

Jersey-ed beauties stump interviewers

by don hahn

At first glance one might think that the five jersey clad girls bouncing around the Rick Rahm monolith are somewhat strange. A second glance might confirm your first thoughts. But that third look tells you that they are only living in ecstasy after being elected homecoming princesses. Barbara Alt, Debbie Heida, Beverly Alt, Dana McQuillin and Becky Alt all happily posed in front of the focusing lens of Blade photographer Steve Lavozy while Shelley Jacobson and I were busy worrying about the interview for the paper. They soon finished and sat down ready to catch the questions thrown toward them in our game of interviewer's football.

The first point of action was to introduce the players. "This is Shelley. She's from Washington."

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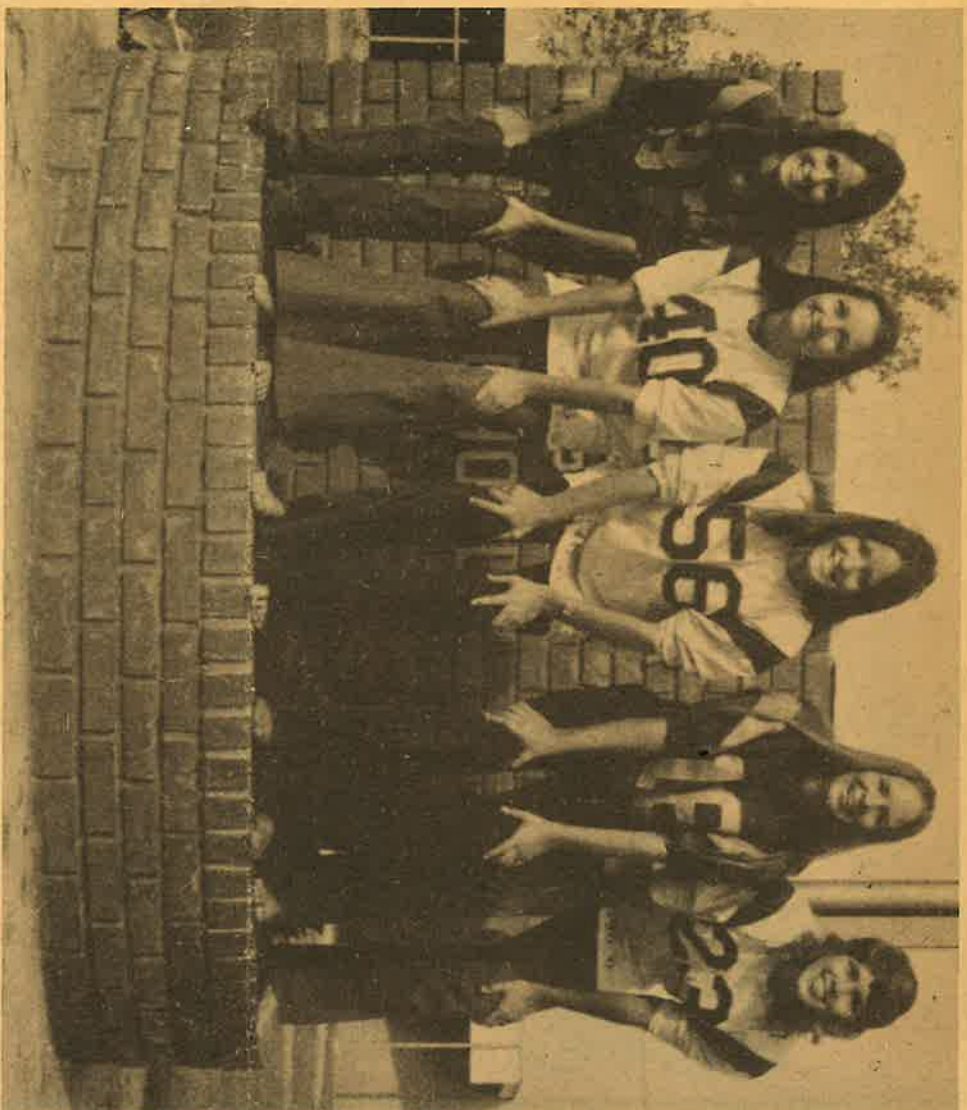
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Football will indeed be the sport of the five girls grinning above. When at halftime of the October 23 Paramount game, one of them will become the Homecoming Queen of 1971.

Pictured above are Princesses (from left to right) Becky Alt, Dana McQuillin, Beverly Alt, Barbara Alt and Debbie Heida. (photo by Steve J. Voss)



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Bucs dash for trash Peterson's students 'psyche-out' litterbugs

Some day if you casually happen upon 80 students armed with tools, rakes and implements of destruction, leaving a trail of blood and sweat and anti-litter posters, stay out of their way. They are all out to solve the litter problem for BHS as a part of their psychology class goal.

Their assignment seems easy: Solve the litter problem on campus and you get an 'A'. This challenge has been posed to Mrs. Jean Peterson's two psychology classes. "Although five years ago it couldn't have worked, I think now it's very possible," she remarked. "Solutions have already been found on high school and college campuses throughout the nation and I haven't seen more than three beer cans," she continued. "I usually don't keep track of the number of beer cans between here and Kansas City, but I did notice

this change in the scenery! "If the nation can show this much concern, so can we," she added. "This is the main reason I thought this whole idea possible." Confident that her classes will clean up on the project, Mrs. Peterson said that the idea has captured school-wide enthusiasm.

"The excitement generated by the project is amazing. It has aroused the concern of the administration and teachers and many students who aren't even in my classes. Our enthusiasm has also been lifted by the support of Dr. (Art) Townley and Mr. (John) Killien," commented Mrs. Peterson. "We also expect support of faculty and student government."

Regardless of possible outside help, if the problem is not solved the mob of litter-hungry students will be graded according to their technique.

While one teacher described Bill as "tall," Mrs. Trudy Clark went a little farther and pronounced him "scholarly."

"He really puts effort into his work," Mrs. Clark went on, nodding vigorously. "plus he has an added advantage--he truly understands the value of an education."

Another description of Bill extracted from a friend was that of an "inquirer." He inquires about everything from the relevancy of some curriculum at BHS, to the efficiency of the present form of student government.

"Clubs and student government should be cooperating more with each other," was one item tossed out by Bill's churning brain. "A curriculum committee should be initiated. Requiring four years of social studies is ridiculous," was another sentiment expressed by the opinionated semi-finalist.

In the future Bill sees USC or UCLA with a major in Political Science or Asian Studies.

"If we don't win," Mrs. Peterson said, "I don't see how we can lose. It's probably one of the best ways for students to actually work with people while solving a big problem."

Working in groups divided according to technique, the anti-litter lynchers expect to reach their semester's end.

Groups using techniques such as speaker-film, assembly, class discussion and posters, rely mainly on publicity to catch the public's eye. The penalty-reward system uses less pleasant tactics.

Janice Rogers and Sue Gunnings head the "attractive trashcan" committee, hoping that students will flock to their attractively styled disposal sites.

It has been speculated by Campus Beautification that Bellflower High nearly lost the perpetual trophy

last year largely because of the litter problem.

Colliers such as Ceritos or UCLA obviously have no litter problem," remarked Mrs. Peterson. "These are examples that the litter problem can and has been solved."

It is apparent that this forbidding group of students has a definite goal. Whether it is to get a good grade or to solve the problem at hand differs among students. But they will obviously come out on top. It remains to be seen if and how it will be done.

Psychology used in the effort will be a valuable learning experience, according to Mrs. Peterson. So as the tools clang and the students wield their rakes of psychology in the sunset, it's time to put another day to sleep in hopes that today's experience might, even just a little, solve tomorrow's problems.

BHS boasts Merit scholar

by melissa blaylock

"Wild, with radical ideas which, oddly enough, always seem to fit into the framework of the system," was one response. "Power to the people," replied another, while someone else threw in, "Diogenes like."

Although the descriptions could fit anything from a militant Greek to a wandering computer, the subject of discussion was Bill Thompson, be-spectacled senior who was the only BHS student to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finals.

Last February, most juniors took the Merit test. In California Bill placed among 1,000 to 1,500 chosen as semi-finalists. "Maybe the test was just suited to me," Bill grinned.

"I was high in every area of the test," Bill continued eagerly, "and I really do think I'll make the finals." He quickly pointed out that finalists were decided by over-all grades, extra-curricular activities and scores on the SAT test.



Liberals call for halt of student government

by Jeannette Anderson

It is a sad event today when a liberal sheet of negative criticism about Belflower's educational system must be printed and distributed anonymously so that students have no chance to reflect their opinions to and get involved with the writers of this controversial underground newspaper, the Motivator. Published by the Student Underground Coalition (SUC), The Motivator lashes out at the irrelevancy of school with emotional generalizations. On the topic of student government, it was stated that elections are "a sacred ritual of annually selected fellow-students to supposedly represent them in a sort of chaotic machine labeled 'student government.'", SUC feels that student government has failed entirely in its attempt to create a meaningful facsimile of a democratic government of campus.

A second article challenged the counselors' help in schedule changes at the beginning of the year and summed up the dilemma with plenty of exaggeration: "It seems a pity that the problems of the students should be tossed aside while the counselors are vacationing on Friday."

However, a certain amount of validity is due to the article concerning student government's ineffectiveness. In a recent survey of randomly chosen students the endeavors of student government were described as being limited to social activities and clubs. Common gripes were that "people run for office just for the glory of it; there are only a small number of students with good ideas, and that too few students are involved."

Unfortunately, no practical corrective solution was given. The anonymous author called for "the immediate dissolution of ASB government at BHS until a time when our administrators will relinquish some of their power to a responsible student body to form a truly meaningful and fruitful system to replace it." It is true that the student government may not make great changes in school policy, it does give students a chance to practice politics and get social functions planned and executed.

The administration is willing to accept any responsible suggestions and is waiting for motivated students to do something. Assistant Principal John Killen stated, "Criticism is needed for any process, but no one has suggested anything." Principal Art Towmley says, "Students can make of their government what they want to make of it." He and others feel that students should participate in making real decisions. Assistant Principal Merwyn Smith hopes to start a student committee to investigate curriculum.

We contend that if The Motivator were to research and give serious thought about a solution to their stories--and the whole of it were printed in the BLADE--the students would then have someone to respond to through letters to the Editor and could create an organization to look at curriculum, student government, and school policies.

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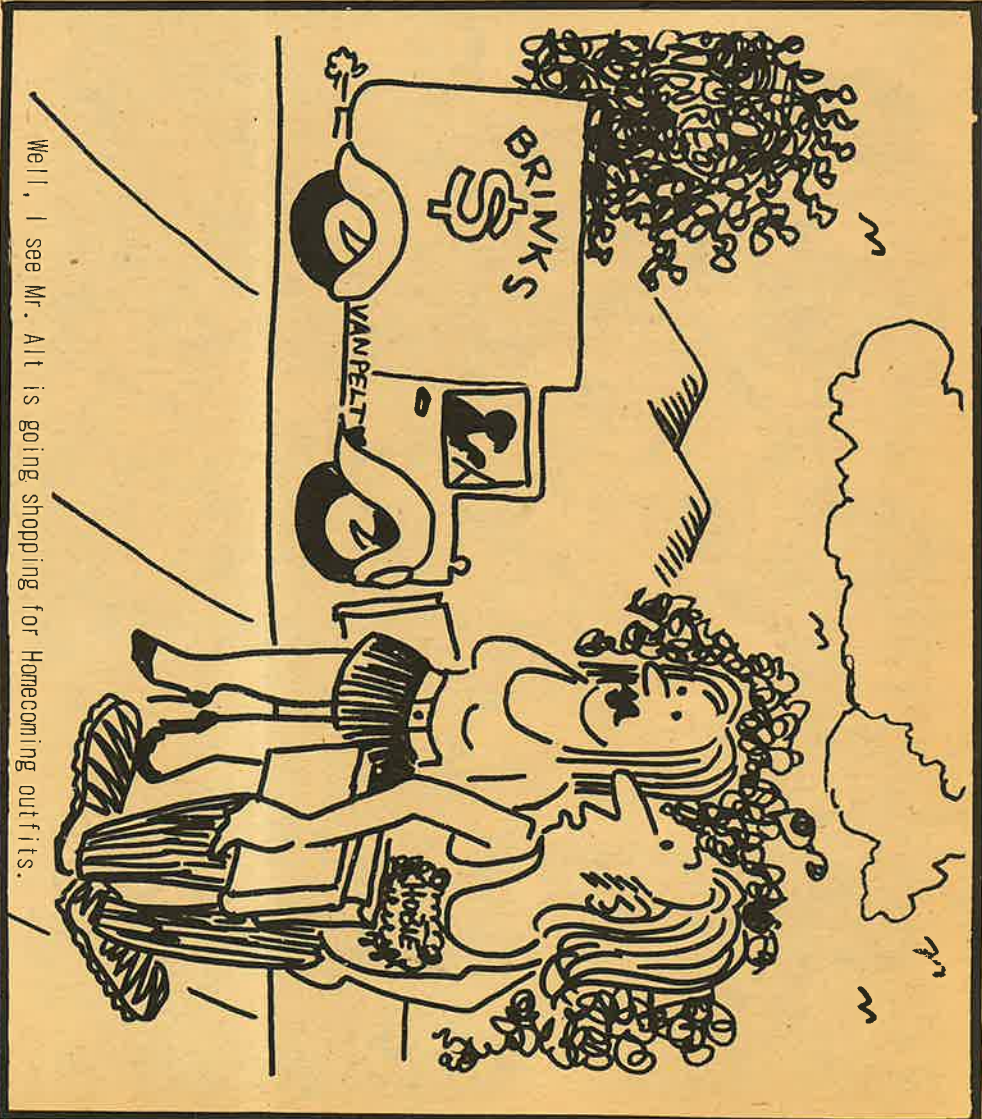
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Letters to the Editor

Students agitated by Motivator

To the Editor:
Last week's issue of The Motivator clearly defined the kind of government held here at BHS. From you, I would like to see the positions of all candidates published regarding campus issues.

Popularity contest defined last year's elections on this campus clearly. I also suggest that the BLADE conduct a campus survey to find out why, students do not vote!

Frank Fisher
Senior

(That vilification of all high schools, apathy, can be pin-pointed as the cause of what you complain about. The BLADE has previously attempted to bring out controversial issues during elections, but they are often neatly side-stepped by candidates. Until students, like yourself, become involved, the popularity situation will, unfortunately, continue.--Ed.)

To the Editor:

Regarding the issue of The Motivator in which it was suggested that student government be abolished, I feel that Al Brino (as he called himself) offered no workable solution whatsoever.

It's very easy to criticize our student government and our student leaders, because the problems within the organization are inherent to any government. But it's another thing to simply ask that the whole operation be shut down. Student government does offer those involved some excellent experiences in politics, decision-making and public speaking. Perhaps these things alone are worth keeping a student government.

John Richards
Junior

To the Editor:

Another new school year has begun. Yet, the only new adjectives which describe our campus best are: cruddy, cruddier and cruddiest. Most people think that as years go by, more improvement would be made, that is with the exception of Belflower High School's campus.

Trash and filth are not something that should be taken lightly. Pollution is a reality, and must be coped with immediately. If anything is to be accomplished, the whole student body must be aware of it, for it affects each and every individual. The decision is ours. Do we want a beautiful and outasite school, or do we go on cursing it with trash, letting BHS waste away to Barbage?

Michelle Bradley
Sophomore

(As one of my staff members so aptly put it, the majority of big talkers are little doers. How can you get the entire student body to support your cause?--Ed.)

To the Editor:

Everywhere you go there is trash, but who enjoys wading through trash? Throughout the week of October 25 thru 29 the custodians will not pick up trash on campus. Their job will become the responsibility of the student body. For every day we have a clean campus, five minutes will be taken from class time on Friday. Everyone please help in keeping our campus clean, not only during this one week but everyday!

Susan Ward
Ecology Chairman

(Perhaps desperation has forced you to attempt this method, but have you considered the irrevocable consequences of bringing rats onto campus? Trash left lying, as you have suggested, has proven to be the ideal breeding ground for these destructive little pests. Perhaps more consideration should go into your plan. Unless you are positive the student body will re-group and pitch in and help.--Ed.)

(The Blade will accept expressions of viewpoints from readers whose letters are subject to editing and must be signed, with names withheld upon request. All letters or cartoons may be taken to room 514 or given to any staff member.)

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

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Cops invade classrooms

by Melissa Blaylock

While their parents become obsessed with the idea of law and order, American youth seem to spout the bitterest sentiments about police and the job they are doing. Yet, an unprecedented interest is shown along with the complaints, and the massive popularity of BHS' Police Science course is a valid proof.

Dr. Art Towley, principal, pointed out that last year there was only one period of Police Science. This year there are five (of which the majority are filled to capacity).

"It's new to them," Deputy William D. Richardson, one of the course teachers, explained. "Students have never had an opportunity to be close to law enforcement. A lot of kids are interested in it, and this course gives them a chance to ask questions they may have always wanted to."

Sergeant Louis C. Hall, along with Dep. Richardson (who are both members of the Lakewood Sheriff's Department) instruct students daily on various concepts of law enforcement. The purpose of the class, according to Dep. Richardson, is mainly, to clear up the misconceptions about law enforcement.

Within the course, the two officers hope to give students a general background of criminal law to discuss pertinent aspects of the Vehicle Code and Juvenile Law; to give a brief background of the Sheriff's Department, and to inform kids as to how the circumstances surrounding any situation dealing with law enforcement officers can

affect the outcome.

"Ever since I was a little kid I've been in law enforcement as a career — and when I got old enough to realize how important the money aspect was, that became attractive also," interjected Dep. Richardson.

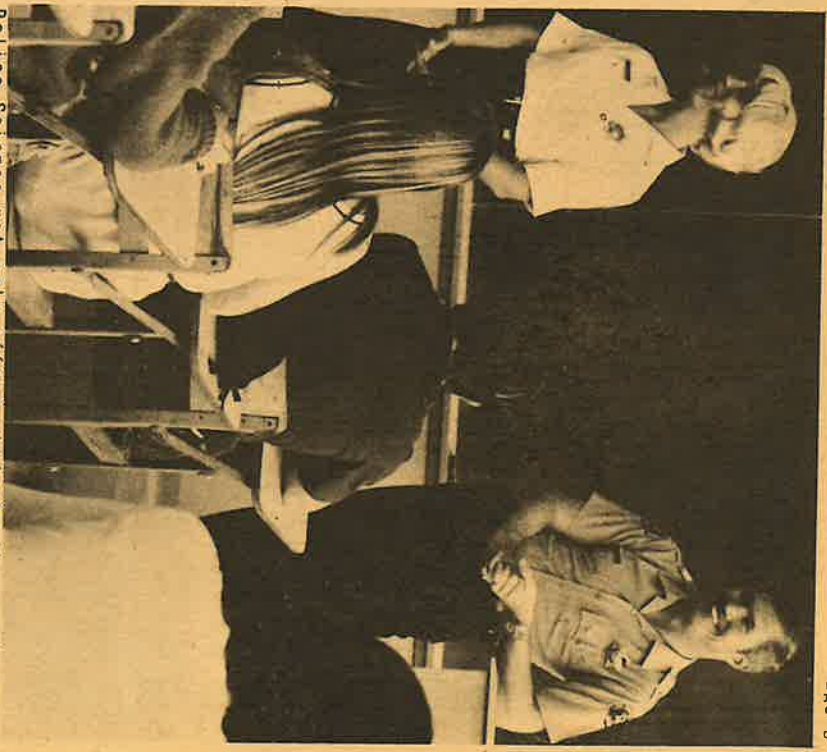
"Overall, I enjoy teaching the class very much," Dep. Richardson smiled, "and it's challenging to continually come up with new experiences which I can share with the students."

But after listening to harrowing tales of his numerous experiences, such as the handling of an acid-bath murder in Paramount which Dep. Richardson later discovered he dealt with with an unloaded rifle, or a traffic accident where a man was crushed beyond recognition, one tends to wonder just how enjoyable a job like that can be.

"The one time I really regretted entering law enforcement was during the riots in East Los Angeles. We were on 12-hour shifts and I worked 30 hours overtime. It really denied my family life," Dep. Richardson admitted.

"When I walk in the front door, I'm afraid my kids won't know me. Anyone going into law enforcement as a career should be willing to give the largest share of his life to it, otherwise it becomes a burden."

As for dedication to his profession, one day during class Dep. Richardson made his stand quite clear when he remarked, "We're on duty for 24 hours a day. Of course, we don't get paid for all of that, though. Why if they would pay us for 24-hour duty, I think I'd consider wearing my helmet to bed."



Police Science not only offers students chances to ride along in patrol cars with officers as observers, but also provides them with interesting class diversions such as this visit by Deputies Pat Ruff and Mike Allen, who train students at the Police Training Academy in east L.A.

(photo by Steve La Voy)

Dreams: Excursions through man's subconscious

by Jeann Park

conventional—they get at true feelings.

Deep in the dark hours of the night, when you are soundly snoring in your bed, a quiet avalanche of suppressed feelings, fears, hopes and opinions are raging through your subconscious.

These often-disturbing, sleepy-time dramas, called dreams, happen to everyone every night, at least according to Dr. Calvin S. Hall, director of the Institute for Dream Research at Santa Cruz.

Personal insights

In fact, Dr. Hall goes so far to say that dreams are necessary to mental health, that they are an outlet for true emotions.

"Dreams can supply information," he says, "about ourselves that we couldn't get in waking life, where responses tend to be rationalized and conventional. But dreams aren't

Even modern scientists are beginning to accept the telepathic powers of dreams. Dream researchers have actually assigned meanings to some of the more common symbols found in dreams.

Fantasies with meaning

For example, one of the most common dreams is that in which the sensation of falling is present. This indicates a presence of fear, usually a fear of falling in some undertaking. Or dreaming of a river that you desperately need to cross symbolizes that you are coming to a turning point in your life.

But of course these interpretations may not apply in every case because certain people tend to dream certain kinds of dreams.

Scientists collecting dreams for study have found that most men tend to dream with an outdoors setting, while a more women find themselves in domestic surroundings. Young

children usually have dreams concerning animals and teen-agers often dream of greater freedom.

Daydream vs. Nightdream

All of these are night dreams, however, and are totally different from the daydreams that everyone experiences daily.

Daydreams are completely created by a person while he is totally conscious. However, like the unconscious dream, a daydream is also an outlet for desires and emotions. As an example, when a person driving a car is suddenly angered by another motorist, the driver's first desire is to "have it out" with his antagonist. Fortunately, more often than not, this encounter is confined to the battleground of the mind.

But, whether in the form of a psychotic nightmare, a telepathic message or a pleasant daydream, these fantasies make life in the real world a little easier to put up with.

Telepathic messages

The result of this conscious abandonment is seen in the absurd shapes that dreams often take.

"It is extremely difficult to distinguish the dreams of those who are mentally disturbed from those of 'normal' people," commented Dr. Hall. "In our dreams we are all psychotic."

Another theory, which disputes the idea that dreams are simply an emotional outlet, is based on the ancient belief that dreams are messages from "the gods," a forewarning of some future disaster.

Mandas wins

Fresh elect first female leader

"I want to prove to the class of '75 that a girl can uphold the job of Freshman President," Debbie Mandas, just minutes after her reelection, the run-off election results which made her the first girl freshman president in BHS history.

The idea of a female president was cemented even before Debbie was chosen to fill the office. The first results of the election held on Oct. 7, showed that a run-off vote between two girls would be needed to determine this year's freshman leader. The final results of the elections showed that Debbie Mandas had defeated her close opponent, Marsha Hardy. And with the air of excitement still around her, Debbie expressed the goals she wants to accomplish. "With Fresh Orientation, pep assemblies and football games, the Freshmen have built a lot of spirit. I'd like to keep that spirit up throughout the year. I also want to build a good reputation for the class."

Debbie, who was a cheerleader at Washington Jr. High, would like to see her class get off to a quick start and sponsor many activities during the '71-'72 year. After fulfilling the freshman responsibilities for Homecoming, she wants her cabinet to hold a car wash, bake sale and a trip to the mortuary.

Teaming with her to accomplish these goals are

eight other newly-elected officers. The cabinet consists of Zane Rodighiero as Vice President, Sherry Meum, secretary and Gail Grindler, treasurer.

Also elected were Dana Watson for Secretary of activities, Laurie Hulen as Secretary of publicity and Glen Schnabagger for sergeant at arms.

The court precursors of the Freshmen class are Kathie Back and Andrea Matchum. Andrea won her bid to the student court in another tight run-off election against Kim Koops.

Commenting on her fellow officers, the first female freshman president said, "I've worked with most of them all through junior high and I know they are a good bunch of people. I feel if we have anywhere near the enthusiasm I anticipate we

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Led by junior quarterback Dan Castillio's 120 total of-
tensive yards, Bellflower varsity football squad pre-
pared for today's clash with winless Palos Verdes by over-
powering Artesia, 21-7, Friday night.

Castillio, while completing four of seven passes for
forty yards, gained 80 yards rushing (5.3 average) as he
proved to be main difference in the game," according to
coach Clay Odell.

"Although Danny had a real good game," stated Odell,
"I was somewhat disappointed in our overall defense both
against the pass and the run. If we play as badly against
Palos Verdes we could be in for a surprise."

Odell, who feels that his team's ranking of second in
CIF is too high for this early in the season despite being
undereated, anticipates some possible personnel changes
before this afternoon's game.

"Despite the fact that we have the nucleus of a real
fine football team," stated Odell, "we're going to have
to show a lot of improvement if we hope to take league.
All of the teams in the SGVL look tough."

Last week's game with Artesia was an offensive battle as
the Bucs gained a total of 225 yards to 187 for the Pio-
neers.

The scoring opened with 3:52 left in the first quarter
when Bob Torrence bulled his way into the end zone from the
Dave Wielenga

Gambling for high stakes

Bellflower's football
coaching staff is blessed
with players possessing tal-
ent, speed, bulk and rated
as the second best team in
the CIF Southern Section.
Still the coaches choose to
risk it all with every punt
the Bucs receive. Oddly e-
nough, the man who is given
the task of collecting these
aerial blasts and returning
them against a massive flow
of bulky tacklers is perhaps
the only capable quarterback
on the roster, the key to the
entire offense and a man who
must remain healthy for the
Bucs to have a successful
season--Dan Castillio.

Let's hope that Odell's
theory of indestructibility
proves sound because it would
be a pity for Bellflower's
well-tuned football vehicle
to sit idle for want of a
driver.

"He's the best we've got,"
explained head coach Clay
Odell of Castillio, who is
already rated as the finest
broken field runner in Buc
history. "It's dangerous
for a small kid to be any-
where on a football field.
We've got to treat him like
he's indestructible...and
that's what he's been."

Turning my investigative
faculties toward another as-
pect of the Fall Favorite, I
noticed that place-kicker
Steve Skuljan, the newest
addition to the varsity squad
was out for cross country
earlier this year. It was
discovered that he was quite
adept at booting a football
between the uprights of a
goalpost, so after abandoning
the cross country life, Steve
was readily accepted by the
grid coaches. However, ac-
cording to Section V, No. 6

four. The touchdown drive was initiated at the Pioneer 31
yard line following Duane Miller's recovery of an Artesia
fumble. Torrence, playing with a back injury, made it 7-0
by kicking the extra point.

The Buccaneer's next touchdown was scored in the second
period when tailback John Smith, who finished with 80 yards
rushing on 17 carries, plunged over from the three.

Artesia also scored in the second quarter when junior
Danny Almonza, ("a real good, strong runner" according
to Coach Odell), powered into the end zone from the Bell-
flower one yard line. Almonza ended the game as the Pio-
neers' leading rusher with 61 yards on 16 carries for a
3.9 average.

The final touchdown of the contest came late in the
fourth period when, after Bellflower had forced Artesia to
punt, Castillio returned the kick 20 yards to the Pioneer's
25 yard line. Then, on first down, Castillio easily sprinted
past the defenders on a quarterback keeper for the score.

Odell conceded that one of the reasons that he thought
Artesia played so well was that the Pioneer's were really
up for the game. But with the high rating, it appears that
the Bucs will be entering the rest of their games in the
undestriable role of being the team to beat--thus making it
even tougher for the Bucs to get out of their own league.

of the Bellflower Athletic
Code, an athlete who quits a
team "shall be ineligible
for the duration of the sport
season of the team which he
quit. He shall not be al-
lowed to tryout or become a
member of any other team un-
til the team which he quit
has completed its season."

All this means is simply
that Skuljan is not eligible
for any sport until the cross
country season has ended.

It turns out that the snub-
bing of this rule was not a
careless mistake by the Ath-
letic faculty. "There was a
controversy among all the
coaches," explained an in-
formed source, "but the in-
terpretation was that Skuljan
didn't quit cross-country to
join football; he entered PE
and joined the gridders from
there."

Regardless of the interpre-
tation, the fact is that the
rule of their own making was
ignored. It makes me wonder
whether the code is a fair
statement of the rules, or
just a tool for the coaches
to use to get what they want.

Buc two-milers nip Bruins by 1

Bellflower High's var-
sity cross country team
tuned up for next Friday's
all-important league opener
with Paramount by nipping
Wilson High School, 72-73,
Friday.

Racing on the Bruin
course, which features var-
ious turns and hills, the
Bucs were led by Bob
O'Brien's second place time
of 10:14 and finished third
in the quadrangular con-
frontation behind runaway
winner Salesian and powerful
Water Dei high schools.
Second and third among the
Buc striders were Ken Neisen
and Bob Hollinsworth with
times of 10:28 and 10:47.
The surprise of the day was
the strong performance of
freshman Steve Moran who com-
pleted the two miles in
11:19, a personal best.

"Moran's going to be a good
one," commented coach Dave
Chapel, "I hope to get him
under 11 minutes before
league."

Top runner for the Bell-
flower J.V. squad was soph-
omore Frank Hollinsworth,
followed by freshmen Rick
Larman and Jack Villagas.

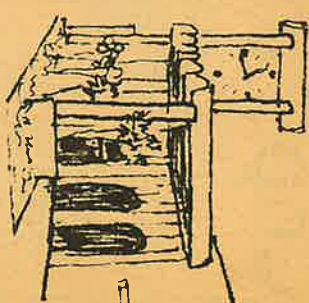
Although two of the biggest
competitors, Lynwood and
Santa Fe high schools have
been dropped from the SGVL,
the season appears to be a
gruelling one indeed.

Paramount is said to have
a strong team and Chapel
regards the Pirates as a
worthy foe. "They've rounded
up a bunch of guys and really
turned them loose," ap-
praised Chapel. "These guys
can run and they should give
us quite a battle. It should
be an interesting meet."



Sophomore Frank Hollinsworth jaunts to a JV victory over
the Artesia Pioneers Friday. Led by Bob O'Brien second
place. the varsity edged Wilson High, 72-73.

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