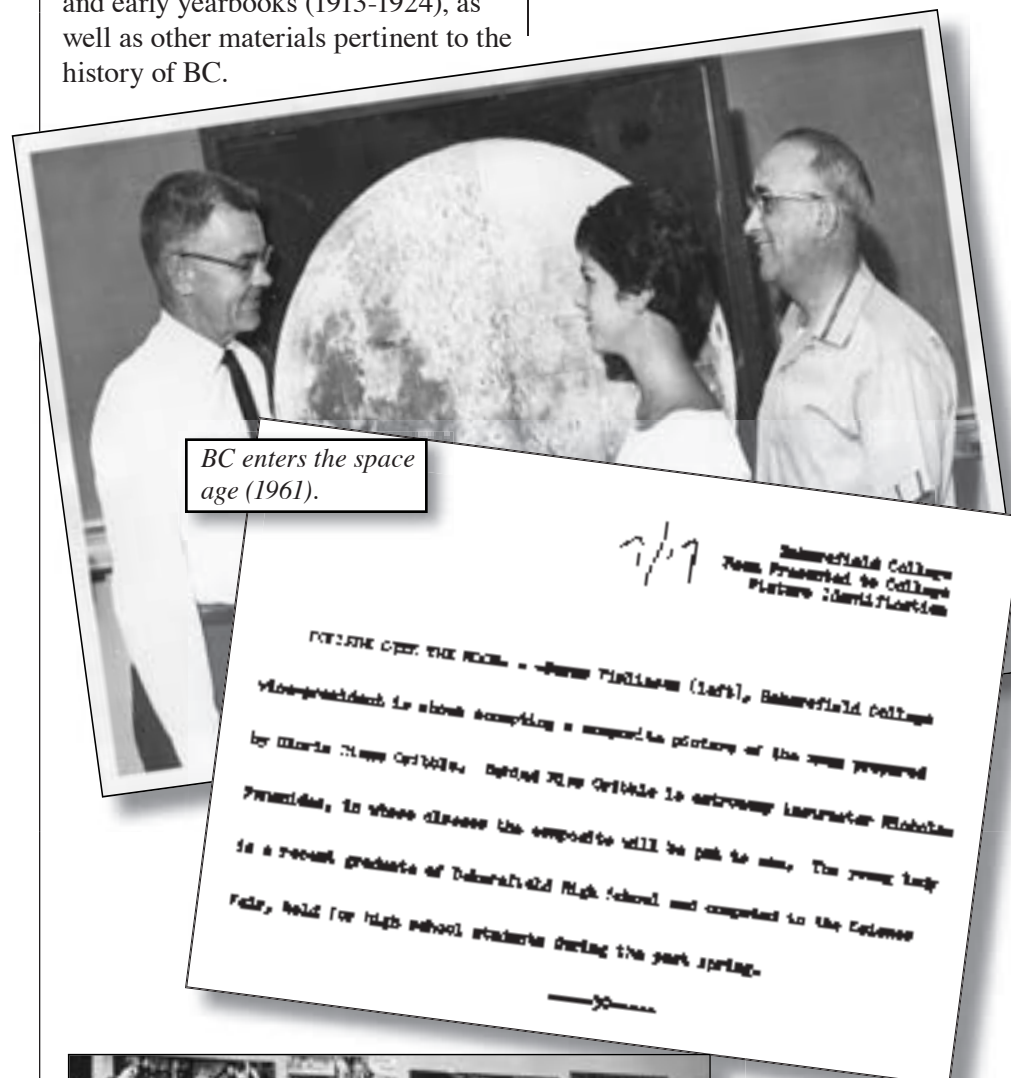
Great Historical Treasures

We have been uncovering treasures of history for our archives throughout the BC campus and community. Among materials recently contributed are photos and course information from the nursing program going back to the 1940s and a treasure trove of playbills, photos, and other materials from our theater program going back to the 1920s. Special thanks to Cindy Collier and Guinevere Park-Hall for their contributions, as well as the Frank Watron family and the folks in Applied Science and Technology, Athletics, Student Services, Humanities, and other departments that have located archival materials for our project. We still seek BC photos, letters, class materials, and early yearbooks (1913-1924), as well as other materials pertinent to the history of BC.

Oral History Project

As part of our ongoing effort to preserve the past, we are conducting interviews, (under the direction of Jerry Ludeke, our volunteer coordinator), with key members of the BC staff, alumni, and community members regarding their memories of the school. These interviews are being transcribed and will be available for researchers and anyone else interested in the fascinating nuances of BC life.

We will share quotes and quips from our oral history project in future newsletters.



BC enters the space age (1961).



Ethyl Robinson and Dr. Frank Watron—two generations teaching Theatre Arts.



C. Everett Koop and Dizzy Gillispie, two of many notable citizens who have visited Bakersfield College over the years.