



Roy (Jake) Manley's prize-winning photograph in Project Read's "other media" category features his little sister reading a new children's book.

Six Buc students win media honors

Six Bellflower High contestants claimed honors in three different categories in the Bellflower School Board's media contest "Project Read."

Taking a first place in the 9th-10th, three dimensional division, was BHS student Peggy Buttington with her display of the "Road of Knowledge." Second place winner was Dinah Heron with her model of a book with magazine pictures on the inside demonstrating different ideas gained from reading.

In the other media division Roy Manley took first place in the 9th-10th category, with a picture of a little girl reading. Also winning with photography was Darrel Baldwin who took second in the 9th-10th area. The subject for his picture was a poodle with glasses reading a book.

In the two dimensional division Wanda Hale won second place in the 9th-10th grade level, with her poster of Mickey Mouse and the words "It's fun to read."

The most impressive entry was Steve LaVoy's "Rooms of Knowledge." It consisted of a balsa wood structure of stairways and different rooms with magazine pictures. Tying the whole project together was a poem entitled "A word for the Times" which, according to Steve, was written by a friend after the project was built. The project took first place 11th-12th three dimensional division.

Making the monetary presentation at the board meeting was Dr. Howard Roop, director of curriculum, who stated that the money, \$280, was donated by members of the board and civic-minded citizens. First prize in each category was \$21 and second prize was \$12.

The sweepstakes was won by Bonnie Tokaruk of Mayfair High with her entry of a ceramic mobile which spelled out read. She received \$21 plus an extra \$10 for winning the sweepstakes.

Project Read was the brainchild of board member Clyde Bowser, according to Dr. Roop. He went on to add that the sole purpose of the contest was to promote reading within the Bellflower Unified School District.



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Am. Lit. class goes independent

"Resolved to find a better level of learning," the American Literature Curriculum Committee, made up of interested Juniors and headed by Junior Counselor Tryndy Clark, examined the present curriculum and produced an independent study program designed for the needs of college-bound students here at Bellflower.

Now in effect, the Independent Study Class was originally open to any American Literature student desiring this kind of training. Led by Miss Joan McCormick, these students work on vocabulary, writing, and other skills necessary for college entrance exams. The class is also studying individual authors and have two independent study projects to produce this semester.

Out of this class, another group, chosen by assistant principal Dr. Gerrene Torres was formed. These students, numbering about 15, study a subject of their choice for the semester and produce a

project at the end.

"Freedom to learn at your own rate and learn according to your own needs and ability is very important in education. Although we have a lot of this freedom, it's hard work and we do have to show what we've done," stated one class member.

Each of the students choose their own subject and write it in the form of a problem, plan in detail the solution of the problem and describe the project they will present. Along with this proposal they include a vocational aspect of their project, and state other "problems" such as vocabulary and grammar, that they would like to study, according to Miss McCormick.

Although each student in this program works and studies independently about 200 minutes a week, they each have an "adviser" who helps them find material for their research.

Gymkhana contest

Driving skills tested

All-American Safety Gymkhana, a program sponsored by Chevrolet to test the driving skills of high school students, is scheduled to be given in the near future at BHS.

Now in its initial year, the event is being offered to a limited number of high schools across the country. All Bucs who have a valid California driver's license and parental consent are eligible to enter the contest.

According to faculty coordinator Mr. Arnold Winokur, "This program is a first for Bellflower in the driver-education field. It also contains a good cross-section of student drivers since there are no prior prerequisites needed." Stressing driving skills, the person's ability to respond properly to given situations, advanced driver training knowledge and safety rather than speed, the activity is divided into three phases: assembly, test, and drive-off.

Those students wishing to participate are familiarized with the program in a special assembly featuring a 20-minute non-commercial motion picture.

Within two weeks after the assembly program the contestants are given a multiple choice advanced driver training test developed by the National Safety Council. When the tests are completed they are returned to the Gymkhana Committee for grading after which 50 boys

and 50 girls are selected to compete in the drive-off as a result of the highest scores.

Composed of a series of loops, turns and figure eights, the driving Gymkhana course requires about 10 minutes to complete. Each finalist, driving with an adult observer, attempts to complete the route in a specific time without knocking over any of the markers placed along the way. Participants will begin with a perfect score and each error committed subtracts points from the starting score. Chevrolet will provide all the necessary equipment including two 1971 Vegas to be used as test cars and instructions for setting up, supervising and judging the Gymkhana.

Those four students (two boys and two girls) who achieve the highest scores on the combined written and driving skill tests will receive an appropriate memento and scroll recognizing their safe driving abilities. Also, they become members of the All-American Safety Gymkhana Skilled Drivers Panel and each will be able to keep one of the Vegas for one week for personal evaluation.

Mr. Winokur maintains that this test will prove that, "Not only are young people safe drivers, but they are commonsense drivers."

Speakers, writers gain honors

BHS "communicators" showed their talents in two different fields of communication when they came away with trophies and certificates from last week-end's speech and journalism contests.

Two Buc teams took trophies indebate at the Wilson Novice tournament held last Friday and three other teams came up with certificates. At the speech contest held the next day four competitors from Bellflower took trophies in their areas and many others won Certificates of Excellence or Superiority.

At the same time, Buc journalists were receiving similar honors at the On-The-Spot Writing contest held at San Gabriel High School. This 21st annual writing jamboree brought over 30 Los Angeles area high schools together with more than 250 students competing.

Seven of the 10 contestants from Bellflower placed in the "top ten" in their category of writing, enabling Bellflower

trophies for capturing second in their field — Janice Crocker, competing in news, and Melissa Blaylock, writing in features.

Others who received certificates were Sarah Carr and Scott Landsdown taking seventh and eight in Editorial writing; Rodney Stern and Leeann Park placing sixth and ninth in news; and Phil Buidig capturing ninth in Sports writing. These journalists are now eligible for the All-Southern California Tournament to be held April 24, at Beverly Hills High School.

Those who distinguished themselves at the Debate contest were Steve Hulén and Howard Prouty, along with Rod Stern and Mike Noar who took trophies. Winning certificates for two wins and one loss in debate were the teams of Debra Roy and Peter Meyers, Terry Garrett and Randy Karst, Bill Thompson and Brian Larson.



BLADE Editor Melissa Blaylock is all smiles as she receives third place Sweepstakes trophy from on-the-spot writing contest at San Gabriel High Saturday. (douglas stern photo)

Apathy hampers Buc government

by scott lansdown

BHS students have continually voiced complaints about the quality of student government. Some students feel that such organizations as the ASB Cabinet and the House of Representatives are doing very little to serve the school, and that they have become little more than social clubs.

It is quite possible that there is some basis for these feelings and that the BHS student government is not as effective as it should be. The blame for such ineffectiveness, however, must rest not with the officers or the representatives, but with the students themselves. The majority of BHS students tend to cripple student government by being completely apathetic and ignoring student government entirely. They fail to let their representatives and class officers know what it is that they want out of student government, thus making it difficult or impossible for these people to effectively represent them.

When Brian Diendorf was elected Speaker of the BHS House of Representatives for the second semester, he said that he felt that last semester's House had accomplished very little and that he had hopes that this semester's House could do a better job. Brian isn't likely to get what he supposedly wants, however, unless there is a change in the attitude of the students. The students have to demand reports on the House meetings from their representatives, attend Cabinet meetings, and in general, communicate their wishes to the various members of the student government.

Senioritis eluded

by melissa blaylock

Senioritis is a highly contagious disease found on any high school campus during the spring semester. The source of this menace to society that is loved and cherished by those who contract it is the inevitable feeling of freedom that arrives with senior announcements, senior pictures, the ordering of caps and gowns and the idea that the end is very nearly in sight.

Commonly, the drawing of the close brings a mad rush of class cutting by seniors and a general look of blandness crosses their faces as they sit staring dazedly out the windows of their classes. But, much to the amazement of a startled BHS student body, the class of '71 has not yet sprouted the symptoms of senior apathy.

For the past two weeks the seniors have led the school in attendance. Along with is the fact that the seniors in student government are planning things for BHS which will benefit the students and the school long after they have graduated. And, unlike last year's glory-seeking officers, the senior-filled cabinet is not doing this for their own fame. Many of the activities they are planning are small, yet helpful things which may not be startlingly bold but will aid in creating a better school.

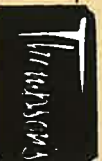
Dedicated seniors, then, continue to work steadily at campus beautification and other activities even though they won't be around to see the fruits of their labors.

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Letters to the Editor

ASB cabinet free with student funds

To the Editor:

During the performance of singer Tom Green at our recent WSF assembly, I observed something that irritated me very much. I was upset because I thought interested students at the assembly would have the courtesy to at least listen to the man sing. I was wrong.

What shocked me further was that those who walked out during the performance are the ones who usually complain of rudeness when they themselves perform in front of others.

Sam Okimoto

(Sounds like the same old story, Sam. New things are tried, but someone always manages to spoil them. So the question will be asked again, "Does the Buc student body actually deserve any more than many think they are now getting?" - Ed.)

To the Editor:

I think that the ASB Cabinet should stop this uncontrolled spending. \$25 was spent for Tom Green to sing for just 15 minutes; \$100 was spent to have a group sing on that "one lunch day" which actually turned into a gigantic balloon war.

And painting the library was not needed, especially when the inside of the gym needs painting so desperately. More money was spent for a singing group Feb. 19, and during B lunch it rained, moving the group in the cafeteria - for a mere eight minutes of music. What a waste of money!

John Ytreus

(Those representatives are elected to their position to carry out students' wishes. And better check your figures, John. Green got \$125. - Ed.)

To the Editor:

I'm very disappointed that "Singing Valentines" was so unorganized this year. Myself, and a good number of others, bought Valen-

tines for friends, but unfortunately, many were not sung.

I'm not requesting a refund, but at the same time if I didn't want them sent, I wouldn't have bought them. Perhaps if other events, like the fashion show, were not scheduled the same day, there would be less interference with the "Golden Throat of Cupid."

Lana Barnes

To the Editor:

I certainly was disenchanted with that "longer lunch" scheduled for Wednesday of WSF Week. Nine more minutes wasn't enough.

I imagine that the administrators thought we "nasty kids" would wreck the school. There was little harm, a little water around campus and some shaving cream.

Nancy Hermes

(Five fights, flooded halls and rest rooms, and many "cuts" because students had to leave campus to change clothes, at first glance, appears to constitute more than a "little harm." - Ed.)

To the Editor:

Cheers to the administrators for at least trying to add variety and make WSF Week a little more enjoyable.

It's too bad that when someone tries to break up the monotony of the somewhat boring five-day school week and make school a little more bearable, student misfits have to spoil it for everyone.

Marcia Tibbitts

(The BLADE welcomes expressions of all viewpoints from its readers. Letters should be brief and are subject to condensation. Only signed letters will be published and should be taken to room 307 or given to any staff member.)

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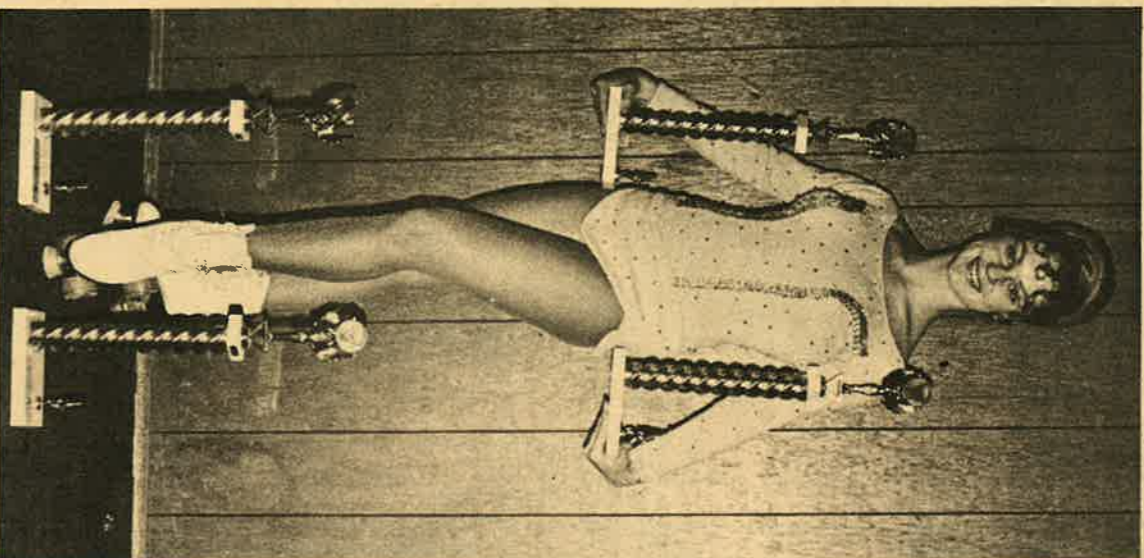
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Sophomore Barbara Guedel displays her skill on roller skates (below and far right) which won her numerous championships and an invitation to the world meet held in Madison Square Garden, New York. At near right, Barbara is seen proudly holding her prizes.

(douglas stern photos)



Guedel: Whiz on wheels

by melissa blylock

The term "roller skating" usually brings to mind the picture of the infamous Roller Derby with Ralph Valadarez and Terri Lynch battling it out in a grudge match race; anything goes.

Well, Barbara Guedel, a BHS sophomore, is busily at work attempting to change the reputation of the sport she practices so heartily at — roller skating. With numerous championships tucked cozily under her belt, Barbara has a very good chance of succeeding in her goal.

"Roller skating is actually much more difficult than ice skating but that sport gets all the publicity and glory. When you take into consideration that roller skaters have to deal with eight awkward wheels compared to ice skater's two thin blades, you can see how much harder we have to work to look as good," Barbara explained.

Barbara's career on skates began at the age of two; but at that time it was ice skating. At the grand old age of six she switched to roller skating and skated "just for fun" till 10.

The age of ten brought Barbara's introduction to competition skating and free lessons from her aunt. "My aunt was my idol when it came to skating and when she turned pro and began giving lessons she offered to give me free lessons for my birthday. I grabbed the

chance."

Within six months Barbara was already competing in the regional championships. She didn't make the finals but added with a grin, "It was good experience though."

After one year of lessons the long-haired Barbara made the finals in the Gold Skate Classic, which brings together all competitive skaters in California. "The Classic," Barbara revealed "is judged by how well you can entertain people while the Regional is determined by how well you skate."

The year 1967 saw Barbara win every competition she entered. She journeyed to Lincoln, Nebraska to compete in the national contest, but failed to make finals in 1968.

By this time Barbara was being coached by pro Jerry Nista, who according to her is "the best choreographer in all of California." Nista lead Barbara to great heights in 1968 when she not only got first place in the Gold Skates but was invited to a world meet in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Recently Barbara and others from her rink competed in the Golden Skate Classic and won everything that was entered. "The best feeling in the world is to have the crowd behind you; and they were behind us all the way then," Barbara remarked.

Board to issue policy on long-hair athletes

The long and short of it (hair that is) and how it affects athletes will be discussed at the Bellflower Board of Education meeting March 9.

The Board, according to DR. ART TOWNLEY, is expected to issue a policy statement on whether or not students with long hair will be permitted to participate in the Blue athletic program.

... the MATH TEAM, led by SAM OKIMOTO'S third place in "chalk talk," performed better than any other team in Bellflower's history, says department chairman JIM MODLIN.

SANDEE ANDRUS, STEVE BARTEL, TOM CRESWELL AND DAVE ROZELLE also helped in winning the four slide rules and 50 reference books given as prizes.

... LOS CONQUISTADORES. But chapter of the Spanish Honor Society, initiated 15 new members to the organization last week. RICK RAHM MC'd the event during which the two Los Mochis exchange students, ANNA TORRES and IGNACIO VASQUEZ, were made honorary members.

... Gold may soon replace Bellflower's outside trim, according to Campus Beautification Adviser BARBARA DOUGLASS. The color, chosen because it is a school color, is awaiting administration approval.

... CSF, in its fourth month of its tutoring program, now reaches some 31 elementary to high school students who have

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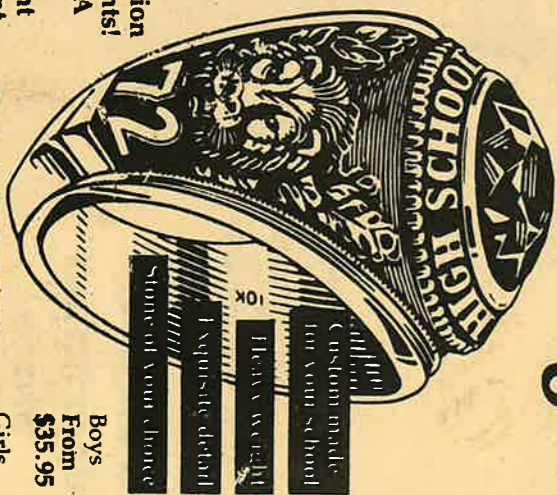
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Bellflower shatters West Covina title hopes

Weinberg's shot sends Bucs to semi's

by Dave Wielenga

Forward Jim Hamilton and guard Phil Weinberg combined for 30 points in Tuesday night's CIF action as Bellflower's championship basketball team upset top-ranked West Covina in a double overtime, 46-44.

After grabbing an early 4-0 lead over the previously undefeated Spartans, the Bucs soon succumbed to their awesome attack and trailed at the close of the first period 20-9.

During the second quarter the Buccaneers made an almost impossible comeback. With 6:42 to play in the half and West Covina holding a 22-13 advantage, Bellflower's cagers ran off a string of 14 straight points, displaying, dominating, rebounding and a well-balanced offense. By the time the period ended the Bucs "5" had outscored their opponents 20-6 and took a 29-26 lead into the dressing room. In the third stanza of play neither team could pull ahead as the lead exchanged hands several times. Finally, with three seconds remaining, Hamilton connected for two points and gave the visiting Buccaneers a slim 38-36 lead entering the final quarter.

Defense dominated the closing period as 4:14 elapsed before Dan Davidson, who finished the game with 11 points, sunk two free throws to give the lead back to Bellflower 40-38. The BHS roundballers could not retain the advantage, however, and the contest was sent into an overtime with the squads deadlocked at 42 points apiece.

After battling through 2:58 of the three minute overtime, the Bucs held a 44-42 lead, had the ball out of bounds and seemingly had the victory clinched. However, they could not hold on to the ball and West Covina quickly scored a last-second basket to send the game

into another extra period.

Bellflower's cagers got the ball on the tip-off and ran a perfectly executed stall game for the next 2:55 seconds. Time-out was then called by coach Jack Bogdanovich and, after the brief intermission, Phil Weinberg drove to the basket to score the winning points at the buzzer.

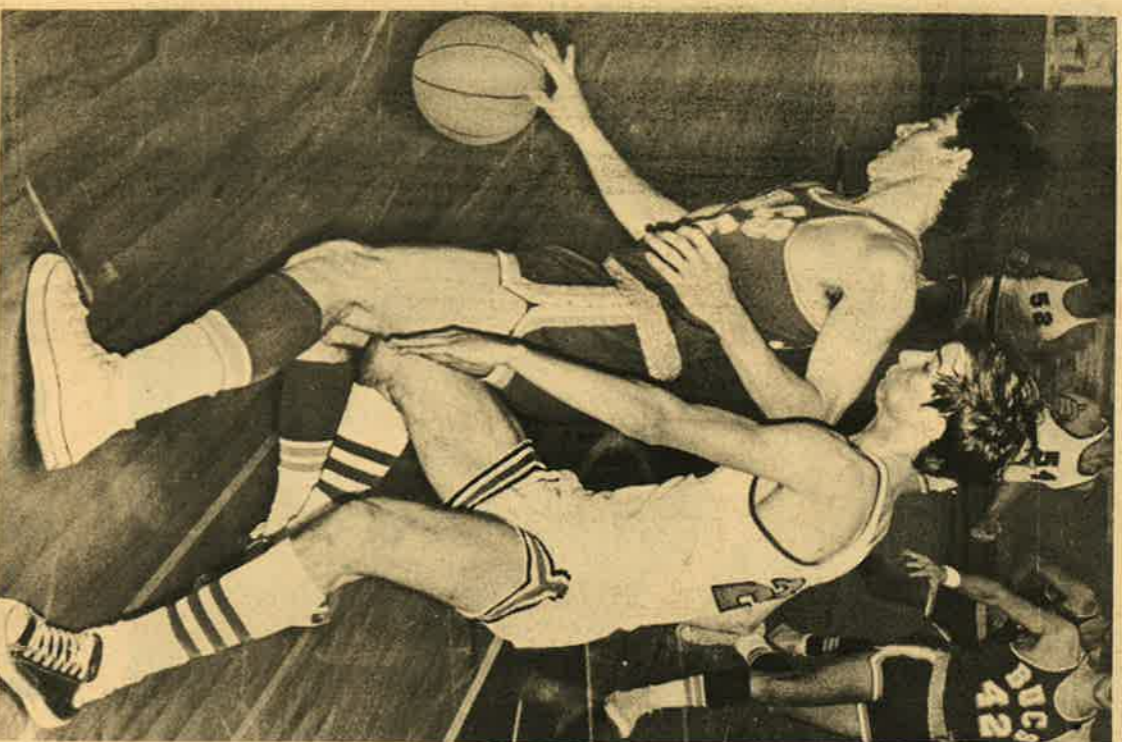
The loss was the first inflicted upon the West Covina team who previously held a fantastic 27-0 record and were rated the number one 3-A team.

Now boasting a fine 22-7 record, the Buccaneer squad moves into the semi-finals and must face Richett tomorrow night.

In their two previous CIF conquests the Bucs upended St. Bernard's Vikings 56-45 in the Bellflower gym and squeezed by the Burrough's Burros 51-50 on the Cerritos College floor.

The second game had all the makings of a rout as Bellflower leaped to an early 10-0 lead which became a 14-4 advantage at the close of the quarter. By half-time the Burros had closed within one point, trailing 28-27 and the remainder of the contest was a tough battle. However, guards Phil Weinberg and Dan Davidson each collected 16 points and substitute Keith Thomas snared several key rebounds to insure the Bucs of victory. Also scoring in that game were forwards Jerry Pabruwee and Jim Hamilton with six and 10 points, respectively, and center John Garland with three.

Although his scoring total has been low recently, the 6'1" Buc center with this outstanding leaping ability had played a vital part in the Bellflower victories. He out-jumped his 6'4" counterpart from West Covina five out of six times.



Guard Phil Weinberg is bumped and fouled by over-eager Burroughs defender in Bellflower's second round CIF victory.

(douglas stern photo)

Perez pitches entire 6

Bellflower High School's horsehiders attempt to continue on their comeback trail today as they travel to Pioneer High to wind up three straight days on the diamond.

The Bucs remained undefeated in preseason going into last night's game after tying the Neff Trojans, 4-4, Tuesday afternoon. The game was ended prematurely after six innings in order to use the Bellflower team bus for transportation to the CIF basketball game against West Covina that night.

It was a game in which Bellflower was forced to play catch-up ball after the Trojans grabbed a 1-0 lead on their first trip to the plate. Backed up by two hits and an error, Bellflower bounced back to take a 2-1 margin in the top of the third.

However Neff, which had won its last game, 12-5, over Buena Park last week, got another tallie in the bottom of the fourth, backed up by two costly Bellflower errors.

Both teams pushed across two more runs in their halves of the sixth inning to secure the 4-4 deadlock.

Coach Mike Kekich expressed his satisfaction with the performance of pitcher Fred. Perez who hurled the entire six innings although Kekich admitted, "It's not really too good to have a pitcher go so far this early in the season."

Bellflower out-hit Neff by two hits (7-5), but the Bucs also made four errors. "We basically played a good game, but a few mistakes hurt us," commented Kekich.

The tie left the Bucs' pre-season mark at three wins, no losses and one tie as they attempt to come back from last year's disappointing season.

Although two of those victories were considered only "scrimmages," they were played like all of the other pre-season games. The Bucs' only real "victory" came at the hands of Artesia, in an 8-0 shutout.

Pre-season games will last another two weeks, preceeding the San Gabriel Valley League schedule which begins for Bellflower on March 16 against Norwalk.

Trackmen smash Mayfair, 82-36

After ripping Mayfair's varsity spikers 82-36 last week, Bellflower tries to make it a two in a row today against a strong St. John Bosco team in a meet that will decide the city championship.

According to coach Dave DuFault, Bosco has excellent sprinters, distance runners and shot putters. He said the Bucs hope to counter Bosco with stronger showings in the relays, distance events and pole vault.

The Bucs win over the Monsoons was accomplished despite a strong, time-slowing wind. Bellflower captured first places in nine out of 14 varsity events. Although "pleased," coach Dave

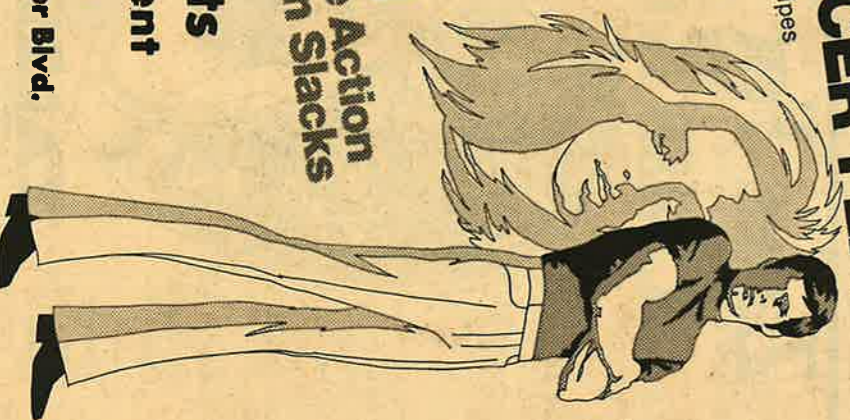


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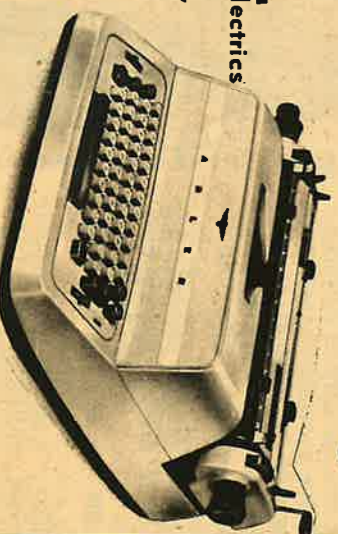
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