



Ecology week stars "wild cats" from the Long Island Ocelot Society, who will be here during a lecture on endangered species. Far left a group of interested students plant bushes in the area around the administration building.
(douglas stern photos)



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Earth week

Wild animals to invade campus

From the simplicity of a bike ride to the smashing of a car, the Bellflower High "Earth Week" is coming alive with the fierceness of an ocelot. Earth Week activities are scheduled from April 24-30, promising all of this plus a little more, according to its originator and chairman of the Ecology Committee on campus, Rick Pekoeder.

Kicking off the week on Saturday is a 22-mile bike caravan to Whittier's ecology fair, planned by the Grass Roots Again Society, an environmental group sponsored by the Whittier Presbyterian Church. The fair will consist of booths and displays located at the Quad, a shopping center on Whittier Blvd. "The purpose of Earth Week," states Rick, "is to inform and promote interest in environmental problems among students." During each day of Earth Week various seminars are planned in which teachers and their classes can participate.

On Monday, April 26, the Southern California Gas Co. will be on campus second and third periods to give a demonstration on dual fuel systems which will primarily concern the use of natural gas as fuel for automobiles.

The film "1985" will make its debut in the Bellflower High cafeteria, first, second and third periods on Tuesday. The film, a fictionalized news-cast produced by professional newsmen and dramatists concerning environmental disasters, has been on tele-

vision several times.

Wednesday's activities include a lecture on over-population by Chuck Rulon, a genetics instructor from Long Beach City College and president of the Long Beach chapter of Zero Population Growth (ZPG).

"Highlighting that day and probably the whole week will be the California Long Island Ocelot society which gives a presentation on endangered species and what their society is doing to help endangered members of the cat family," remarked Rick. The presentation will be fifth and sixth periods and as part of their program they will bring with them some of their cats: an ocelot, a jungle cat, a mountain lion and a bobcat.

Featured Thursday will be the "Ecology House," built by a group of girls in Miss Barbara Douglass' second period P.E. class. The "house" will be open for students, faculty and public to walk through, and also view a demonstration on organic foods. "The purpose of the house is to show the public and everyone how they can live ecologically, and economically," stated committee chairman Linda Peyton. "Earth Weeks" activities will be concluded Friday (fifth and sixth periods) with John Goddard, noted adventurer, who will narrate his film of the Colorado River. Adding to this presentation will be a car smashing and engine burial during an extended lunch.



Grads awarded \$16,000

by scott lansdown and mike buidig

Scholarships amounting to more than \$16,000 have been awarded to 11 Bellflower High students so far, with track star Bob Stogsstill topping the list with \$3,050 in grants for Occidental College.

Most of the money was awarded by the State Scholarships Commission in the form of four year renewable grants. Bob topped the list here with an \$1,850 award in addition to the \$1,200 which he received from Occidental itself.

Other State Scholarship winners included Pam Wright, Tom Mahood and Teresa Wells, each of whom received a \$450 grant for UC Irvine. Scott Lansdown received a \$350 grant to attend UCLA, while Greia Heida and Dorothy Brown both received scholarships to Cal State Long Beach amounting to \$114.

The state scholarships were awarded on the basis of the student's financial need and a score which consisted of a combination of the student's grade point average and SAT-test scores. Because of cuts in the state budget this year the University scholarships were \$150 less than nor-

peted for scholarships on the local level, including awards offered by the Bank of America. Leading the list from Bellflower in the category of Liberal Arts was Sam Okimoto who placed first in a regional competition which included 14 schools. This, in addition to guaranteeing him a grant of \$250, makes him eligible for further competition with awards up to \$1,000.

In addition to Sam's accomplishment David Rozelle placed third in the category of science and math, while Cathy Crossland placed third in the fine arts. Both received awards of \$25 and, with Sam, make up the highest placing Buc team ever, in this form of competition.

Also capturing local honors was Richard Rahm who won the Bellflower city Soroptimists Club award, receiving \$100 and becoming eligible to compete further for awards as high as \$2,500.

There remains many scholarships which have not yet been awarded. These include scholarships awarded by the universities themselves and awards made by such local organizations



Receiving top scholarships are Dorothy Brown, Scott

Blade View

Mirch to defense of ASB Cabinet

Bellflower's ASB Cabinet was biased (last issue) for its generally lethargic attitude but mainly for stuffing off its responsibilities onto various campus clubs and organizations. Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Mirch responded to the criticism with a letter in which he said that, in essence, the BLADE had "poorly researched" the editorial.

At first glance Larry appears to be correct. However, with more "research" that Larry demands we do, we discover that some of his so-called valid arguments are faulty.

Larry stated that one goal set by the Cabinet to spur student interest was to get clubs more involved on campus. He added that the fact that the clubs are now handling much of the campus work proves that the Cabinet has achieved one of its goals.

However, ASB President Howard Prouty contradicts Mirch's claim by stating, "Our goal wasn't actually to get clubs involved but the students themselves. It was mere coincidence that the clubs began getting busy."

Granted, who cares which method was used as long as students got involved? But it was the editorial's intent to point out WHO did the work, WHO is working now and WHO was supposed to carry the responsibilities, as well as ponder what would have happened if the clubs didn't pick up the slack?

Larry also claimed that the Cabinet needs "praise and support" throughout the year, rather than a "kick in the pants." But the feeling here is that praise should be given only when earned; so when the campus clubs are doing the majority of the work, it seems only fitting that they get the praise and not the Cabinet.

In pointing out all the faults of the BLADE editorial, Larry has only succeeded in pointing out the obvious lack of communication among Cabinet members.

Potpourri of BHS news events

"Number two tries harder." At least the Bellflower chapter of Interact does, capturing the school, community and International Service Awards at their convention March 27, with 5,000 man hours. Second in Southern California to the South Gate chapter, Bellflower's Interact also elected their officers for the next term, April 13. Leading this active crew will be Norman Hamada, President, Bob Lemen as Vice-president, Secretary Fred Budig and Scott Rozelle as Treasurer.

Forestry work is becoming popular among BHS service clubs, as the Ecology Club sponsored a trip to the San Gabriel mountains April 3, and Leo club is sponsoring another trip April 18. Ecology Club has also been busy with a reclamation drive among the elementary schools and have been holding "teach-ins" on eco-

logy at May Thompson.

Physics club went to Cal State Long Beach Thursday, April 15, for what adviser Tom Mitchell described as "the best and most interesting and informative field trip we have ever taken." While at the college, the club toured the Science Department and witnessed experiments.

Bra-Burners Unite . . . Women's Lib. is spreading to the high school level, says SEVENTEEN magazine. The average high school feminist is reported to be mainly white and middle class and having one main complaint: "society treats boys and girls differently from the day they are born."

Bellflower High School's Modern Dancers are having a car wash in leotards April 24 to raise money for their upcoming production "Tomorrow Is Yesterday's Dreams" May 7 and 8.

Let Thompson's play a part in . . .

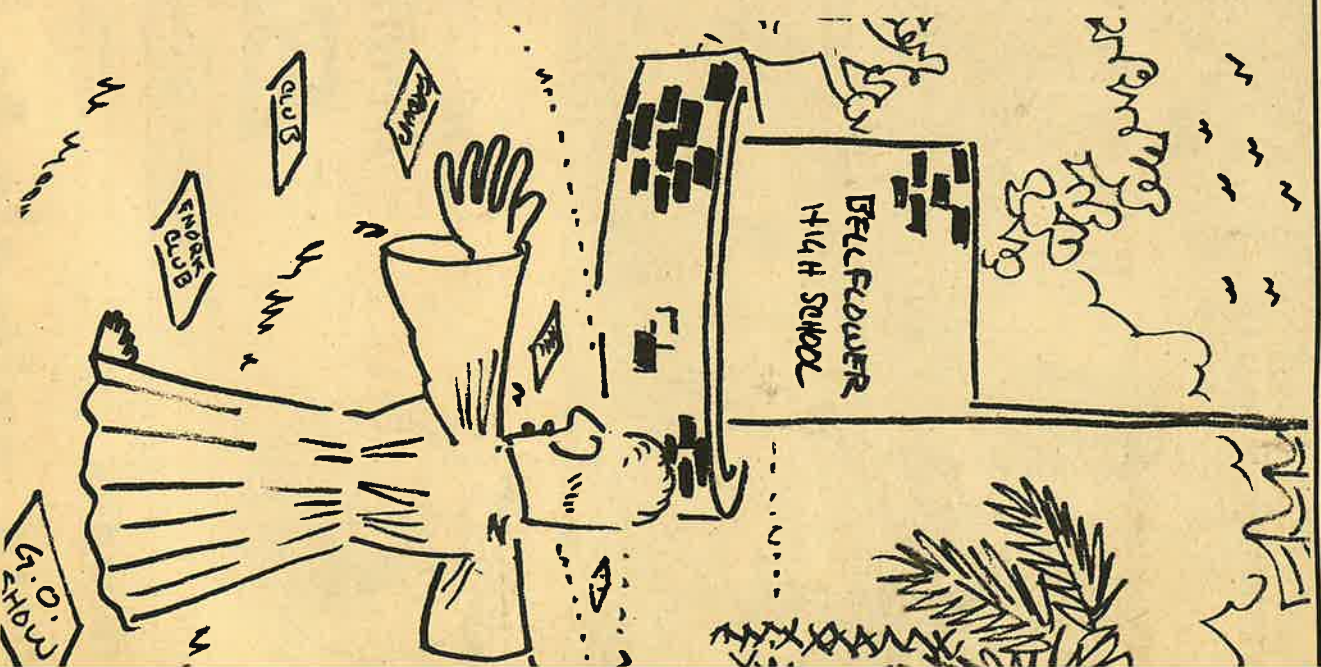
Your Wedding

In the beginning, there was Rahm. And Rahm said, "Let there be Campus Beautification," and the campus was beautiful. And Rahm said, "Let there be trees," and trees sprang forth.

And Rahm called forth a monolith in the midst of this beauty. And it came to pass that a victory flag waved proudly in the air.

And Rahm created a ribbon of pride to walk upon in the form of a snake and called it spirit.

And so it came to pass that in the eighth semester Rahm rested, he looked at all he had created and said, "It is good."



Writing, pulsating, undulating Mick Jagger hits the stage and enraptures the audience; almost a reason within itself to run and see "Gimme Shelter."

The documentary-type film of the Altamont Free Rolling Stones Concert depicts the frenzy to which performers can unknowingly bring their audiences. The Mayes brothers film of the tragic concert may be supposed to have some staggeringly important social message, but the only message boldly obvious to the average viewer is the fact that Mick Jagger can be vastly appealing.

Attempting to show the more thoughtful sides of the Stones, in a few scenes, one wonders how they can be so natural and candid while knowing a movie camera is recording their every move.

"Gimme Shelter" does shed some light on the questionable murder of a fan rushing the stage. First, the murder is seen in a flash, then re-played in slow motion with the Stones analytically discussing it. The question as to whether the Hell's Angels actually had the right to

bodyguard the Stones or whether they simply wanted to thump a few heads remains unanswered. But the fact that the murdered man having a gun in his hand adds to the Angels' defense. Something must also be said about the music, as it comprises the majority of the film. Perhaps it is not the Stones' best, but what with their electrifying stage presence, it comes out quite heavily.

A slight glance of Tine Turner is granted, and previous to editing there was more of her suggestive performance included. But Tina was bleeped-out to keep a GP rating for the film. Nonetheless, one gets the main idea.

It is possible for a movie to be blandly uninteresting yet startlingly exciting. "Gimme Shelter" does it. For those sadists among us, the murder may add some color. But for the rest of us, the only time we'll be sitting on the edge of our seats will be when Mick Jagger begins his tantalizing prance on stage. Watching him, one can understand how the Stones' audiences get to such a feverish pitch.

Movie review

Stone movietease sense

by melissa blaylock

Blade staff
I do not agree with a word that you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it . . . Voltaire

Board seats
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Editor Melissa Blaylock
News Editor Jan Crocker

After weeks of campaigning the Board of Education resulted with Mrs. Rur emerging as the leading incumbent Charles



Pictured above are Bellflower High's Class of 1971 Sealbearers. Top row, left to right, are Rick Rahm, Scott Lansdown, Robert Evans, Robert Stogsdill and Greg Walen. Standing on steps, left to right, are Steve Bartel and David Rozelle. Bottom row, standing, are Dorothy Brown, Jeff Brenney, Roseanne Hudspeth, Doug Stern and Mary Schulte (seated). (rod stern photo)

Highest scholastic honor Seal Bearers announced as graduation draws near

As graduation draws near, speculation begins as to which students will wear the gold braid and tassel that designates a Seal Bearer and march down the aisle to receive their diplomas.

Seal Bearer is the highest scholastic honor a Bellflower High School student can receive. The path to this honor begins when the student enters his sophomore year of high school, according to Mr. Richard Hester, CSF adviser.

To become a Seal Bearer, a student must have been a member of CSF for four out of the last six semesters, one of which has to have been in the student's senior year. It's not quite as simple as it sounds, because CSF is no easy organization to get into, Mr. Hester continued.

CSF (California Scholarship Federation) is an academic organization that is run on the point system. To become a member a student must have ten points. Three points are given for A's, two points for B's, no points are given for C's, and a grade of D or F disqualifies the student from membership that semester.

As of the semester, 19 students al-

ready have enough semesters in CSF to become Seal Bearers at graduation. These students are Steven Bartel, Jeffrey Brenny, Dorothy Brown, Michael Budig, Debbie Collins, Roseann Hudspeth, Laurie Hopkins, Larry Jordan, Myra Kumagae, Scott Lansdown, Christa McCluggage and Sam Okimoto.

Others include Richard Rahm, David Rozelle, Mary Schulte, Douglas Stern, Robert Stogsdill, Greg Walen and Ken Williams.

There are nine students who will qualify for Seal Bearers if they make CSF this semester. These students are Caroline Bensena, Beverly DeZeou, Robert Evans, Sandra Holder, Cheryl McKinney, Toni Olsen, Cathy Sistrunk, Theresa Wells and Pamela Wright.

Of these students, some deserve special recognition for outstanding achievement. Of the 19 students who are Seal Bearers, 10 have been members of CSF every semester since they entered high school. These students are Michael Budig, Debbie Collins, Larry Jordan, Myra Kumagae, Sam Okimoto, Richard Rahm, David Rozelle, Mary Schulte, Douglas Stern and Greg Walen.

'Romantic Reflections'

Elegance foresighted for Jr.-Sr. Prom

by becky alit

Mirrored walls, crystal chandeliers, accents of red velvet and spring flowers set the mood for this year's Junior-Senior prom, "Romantic Reflections."

In spite of the bids that may cost as much as \$20 per couple levied by the hotel, nearly 300 students are expected to attend.

"The prom, which will be a dinner dance held in the Crystal Room of the Beverly Hills Hotel, should be an elegant experience," explains Mr. John Killeen, administrative adviser.

"Unlike proms in the past, the dinners will not be catered in. They are

served directly from the kitchen adjoining the Crystal Room and all diners are gourmet cooking with food flown in from all over the world."

The music for the prom will be provided by Evert Covin and his orchestra, a group well-known in Beverly Hills for its past work at the hotel and also many private engagements. The six-piece, all-professional orchestra, will play selections of soft modern music instead of the hard rock played at past proms. During the evening violinists will roam the tables at request and one special selection will be played honoring graduating seniors.

Because of the high cost of the bids members of the Junior class are working on different fund raising activities in order to lower the bids to \$15. Some of the fund raising activities underway include a recent trip to the Bellflower Mortuary for which they received \$175. Burger King Restaurant issued the Junior class 1000 coupons to sell at \$1 apiece, and for every one they sell the juniors will receive 50¢ in order to lower the bids. The "The Hang Up" Mod shop on Bellflower Blvd. is devoting one day as

Bids for the prom will go on sale in the Activities Office May 1. The Prom will be held on May 28 from 8 until 12 p.m. The dress is formal and guys must wear a dinner jacket or a tux. Maps will be available when bids are bought.

Lutes wins speech honor

Ed Lutes became the only person from Bellflower to qualify for the state speech contest this year, when he placed second in the House of Representatives at the Norwalk Student Congress April 3.

Also winning awards at the Congress were Sam Okimoto and Scott Lansdown, who took third and fourth places, respectively, in the Senate.

The Student Congress consists of a mock Senate and two House of Representatives. Speech students come from various schools and debate eight different resolutions, utilizing parliamentary procedure. They are judged on their speaking ability and their contribution to the orderly conducting of business.

The most important ability, however, is the ability to get attention, as was pointed out by BHS speech coach Ron Albertson when he said, "The main reason for Ed's excellent performance is that he really worked to get recognized so that he could speak."

The next step for Ed will be the State Speech Contest being held at Fullerton State College on April 30 and May 1. There he will compete in a student congress against some of the best speakers in California.

The awards given to Bellflower at the Student Congress bring to 152 the number of awards that the BHS speech team has won.



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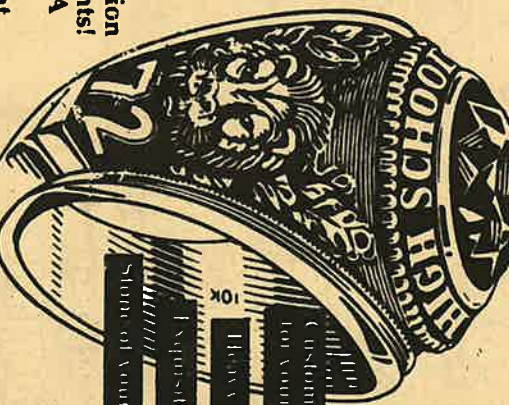
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Bellflower's finest cage team picked

With Bellflower completing its finest basketball season in history, it seemed fitting to use the occasion to select the all-time Buccaneer squad.

Chosen from a list of Bellflower's best, compiled by former Buc Coach Jack Foerster (now head basketball coach at Cerritos), here is the starting five: Center — Ev Fopma, 1969; Forwards — Dan Wood, 1965 and Pat Olsen, 1968; Guards — Jim Damm, 1964 and Dan Davidson, 1971.

While there is little doubt about the selection at center, where Fopma literally dominated the game while in the Bellflower uniform, the other choices can be debated.

Pat Olsen and Dan Wood showed exceptional skill in shooting and rebounding during their years at BHS. Wood particularly stood out as he aided Bellflower in winning the SGVL title in his senior year (with a 22-4 record and a top 10 ranking in CIF). The guards, Damm and Davidson, were both on teams of exceptional skill but seemed to be the true standouts. Damm led Bellflower into the CIF playoffs in 1964 while Davidson was the team captain and an All-CIF selection as Bellflower went all the way into the finals before losing this year.

Both the forwards and guards faced keen competition from other stars of the past. A 1958 standout, Bud Fletcher, could logically be a pick at forward. And there were several outstanding athletes at guard, including Randy Craig, who graduated two years ago, and Phil Weinberg, who will be back next year.

Only Fopma, who went on to star at Cerritos, is an unquestionable pick at his position.

When Cal High's tennis team edged the Buc varsity, 14-3/4-13-1/4, last Tuesday, a dynasty may have fallen.

Bellflower's netters, who have dominated SGVL play for the last several years, are now in second place with a 3-1 record. A tie is the best they can get — by beating Cal in the rematch May 7. Looks like a replay of last year when Bott's racket squad came back to grab a share of the crown.



Bellflower High's premiere track runner Bob Stogsdale (left) breaks ahead of fellow Bucs Tom Mahood and Bob O'Brien in practice for tonight's meet against first place Cal High.

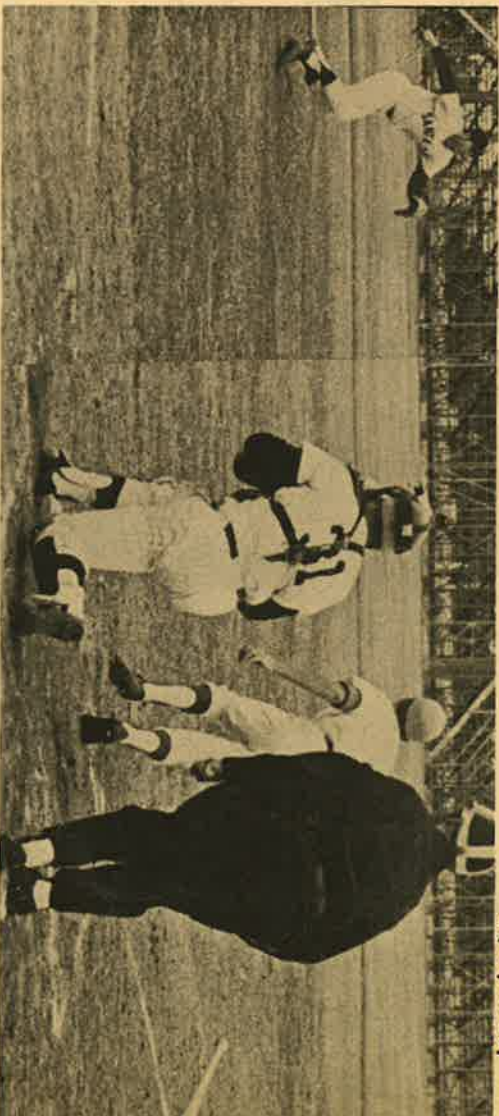
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Outfielder Brian Diendorf heads for first base after hitting a slow infield roller. Diendorf was out but Bellflower won the game, 6-2, on the Buc diamond. Bucs take on Lynwood in a crucial league match tomorrow afternoon.

(rod stern photo)

Buc nine topples Chiefs, 6-2

by dave wielenga

Southpaw Fred Perez permitted only four hits and contributed a run-scoring double Friday, as Bellflower's varsity baseball squad topped the visiting Chiefs from Santa Fe, 6-2.

After allowing a harmless single in the first inning, Perez disposed of 16 batters in succession, including three strikeouts, before being touched for two runs in the seventh.

Offensively, the Bucs flexed their muscles early, jumping off to a 2-0 lead in the opening inning as a leadoff walk to Dan Davidson was followed by singles by Terry Silver and Dave Castillo to load the bases. Bob (Chico) Woolford's sacrifice fly to deep center gave Bellflower its first run. The second tally came on the next play with a perfect squeeze bunt by Cliff Axe.

Bellflower exploded for an additional four runs in the fourth inning on a walk to first baseman Dirk Rodgers, who moved to second on a passed

ball. Back-to-back doubles by Perez and catcher Sherman Seelye produced two tallies and another pair scored on a two-bagger by Axe after Davidson reached first on an error and Silver was walked intentionally.

While the Chiefs displayed sloppy fielding, committing four costly errors and contributing five walks to the Bellflower cause, the Buc nine played flawless defense to complement the pinpoint control of Perez.

The triumph left the Buccaneers in second place in the SGVL with a strong 6-1-1 record and kept them in close pursuit of Lynwood, who gave Bellflower its only setback. (The tie was with Norwalk.)

Meanwhile, the Knights of Lynwood, behind the five-hit pitching performance by their sophomore phenom Pat McMullen, downed the Cal High Condors 4-2 Friday to boost their league record to 7-1.

Spikers face Cal today

by mike budig

After an overwhelming 89-33 victory over Santa Fe last week, Bellflower's varsity spikers will try to upset Cal High's chances for the SGVL championship today.

The Bucs travel to Cal with a 2-1 record in league meets, after losing to Excelsior two weeks ago. But the Condors, picked by most people to wing the SGVL title, are still undefeated after three league meets.

Cal will use its strength in sprints and field events to try to overcome Bellflower's talent in the distance events.

However, last week Bellflower had an easy time against a "skeleton" of Santa Fe's varsity. The Chiefs stripped their varsity and Cee teams of their best talent to fortify their Bees, who were still undefeated and in competition for the league crown.

Although Coach Dave Dufault anticipated this move by Santa Fe and dropped some of his varsity to Bees, he underestimated the extent of Santa Fe's strategy. So the Bee team, left on its own against Santa Fe's top talent, was trounced, 66-20, and dropped from the SGVL title race, with little competition then for the varsity.

Bellflower gained an easy, lopsided victory. The Cees also recorded an easy victory to remain the only undefeated Buc squad. By dumping Santa Fe, 60-11, the Cees kept alive their hopes for a league championship.

After today's meet, Bellflower's Brad Stone will travel to the Mt. Sac relays tomorrow night. Stone, the Buc's top pole vaulter and one

of the best in the entire CIF, set a new Buc record in the vault as he leaped 14'3" at the Chaffey Invitational earlier this month. He will be the lone Bellflower representative.

After their final league meet with Lynwood next week, the Bucs will go to the invitational at Arcadia High School. The meet was originally scheduled for last Saturday but was cancelled due to poor weather and the fact that the lights were not working. The meet will now be held on May 1.

The Bucs will be represented in three events, including two Cee contests (the distance medley and 440 relay).

In the other event, Bellflower's undefeated, long-distance runner, Bob Stogsdill, will be competing in the mile. Stogsdill has yet to lose this year in both the mile and two mile. He set a new Bellflower record in the mile as he was timed in 4:23.1 earlier in the year.

However, at Arcadia he will face what he described as "some of the toughest competition I've ever gone up against," including times as low as 4:17.4.

(A final note: if the Buc varsity beats Cal and Cal beats Excelsior next week, these teams will be left in the three-way tie for first place.

The possibility is not as unlikely as it seems as Excelsior is extremely worried about Cal. Pilot Coach Gordon Fitzal was very concerned about the Condors, who are in front of the pack despite the competition of the SGVL. Excelsior must win in order to clinch at least a tie for first place.)

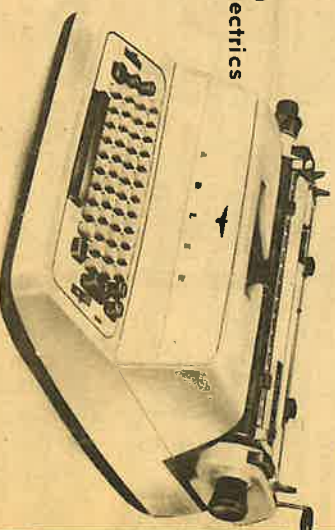


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