

Yearbook budget slashed; 'Chest' dwindles under cuts

by Bonita Kato

If you thought last year's annual was meager, wait until you see this year's.

According to Treasure Chest Adviser Joe Addotta, economic belt tightening is being felt everywhere, and Bellflower's annual staff is no exception.

He explained, "The budget has been cut over half of what it was last year. Hopefully, the basic look of the annual won't be changed, but it is going to suffer by having less pages, by being more crowded and by having less special effects."

"We're planning for 200 pages which is 60 less than last year," he continued. "Also, there will be only four color pages as compared to eight last year."

"In addition, the cover will be less elaborate and original."

He also explained that these plans are complying with an American Yearbook Company contract. However the staff still has one-third of the total price to raise.

"Additional cuts will have to be made if we decide that we can't meet the contract; or if we go into debt, we may try to raise money by publishing a

supplement."

The lean situation stems from the school board's cutbacks this year, according to Assistant Principal John Killeen, who summed it up by saying, "We the school, have had in the past three sources of income. They were the ASD funds from the sale of student body cards, the 914 account (from the district) and the proceeds from athletic events."

"This year the board chose not to delegate funds to cover the athletic expenses, other than buses. Therefore, athletics has to make it on its own income."

"In previous years that income was used to help finance other organizations, including annual. This means that everyone is feeling the tightening."

"Obviously, we're working with a handicap, but we'll try to the best of our ability to put out an annual as good as in previous years," assured Addotta.

"We have a large, 25-member, good, enthusiastic staff, and they are working hard to overcome this handicap by selling ads. They have also talked about putting on a dance, a car drive, and just about any other way to raise money!"



Janet Thompson and fellow annual staffers strive to produce a quality yearbook despite district cuts which have claimed half their budget.

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Four bands slated for concert

by Clay Doyle

Four live bands will be featured this Sunday at Simms Park in a free concert exclusively for Bellflower students and residents of high school age.

Calling it a "big experiment," Steve Redfearn, the Parks and Recreation Department employee who proposed and planned the concert for the City, explained hopes that it would provide a service to an age group generally neglected by the department.

"We really don't provide too much for high school students and yet the need is there," he related, "so after some students asked about a concert I took the plan to the parks' superintendent and he liked it."

However, Sunday's 2-6pm concert has

been largely planned by the kids themselves.

"Students have helped in the preparations, in the collection of bands and they will be primarily responsible for maintaining order," Redfearn offered.

"If this works without any problems developing, it could clear the way for regular monthly concerts," he predicted, "and that would provide an opportunity for even better bands, possibly paid by charging an admission fee."

Redfearn continued, "One thing young people have in common is that they like music and though everyone may not like every band I believe there will be enough enthusiasm to make this program a success."

Featured bands include Desert Wine, Wildcat and Lighting Rod.

'Spirit of '76' elects Beasley class leader

by Dianne Abegg

"Making sure everybody gets involved with the activities we put on, along with building up our class treasury," are Liz Beasley's, the newly elected Freshman President, plans for the year.

"I'm looking forward to this year but I'm hoping it won't be like Washington was last year," she continued, explaining, "I was always the one who ended up doing all the work and as a result my grades went down."

As president this year Liz intends to supervise the projects and see that everyone has things to do, "And I think I'll be using my officers a lot, especially my Vice-President."

Backing Liz is Vice-President Dary Shumaker, who admitted "Liz is really involved with what we're doing. I think she'll be a good president and I'm looking forward to working with her."

Also on the Freshman Cabinet are Secretary Denise Collum, Treasurer Karen Swenson, Secretary of Publicity Albert Elias, Secretary of Activities Noel De Vries, Court Preceptors Cecilia Naretta and Becky Ybarra, Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Nadalasky, and Girls League Representative Denise Collum.

Quarter finals, registration

Revisions remain undetermined

by Lee Ann Park

Students may have to turn to fortune-telling in order to answer their questions about the new quarter system, because so far the administration has no answers.

With less than half of the first quarter left, it is still undecided how finals and registration for quarter classes will be handled, although several ideas have been proposed.

"We haven't really made any final decisions," said Merwyn Smith, assistant principal, curriculum. But, in outlining his plans Mr. Smith explained, "As far as registration goes we may just let the English and Social Science departments handle it, since they carry the bulk of the quarter classes."

"Of course, we may go to a little thing in the gym, but not nearly as large as the initial registration at the beginning of the year, because only those with quarter classes will be involved."

Continuing, Smith again emphasized that nothing was definite, but sug-

gested there might be a pre-registration survey to see what the students want. "The decision will probably be made in two or three weeks."

"We want to make it as uncomplicated as possible," was Principal George Prince's only comment on registration.

However, one thing both administrators seemed sure of was the repeal of the two hour final.

"We will probably do away with the two hour final," predicted Smith. "I'm not sure teachers really like the two hour method and I'm sure students don't."

"So, I'd like to see it cut down to maybe one hour and 15 minutes, and have first, second and third periods on one day, with fourth, fifth and sixth the next," he elaborated. "That way we could have the quarter registrations those two afternoons."

Agreeing with Smith, Prince added "I don't see that the two hours are necessary for final testing. And I'm sure we'll do away with that method."

The two administrators also agreed and were definite, a one other point, "Everything, so far, is only tentative."

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