

Senior Bulletin Graduation ignorance abated

Two weeks ago the guidance office was in uproar as seniors, moments earlier made aware of an SAT deadline by a BLADE article, made last-ditchattempts to get their applications out on

In an effort to eliminate situations like this, a special senior bulletin has been initiated by the administration, headed by Principal George Prince

"With all the activities and events that pertain to seniors, something like this is needed to keep them up to date," said Prince in explaining the move, still another step in his goal of improving communications.

Ihe bulletin, to be distinguished by

its gold color, will be posted in every room and will contain infor-mation on scholarships, colleges, sem-inars and graduation.

"We've never had a good program in we've never had a good program in college information services so the bulletin will really help out there," maintained Prince. "But I want to encourage the Cabinet and students to contribute to it so that the kids will know what's going on in all areas."

One of the dates which Prince stressed was October 19, College Night at BHS, when representatives from colleges and universities throughout the Southland will be on hand to speak with students and their parents and explain entrance requirements.

BHS to get new phone system

A separate telephone line and switch-board for Bellflower and Mayfair High Schools was approved Sept. 26 by the Board of Education as part of district wide revisions in the communications

Principal George Prince explained the impact on BHS, "We have to go all the way through the district office with the phone system we have now, and having our own system will make things much less complicated."

In addition to convenience, the district expects to save \$2,300.00 per month over the present system,

although initial cost will be \$101,000.00.

However the board pointed out that most of the cost would be covered by computer income.

The district received bids from five different companies offering installation of a private telephone system. A specialist was asked to come in and help with the decision which would be the best, since the offers were completely different, and the final con-tract was awarded to United Business Communications.

Bellflower Blade Staff

I may not agree with a word that you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it $\dots \text{Voltaire}$

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Letters

Annual requests financial support

As a complement to the excellent story you wrote about our pathetic position, the Annual Staff, in hopes of salvaging at least a decent yearbook for the students, implores the campus clubs (or anyone) for a

implores the campus clubs (or anyone) for a helping hand.

It would help us immensely if such fine clubs as Interact, CSF, Leo and Key Club, etc., would purchase some space for our ads at a discount price, or better still, in a more humble proposal, to serve as donors to a financially limited staff.

After all, it will be you, the campus clubs and the students, whom we're striving to nlease, and therefore, your reactions to our

please, and therefore, your reactions to our proposal will be crucial to the results of our work at the end of the year.

The Annual Staff

To the Editor,

I am ashamed of the present conditions in the girls' locker room. Due to the recent BUSD budget cuts the locker room is so dirty it is a disgrace. All the girls want the locker room cleaned daily. There is no reason for us ladies to have to dress and walk in such unsanitary conditions. Bellflower Board of Education, please help us!

Cheryl Goodsell Girls' 2nd Period P.E.

To the Editor:

I have a few observations to make about the implementation of the quarter system: It has come to my attention that each quarter we may have to go through the same registration process as we did before school

registration process as we did before school began.
What about finals? Are we going to have finals every quarter? Thats fine for the quarter courses but what about the semester and year courses? On the other hand if we retain the semester finals as in the past the quarter coursee will have to be graded differently.
And then of course, there's the matter of absences. Suppose a student becomes ill and misses two weeks of school. Most teachers would then lower his grade for a lack of participation, and under the quarter system this lowered grade becomes permanent and could wreck an otherwise perfect GPA.

Terry Carrett Terry Carrett

(See related article, page one--Ed.)

(The BLADE welcomes expressions of all viewpoints from readers whose letters are subject to condensation and must be signed. ALL letters or cartoons can be taken to room





Downtown Bellflower Norwalk Square



Carlos Robles and Beatriz Careaga have swapped lives with two BUSD students hoping to improve their English through the ex-perience.



Two for two

Los Mochis makes fair exchange

Mingled within a mass of people passing through the 200 wing, Carlos Robles and Beatriz Careaga ap-pear to be just two more faces in the crowd. However, they are unique in that they're exchange students from Bellflower's Sister City, Los Mochis,

Mexico.

Previously, Beatriz del Carmen Careaga Hays had been attending a private co-educational school, while Carlos Guillermo Robles Ussher, was enrolled

while carlos duffermo nobles ussier, was enrolled in a private all-boys' school.

Although Carlos coyly admitted that it was nice having girls around at school, it wasn't the reason that he came. Both Beatriz and he agreed that the real motivation behind their decision to become exchange students was a desire to improve their English.

"It's so important to know English. Especially for Jobs, because It's used a lot in dealing with the public," explained Beatriz. "That's why we went to the Rotary Club in Los

Mochis and said that we were interested in the exchange program. It was through them that we got our

sponsors. Beatriz is staying with the Nelson family,

and I'm staying with the Walkers."

These families have succeeded in making Carlos and Beatriz feel welcome and comfortable field. State both conceded that they felt tinges of homesickness, and in both cases there's a lot of family to miss. Beatriz feel welcome and comfortable here. Easy-going Carlos is seventh in a family of eight, and petite Beatriz is number three in a family of

seven.
"Back in Los Mochis, we went to school from 8am until noon, and after lunch we returned at 3pm and arch't home until 5pm," exclaimed Carlos, contrasting it with his present schedule.

Those hours were spent in classes like chemistry physics, history, mathematics, Spanish and English. Although they have both completed the secondary level of school in Mexico, 15-year-old Carlos and 16-year-old Beatriz are enrolled as part of Bellflower's old Beatriz are enrolled as Freshman and Sophomore class.

Even though Carlos and Beatriz have had three years of English, Junior Alicia Cardenas, orginally from Tiguana, helps them bridge the communication gulf.

T.G. I. F. (even on the 13th)

by Lee Ann Park

Today's Friday the

So what? You're not superstitious?

Even in today's scientific world the most enlightened are tempted to admit that there just might be something to all those beliefs, omens, and habits that have been passed down throughout centuries. centuries.

After all, superstitions had to originate somewhere, and for good reasons (well for some reason anyway, good or not) because everybody knows you can't go around making up just any old good luck charm.

For example, take the rabbit's foot. A traditional good luck charm, which originated thousands of years ago when man believed that each tribe had descended from its own special animal ancestor. (Aha! Overtones of Darwin. Has he been monkeying around with somebody else's idea?)

Well, it seems that the rabbit is a long-forgotten ancestor, believed to be the guardian spirit of its descendants. (Watch out for those who claim to be guarded over by a fairy godmother. That fairy may be an ancestor.)

Spirits (no relation this time) also enter into the old belief that it is unlucky to walk under a

In his book "How Did it Begin," Ray Brash ex-plained an old taboo still observed by some primitive

This had to do with mants head which was considered not as the seat of his wisdom but of his guardian spirit. When anyone walks under a ladder, he offends his guardian, who then becomes ineffective.

Of course, those who don't care to think of some imp sitting up top rationalize away the superstition.

Quite logically, they explain, anyone walking under a ladder is apt to be splashed with paint or brained with a falling tool. (Of course, has the rational thinker ever stopped to consider that it may be the alienated spirit who dribbles the paint or drops the tool?) paint or drops the tool?)

And getting back to Friday the 13th, 13 is un-doubltedly the unluckiest number known.

Why even insurance com-panies have conducted statistical surveys show-ings that in a group of 13, one person would die within less than 12 months months.

And as far as the 13th on a Friday . . . well, any day that falls on a Friday can't be all bad.



Quarterback Dan Castillo encounters pair of unfriendly Downey defenders in recent victory over Vikings. Castillo will have to keep situations like these to a minimum if Bucs hope to defeat Excelsior tonight.

l expect a defeat--Odell

by Fred Budig Although his team is unde-feated and ranked third in CIF, Bcllflower's varsity football coach Clay Odell seems certain of a defeat tonight at the hands of arch-rival Excelsior.

"The team hasn't been playing well," asserts Odell. "I think we're going to get beat by three touchdowns."

Odell expressed his desplea-Odell expressed his despited-sure following last week's 14-6 victory over Downey in the Buc-caneer's opening league game, a contest Bellflower was figured to win by a much healthier mar-

"Against Downey, the team quit when they were pressed," main-tains Odell. "They weren't ready to play and they looked

In the game Bellflower assumed an early lead, taking the open-ing kickoff 56 yards in nine plays. Senior Dan Castillo capped the drive with a 14 yard touchdown pass to flanker Mark Hardwick on fourth down.

In the second quarter, Hard-wick, who finished with four catches for 65 yards, grabbed another scoring toss, this one traveling 28 yards on an option pass from tailback Don Kerr.

The Buccaneer defense sur-rendered its first touchdown of the season when Viking halfback Phil Serna scored on a 14 yard run with 9:40 left in the third

period.
Even though Bellflower outgained Downey in overall yardage 367 to 228, Odell believes the statistics failed to tell the true story.

"We didn't deserve to win." he stated "They were a much better football team."

As in its two previous games,

Bellflower was led by Castillo who finished with 220 yards, 142 on the ground and 78 through the

on the ground and 78 through the air.

"Without Danny Castillo, we'd be in bad shape," says Odell, acknowledging the value of his 5'7", 140 lb. quarterback.
"Even with him, we're not playing up to our ranking."
Despite his anger over his team's play, Odell doesn't anticipate any changes in the starting lineup for tonlight.

"I thought we had our best players out there already," he said. "It's just that they weren't ready to play... maybe they've been reading the papers too much." too much."

Class Ring Free

Dave Wielenga

Lower' teams get first losses

While all four Buc football teams opened their season with victories, only the varsity and JV's remain unbeaten.

After receiving its first win by forfeit, the JV's registered an 18-0 defeat of Mayfair and opened league play with a 14-7 conquest of Downey

The sophs were not so fortunate as they were nipped by Mayfair 22-21 and last week fell to the Vikings 32-6. Mayfair made it three over the Bucs with a 37-0 shellacking of the frosh who recovered fast enough to take a 14-0 decision from Paramount.

After all the errors committed by the Dodger infield this year, an addi-tional blunder was contributed by the tront office last week when it rehired Walter Alston as manager

Sorry Alston -fans, Walt's had the material for the past three years but still hasn't brought a pennant to Los

Quite a few people are favorably impressed by the football team fielded by Bellflower this year. The players openly preciet victory before every game, the fans are enthused and at this writing Southland sports writers con-

store for Bellflower tonight and esti-

mated that a ranking of 25th would be more appropriate for the team. I'm with you, Coach.

Pilots favored over Striders

With an 0-1 league record after last week's narrow 26-29 loss to Powney, Bellflower's varsity cross-country team faces the strong Excelsior Pilots to-day at La Mirada Park.

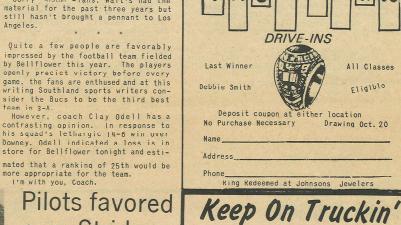
Excelsior, with five of their seven varsity runners returning from last year's third place CIF finisher, is again the powerhouse of the league as evidenced by their 15-50 drubbing of La Mirada in their first meet. The Pilots are a strong favorite to repeat as SGVL titlists.

"They've got a fantastic team," believes Buccaneer coach Roy Swett." The only way we have an outside shot at them

we have an outside shot at them is if all our guys run up to their potential."

The first year coach was disappointed by last week's performances, but felt the cross-country squad may have been affected by the amount of competition. The team ran at Dominguez on Tuesday, and then had back-to-back meets on Thursday and Friday.

However, the amount of races didn't seem to bother distance star Bob O'Brien, who was individually victorious in every



Win Your



Senior Ken Nelsen (center) speeds around corner in last week's meet with Downey. Giving chase is sophomore Steve Moran and several Viking striders. Downey won, 26-29.

