

# Wampler announces retirement; Board views budget

by Rod Stern

A letter of resignation from Dr. W. Norman Wampler to the BUSD Board of Education was accepted "without regret" at the regular meeting of the Board of Education, Tuesday, Dec. 14.

The resignation was accepted "without regret" since, according to Board member Dr. C.H. Ozanian, a person who has served the District for 26 years as unselfishly as Wampler, deserves a rest.

Wampler's resignation comes at a time when the Bellflower Schools are facing what the Board describes as a "survival situation."

In a series of four meetings, beginning Nov. 23, the Board has investigated possible educational improvements, budget cuts and new income for the school year of 1972-73.

The stimulation for this discussion came when a projection of next year's budget indicated that by maintaining an educational program equal to that presently offered, the District would fall into a \$840,000 deficit.

On paper, the Budget cuts and new income would provide the District with approximately \$650,000, but according to Wampler, in all practicality they could not amount to more than \$400,000.

The budget cuts which are under consideration include:

- 1) Eliminating all bus transportation (to and from school, team busses for sports events, etc) for a savings of \$100,000.
- 2) Placing virtually all high school students on a five period day allowing a savings of \$120,000.
- 3) Ending the allotment of \$43,000 to the athletics program.
- 4) Increasing the average class size by one student, netting \$75,000 (according to Wampler Bellflower's average class size is already much greater than both the local and

state averages)

- 5) Ending the school nursing program at a savings of 85,000.
- 6) Eliminating one administrative position providing \$35,000.
- 7) Cutting 10 per cent (\$40,000) of the custodial services.
- 8) Closing one elementary school (Will Rodgers) saving \$5,000, with the possibility of renting the unused building to the county for \$25,000.

If the Board chooses not to employ the cuts, the only remaining possibility would be to seek a tax override. (90 cents

per hundred dollars would see the District through two years).

But during the second meeting when Ozanian moved that it should be "the intent of the Board to have a tax override, it failed to draw a second from another member of the Board.

Wampler pointed out that in order to meet the legal requirements for a tax override election, the District would need to notify the county of its intentions before Jan. 25.

At this time no action has been taken in any direction.



Jan. 10-15

## Bucs preparing for salute to America

Following in Columbus' footsteps, it may sound redundant but Discover Your America Week is a first not only for Bellflower High but also for the surrounding community.

Perhaps Re-Discover Your America Week would be a more appropriate title, for the week will consist of looks at various facets of American life, past and present, according to Secretary of Activities Becky Alt.

Several years ago the Grandland Singers, a patriotic youth group organized at Cerritos College, introduced the week to re-establish pride in America. So far, a spokesman for the group pointed out, it has worked out very well in many schools and communities.

Throughout the week people from all walks of American life will speak on campus, explained Becky. The idea, she added, is to re-acquaint students with their country and to remind people of their own heritage.

Activities for the week will include an apple-bobbing contest, an apple-eating contest plus a concert featuring the Grandland Singers.

Mayfair High School will also be sponsoring activities to commemorate the week along with community members. The concert includes Mayfair and will be held in their newly-constructed auditorium.



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### New Program

## Helpline lending big ears

by Jeannette Anderson

With walls needing painting, rooms nearly bare, and low on funds, the first Helpline Youth Counseling Field Facility opened its doors to the public Dec. 8 not knowing exactly what to expect within the next few months.

When Helpline Crisis-Intervention Telephone Center first began its services in March of 1969, over 200 calls were received in the first two weeks of operation, according to Helpline official Mary Samson. People reaching out for someone to talk to, to tell them of their problems were recently calling at a rate of 1500 a month.

"The center serves Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada, and Norwalk, providing counseling for psychological, behavioral, family-related problems, drug abuse, alcoholism, sexual, and draft dilemmas," stated to

Administrative Director Tom DeMar

Counseling is given privately with a trained counselor or as group therapy. "I'm hoping to initiate a program for the 12-22 year olds who want somewhere to go, to get out of their rut, be they drugs or freaky friends who are not be friends at all, to relate beautiful people their own age who've been through it all and want to help others," DeMary remarked.

For those who aren't sure of the establishment, DeMary assured that a counseling is confidential; no name addresses, or telephone numbers are asked for. It is a free service given and supported primarily by volunteers but hopefully, Mrs. Samson feels, many will receive such good vibes that they will want to return the favor and pass on the good word.

## Case, Bigelow kiss-off jock world

In the midst of 13 black-clad girls, two figures seemed to stand out. Not especially because they are very well-rounded or dressed differently, but because they happened to be boys.

"Well, what did you expect-tights? Most people do," exclaimed Harry Bigelow, who along with Pat Case are members of Mrs. Karen Deffner's fifth period Senior Modern Dance class.

in their 'undies', " Harry added. "Although I've never had boys in dance class before, they really seem add to it," commented Dance coach Mr. Deffner. "Men can do so much more spectacular things than women."

Aside from the two new additions to the company, the danceclass will be looking to Jan. 8 for the coming of the Bellflower Dance Workshop at Burroughs





## Board's budget answer: adjourn to next meeting

By Dave Wielenga

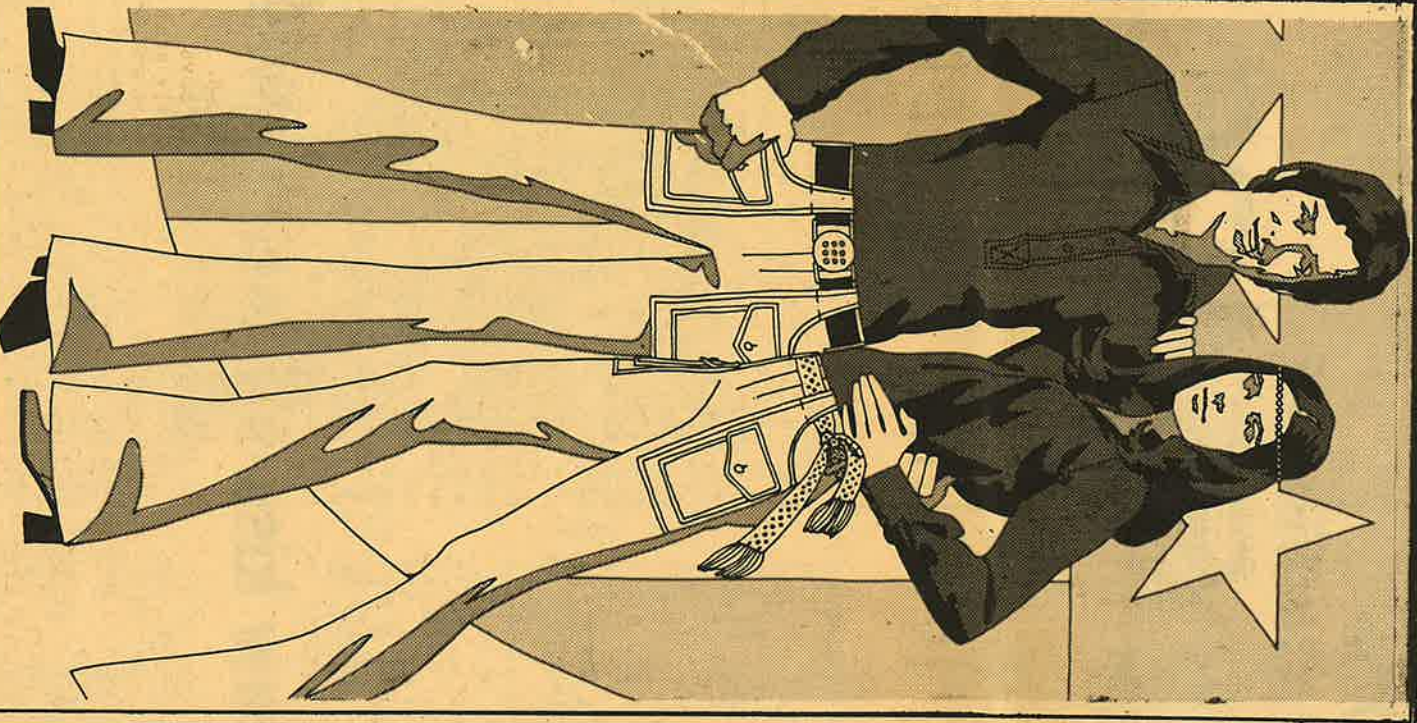
As the current educational emphasis is apparently directed toward encouraging students to form opinions and make decisions from those opinions, it is shameful that those responsible for the quality of our education have not displayed these same characteristics.

At the November 23 meeting of the BUSD school board, member Les Taylor reminded the board of the district's serious financial plight, a loathsome problem that the board had been conspicuously ignoring.

Seeking to solve the monetary dilemma, special meetings were held in addition to regular bi-weekly gatherings and although many possible solutions have been offered to the board at these meetings, its decision has invariably been the same: to adjourn and continue discussion at a later date.

Further delays in making a decision will only make the problem more acute by eliminating the tax override election as a possible solution. To avoid conflicting with the June primary, the election must be held April 18 or combine with an April 11 city election, meaning that January 25 is the last day to serve the required 80 day notice.

By refusing to come to a decision, the members of the board are displaying considerably more concern over their political popularity than the actual solving of a problem which is choking the entire school system. The school children of this district, having already suffered as a result of vast financial complications, should not have to bear the further misfortune of having an indecisive school board.



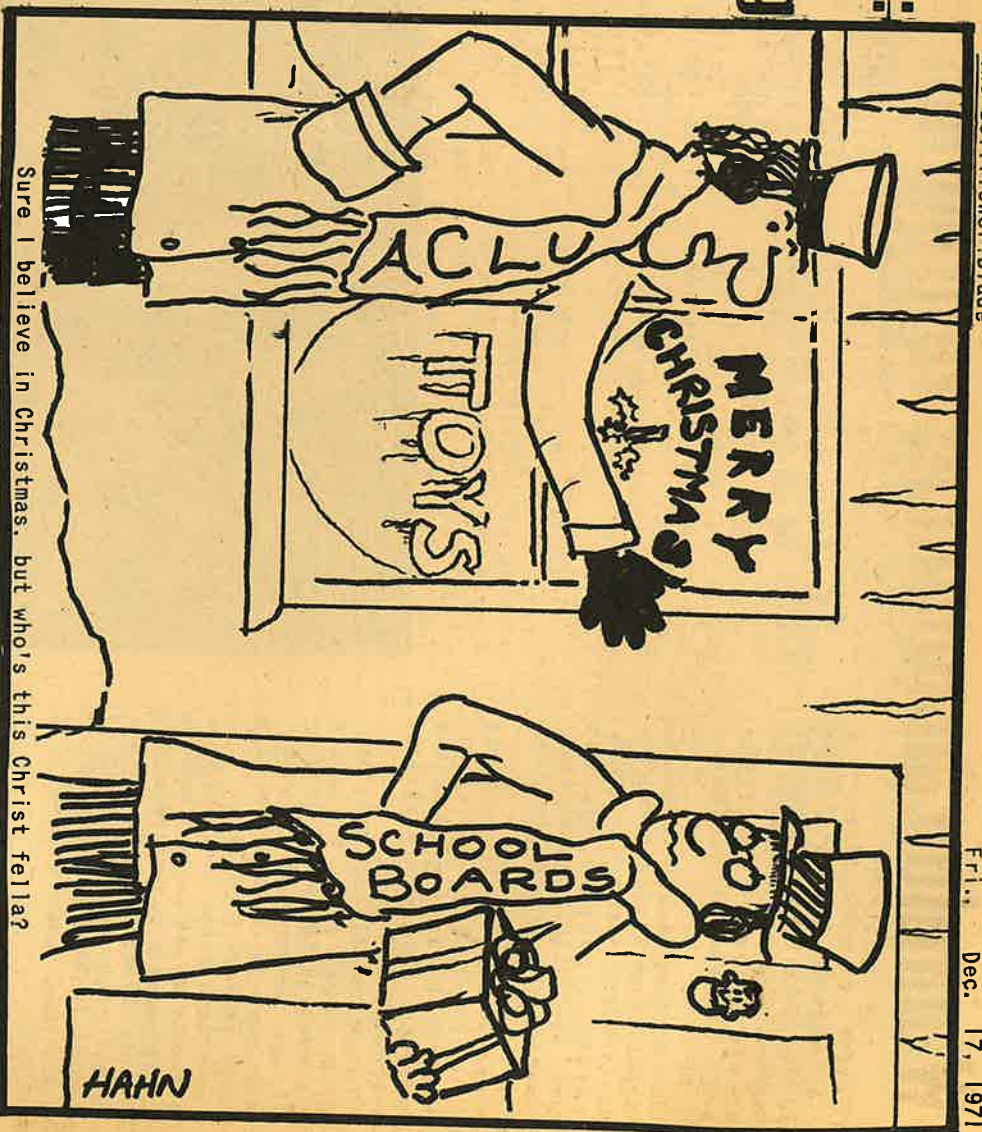
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## Pepsters urge retraction

To the Blade Editor

A request for a retraction dealing with the article entitled "Pepsters Bad Example."

After carefully examining the article entitled "Pepsters Bad Example", we, the Pep Squad, feel there has been a serious injustice done to us. We know your intentions were to stress the importance of public relations from us, but this article has had the opposite effect on the student body and faculty.

As was supposedly quoted in the article from one of the pepsters "I am not taking any stinking doughnuts from Pioneer." we know your reporters have greatly twisted this quote and the facts surrounding this incident. Now for the facts:

As a usual custom among the Pep Squads in the SGVL we exchange treats before the game for better "public relations." The home team squads are hosts to the away squads and go across the field to the other pepsters to exchange such treats before the game for better "public relations." We followed this custom as always, at the Pioneer-Bellflower football game. After the treats and a few good luck wishes were received, the BHS squads returned to their own home side. Not one of the Buc pepsters threw her gift to the ground immediately after receiving it nor did she state that she was not taking any stinking doughnuts from Pioneer.

If this incident had happened, we are sure it might have "set off a violent scuffle." The incident referred to in this article has been illustriously twisted. What actually happened was witnessed by fifteen Pep Squad members.

After being harassed by flying candy apples, ice being thrown through the megaphones while being used to lead yells, a green pepper thrown at one of the flag twirlers, four and five letter words directed towards us coming from the Pioneer Pepsters, we were quite on edge. It was luck that none of us were hurt. All this was coming from the Pioneer guests on the home side. We were

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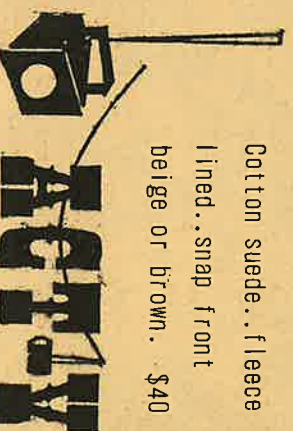
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Pep Squad

We consider this article very cruel, not to mention the picture of the turkeys next to it. Now that the school has the idea that we are a bad example, don't you, the Blade, think it would be right to take the facts from this letter and place them in a retraction? Remember, you are one of the "stones" on this campus that contributes accomplishment and helps in moving toward progress.

It is to the Pep Squads disadvantage that the Blade lacks the common sense to print the truth in this article.

The Blade Editor stated that it would be the reporters opinion against ours. But, as you can see, there are fifteen girls who know the facts and don't express opinions with out evidence behind this article. It's really strange that those reporters didn't come to one of us for the information. We would have told the truth just as we have here.

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# Student aid answer to counseling problem

by scott rozelle

"To be honest," stated senior counselor Trudy Clark, "there is no way to counsel some 450 students effectively in all the areas needed to be covered under our present system."

An easy cure to this problem would be simply to hire more counselors. However, due to the district's present financial crisis, to which there seems to be no immediate solution, another answer is needed. The school system must utilize its present resources to resolve the student dissatisfaction which was expressed in a recent Blade Poll.

Students polled feel that helping students make plans for the future should take priority over three other

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**"As disciplinarians the counselors have proven to be more antagonistic than helpful..."**

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should take priority over three other areas Mrs. Clark lists as needing to be covered in counseling.

The remaining, and perhaps less important aspects of counseling, according to students are:

- Aiding the student in a crisis, be it either academic or personal.
- Being a link between students and

teachers.

- Helping in the interpretation of such things as SAT scores and college entrance forms.

As one student put it, "The main purpose of the counseling system is to help the student prepare his education in high school, so he will be adjusted for whatever his future plans may be, not as it is now with the counselors spending a majority of their time on discipline."

On the other hand, many other students felt that the counselors should deal with student academic and personal problems which would, in turn, help kids find themselves, thus making them more productive citizens.

There are also a few students who think the counselor should mainly help students choose their classes. However, Freshman Counselor, Mr. Brian Stenkecht who has counseled at BHS for eight years feels that only a small percentage really listens to the counselors' suggestions.

Another drawback of the current system, acknowledged by the counselors themselves, is the method of distribution of the students. Now each counselor is assigned a certain class and follows it through all four years, but perhaps a better system would be to have a counselor assigned one fourth of each class.

Junior Counselor Mr. Art Edwards added these comments on the proposed switchover, "I believe it would improve the Bellflower counseling service greatly, and I'm sure all the other counselors agree. We would have to keep up with the current changes in college procedures, deadlines, etc. and it would also give students the benefit

of the knowledge of four counselors, not just of one."

Along with the advantages listed by Mr. Edwards, the system would also help the counselors meet some major deadlines. One counselor must meet the deadlines for over 400 students under the present system; but under the suggested procedure, each counselor would need to meet the graduation and college entrance deadlines of slightly over 100 students.

This proposed change would indeed improve the quality of counseling; but it would not provide the counselors with more time.

One possible way to give the counselors more time without hiring new personnel would be to use the services of juniors and seniors as counselors.

These "student counselors" could be given academic credit for their assistance in such time consuming functions as scheduling classes and interpretation of SAT scores. It would also benefit the student in need, since he or she could probably communicate better with the student counselor.

Besides helping the counselors and the students, the suggested system would give the "young counselors" valuable experience in counseling and working with students and their problems.

As to the feasibility of having "student counselors," Stenkecht said; "It has worked on many college campuses, so I don't see why it wouldn't work here--if the students would give their time. The "student counselors" could also help the underclassmen prepare for college, something which presently most students do on their own."

## Campus activities highlighted

**CAVITIES & GERMS** -- "Kandy Kanes and Kisses" is the theme of this year's Christmas dance, which is being held at the Pomona Country Club. Dec. 20, Bev Alt (senior class president) explained, is the date set for the event. Bids are \$6.

**SWAP & SAVE** -- The ASB Cabinet has organized the first BHS swap meet for tomorrow in the tennis courts. Booth fees will be \$2 and admission will be 25¢, according to President Jack Eastum. Buc Boosters will attend to supervision while the PTA handles refreshments.

**PTA & STUDENTS** -- Somerset High has organized an experimental organization known as PTSA which stands for Parents, Teachers, and Students Association. Instead of the traditional all-adult group, students have been added to aid in communication, according to the Somerset assistant principal.

**CURRICULAR RAP** -- Jan. 18 BHS will host a revolutionary type of leadership conference, announced Asst. Principal John Killen. Along with panel groups from schools knowledgeable in such subjects as flexible scheduling, various SGVL schools will also be invited.

## Religious Xmas nixed

The American Civil Liberties Union has warned school districts to avoid all religious references in the celebration of Christmas--or face possible court action.

Presenting any mandatory religious Christmas program within the school, says the ACLU, infringes on the rights of those whose religion differs from Christianity or those who do not prefer to be subjected to any religious beliefs whatsoever.

Schools in the Bellflower Unified School District are forced to use digression in planning Christmas activities. Displays of nativity scenes, crosses, creches, menorahs etc. are prohibited because they are directly related to religious institutions.

Choral and instrumental departments have found it necessary to balance the amount of religious and secular music performed in Christmas concerts.

At BHS the drama department vetoed the production of "Charlie Brown's Christmas" because a portion of Linus' dialogue is direct quotes from the Bible.

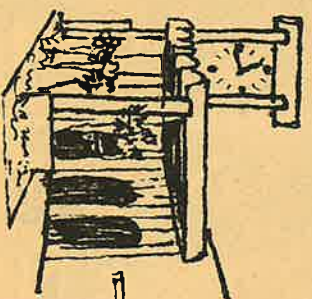
The ACLU is out of line demanding that religious material be kept out of Christmas. This move ironically goes the other way and infringes upon the wishes of others--those who do feel that religion is a definite part of Christmas.

**BLADE DOES IT AGAIN** -- For the second time in six months, the Blade has taken first place in newspaper excellence. This time it was at Cal State LA, and along with the best paper award, reporter Jeannette Anderson came in first in the News area.

**TONGUE TWISTERS** -- Beginning speech students from the Communication Skills and Speech Arts classes have finished Bellflower's first-ever intramural speech contest. Finals were Monday and the awards were presented Tuesday; however, deadlines prevented printing winners' names. Miss Joyce Reid, a student teacher, directed the contest.

**FRIENDLY(?) COMPETITION** -- The "Service Bowl" is the title Interact and Key Clubs have designated for their second annual football game to be held Dec. 31 at Ruth Caruthers Park.

**THIS IS HIS LIFE** -- Mr. Larry Boyle, BHS chemistry teacher, has at last reached stardom and fame, through the endeavoring of his 1969-70 class. A set of crystals grown by that class are now on display in the LA County Museum of National History. Mr. Boyle is now attempting a repeat performance in a mini-course now being offered.



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## Grading, mini-courses

# Administration, faculty, students in accord

by Lee Ann Park

Teachers, administrators and students can finally say that they agree with each other--on four areas at least--according to a recent Blade poll of Bellflower teachers (28%) and administrators (37%).

An earlier poll of students indicated that they felt that more emphasis should be put on vocational courses, and that graduation requirements, the grading system and the mini-course program should also be carefully re-evaluated as to their effectiveness.

Every teacher who answered the poll said that more emphasis should be put on vocational subjects. Administrators even suggested that the expanding of the business and industrial arts de-

partments would be in order. The business department was supported by teachers as the area to be expanded with suggestions of instituting classes in PBX, data processing, computer programming and business and professional speech.

Another area of agreement was concerning graduation requirements.

"Course requirements definitely need work, especially in the English and Social Studies departments. The required four years should probably be changed to three years," was Principal Art Townley's opinion, which reflected many student views. Of the 40% of teachers who felt graduation requirements were too strict, the majority favored what one termed as a "shift of emphasis" which would

reduce English, Social Studies and PE requirements.

The third question which provided common ground for students, administrators and teachers was that of a letter-grade grading system.

Like the students, a majority of teachers preferred to stay with the present grading system. But, also like students, the majority of those who favored a new system suggested that pass/fail be used in some areas.

Assistant Principal John Killeen suggested that pass/fail grades should be used in the Physical Education departments. Dr. Townley feels that pass/fail grading would be a good system to use in the art department. He even went so far as to say that possibly by the semester or next year, pass/fail

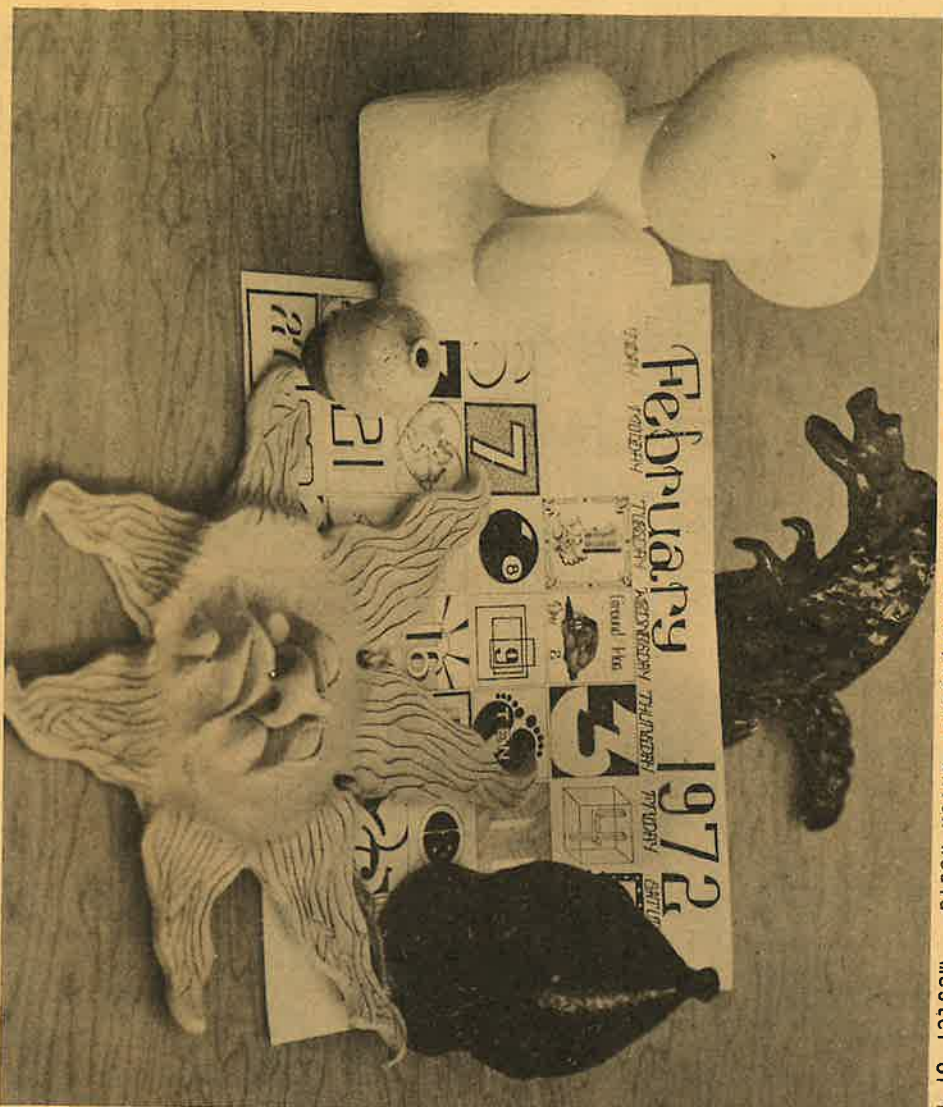
may be instituted in that area.

The zero-period mini-course program was another issue on which many agreed.

Teachers and administrators were unanimously in favor of the program. However, like students, many teachers suggested that it be moved to 7th period.

The one area where the views were not quite the same was on the question of an open campus. Where an overwhelming 91% of students preferred an open campus, teacher opinion was not that definite.

Teachers and administrators both expressed doubts as to the feasibility of an open campus even though a 42% majority said they agreed with the idea. Many teachers felt that BHS already has an open campus.



## Art Club initiates first semi-annual art show

by Jan Crocker

"We have no art. We do the best we can."

Out of place as it may seem, that is the title of the first Art Club sponsored art show and sale now being held in the art wing.

According to Art Club advisor Colleen Rogers, the club has been trumping away doing "the best they can" for over 200 hours putting the show and sale together.

"Art clubs before us did very little," commented Mrs. Rogers. "I think last year's art club made a float for Homecoming and that was it. This is the first time the club has ever taken up something like this," she continued.

"We've spent a lot of our time arranging meetings, collecting decorations, working on weekends and sending out invitations," Art Club president Scott Neal interjected.

"But all this work is not for nothing," he went on, "we're shooting for something really big. We're starting something we hope will continue throughout the years."

"By making it a semi-annual affair, with one show just before Christmas and the other before Easter, we hope to make more money and produce a better image of our department," Scott proudly revealed.

Opening to the public on Dec. 15 and continuing this afternoon from 2:45 to 4 and 7:30 to 9, the show had its Grand Opening on Tuesday by "invitation only." Those receiving invitations included members of the school board, administrators and art teachers from surrounding schools who got the first look at the work of Art Club members and art students.

"Each member of the Art Club has worked on many pieces of art and those will be up for sale as well as those contributed by students from the art classes," Scott remarked.

"We're featuring many different aspects of art," Mrs. Rogers responded, "on display and for sale are pieces including plaster sculptures, pots, paper mache animals and many more. Boutiks, printed fabric designs, will also be for sale."

"The drawing and painting classes have been slaving all year on their individually designed-and-put-together 1972 calendars. These will be on sale for \$2 a piece," co-advisor Joe Stits explained. "If we get desperate, at our next sale, we'll even sell the students," he added facetiously.

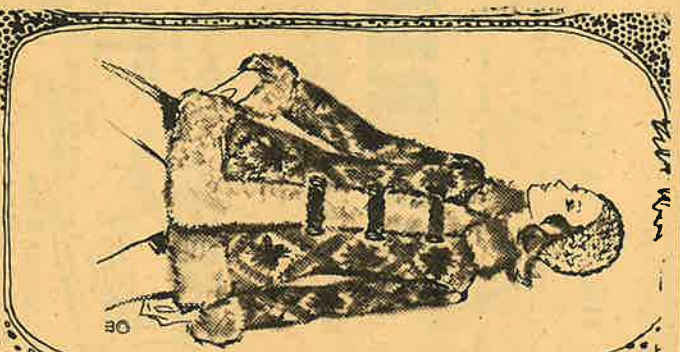
According to Mrs. Rogers, all the work, time and effort for this sale is for one purpose--to make money for much-needed equipment.

The ceramics, clay dragons, abstract statues and originally designed calendars (above) are just four of the many kinds of creative pieces that the Art Club is showing and selling this week. With prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$10, according to instructor Joe Stits, the club intends to use its profit for the purchase of new equipment and much-needed supplies. Today is the last day of the sale, with the Art wing opened from 2:45-4 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m.

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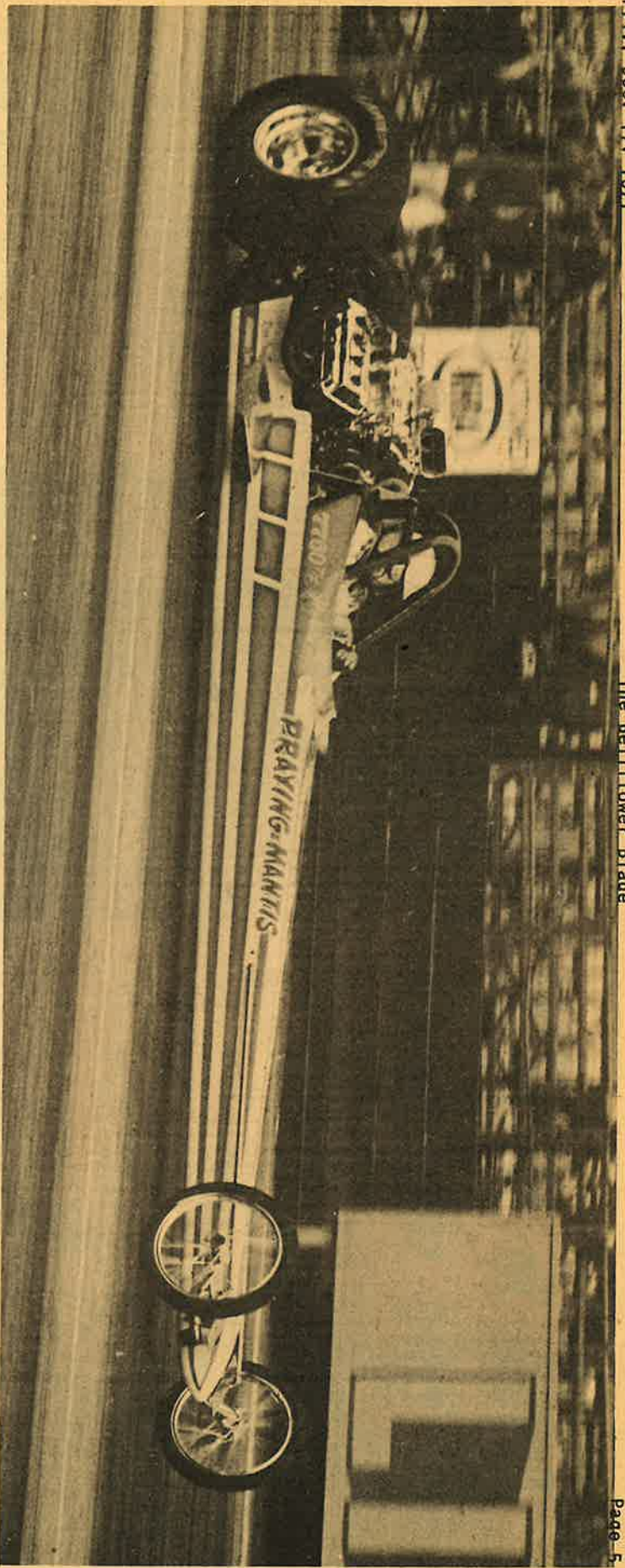
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## Off to roaring start

Sitting impatiently on the line, strapped tightly into his cock-pit-like driver's seat, 17-year-old Jeb Allen watches for the green light. When he takes his foot off the brake, puts in the clutch, steps on the gas and takes off down Ontario Motor Speedway in a \$10,000 machine.

Jeb, a Bellflower High senior and professional drag racer is fast making a name for himself in the racing world as one of the youngest, successful drivers. Described by his parents as the youngest Top Fuel driver in the country, Jeb has propelled a AA/Fuel Dragster, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Allen through five major one-quarter mile races, and come out in front in three of them.

One of his biggest wins was found at the Ontario Supernationals where Jeb and the Allen dragster, known as the "Praying Mantis", qualified for semi-finals and a \$1,000 prize.

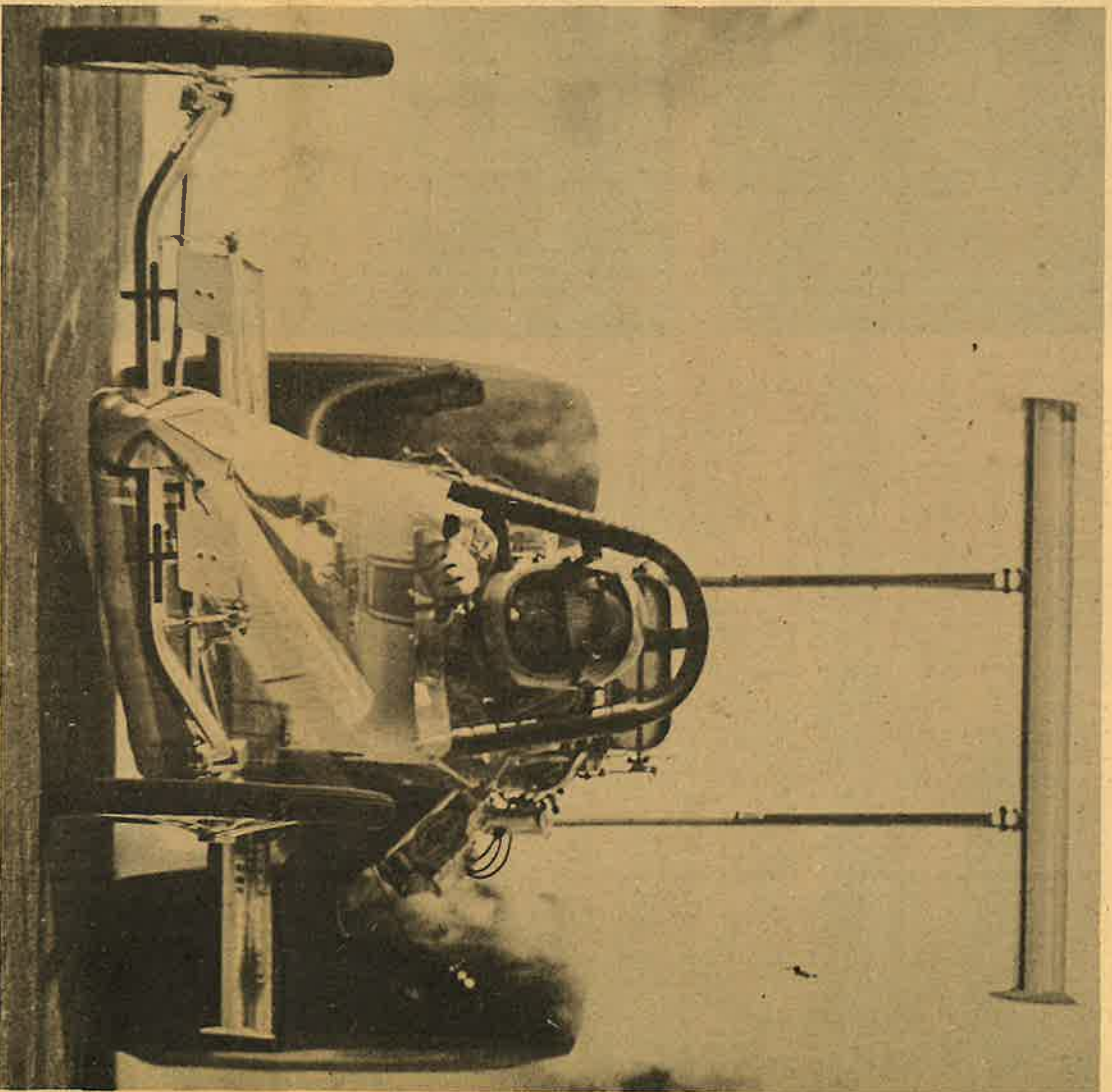
"The money's already been spent. All of it went into the car," shrugged the young driver casually. "It costs a lot to keep the car up. One quarter mile run costs \$100 alone, and the gas is \$6.50 a gallon."

The car itself, with its aluminum body and blue lacquer finish, took seven weeks and \$10,000 to build and is the Allen's newest machine in their eight year history with the drag races.

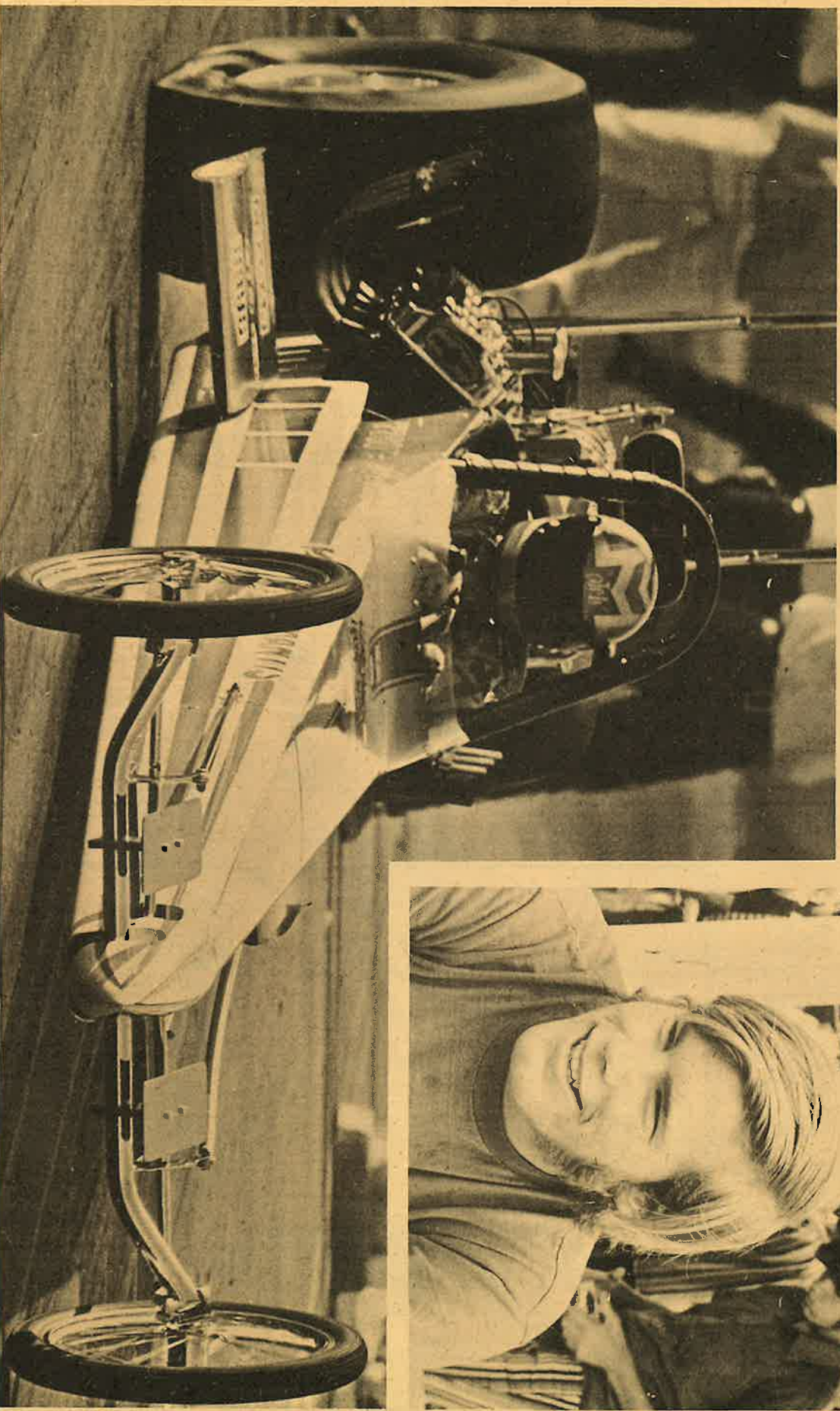
In fact both of Jeb's older brothers were drivers for Allen cars before him, but according to Jeb, "It's my turn now, and I like what I'm doing."

Driving isn't the only thing he's doing, however. Five days out of the week are spent working on the car to achieve a precision which enables the 221 miles per hour sometimes reached on a quarter mile run.

The next major quarter mile trip, in which Jeb will be trying to top this speed and break his 6.59 seconds record is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 18 at Orange County Raceway.



(photos courtesy of Steve Reyes)





Dave Wielenga

# Rivals to skirmish in grid showdown

Good football rivalries are a collection of anticipation, fear, excitement, brutality, joy and sadness, and over the years Bellflower has sponsored a rivalry that claims these qualities and many more.

BHS has been the scene for a rivalry so intense and so barbaric that many grid enthusiasts rank it as one of the highlights of the entire pigskin season. Tension begins to mount weeks before the annual encounter as countless posters, bulletins and announcements herald its arrival.

Finally, the day has come. Tonight in the Buc Stadium a full-scale war will be waged as the junior and senior girls tangle in the Powderpuff Football Classic.

Victorious as juniors last year, the seniors, coached by Mrs. Betty Young with assistance from several senior football players, are slight favorites according to most oddsmakers. But besides the naming of powerful Cindy Freenor and bedraggled veteran Kim Kekich as defensive and offensive captains, not much has been heard out of the seniors camp.

On the other hand, Dave Ketcham, who along with four other gridmen is coaching the junior girls, has openly predicted a victory.

"We've definitely got the speed to take them," the crafty head coach speculated, "but it'll still be a heck-of-a-close game."

Ketcham indicated that he will probably go with the brawny Dianne Schenk at quarterback. However, if the defense keys on the junior star, Ketcham contemplates moving her to tailback and using lightning-quick Allison Anthony as his signal-caller.

There is no reason to think that the sex of the participants will do anything to quell the viciousness usually associated with athletic rivalries.

"Make no mistakes," cried junior Louanna Stevens with a glazed look to her eyes, "we're out for blood."

Although this contest ranks as one of the toughest games to call, I'm picking my class, the outwardly savage and sadistic juniors, to upset the secretive seniors by six points.

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After observing their recent trades, I've got to doubt the Dodger's sincerity about building up their club. Admittedly, the mastermind behind the Frank Robinson deal is a baseball genius as the Dodgers acquired the power-hitter they were looking for as well as a proven relief specialist in 32-year-old Pete Richert. However, the O'Malley's blew it when they dealt to Chicago 29-year-old Rich Allen, who hit .295 with 23 home runs and 90 RBI. In return, the White Sox gave up southpaw Tommy John and utility infielder Steve Huntz.

In short, the Dodgers got rid of their most potent bat and replaced it with an aging 36-year-old who hasn't very many productive seasons left.

And this is good baseball logic?

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Bellflower's cross country star Bob O'Brien competed in the Western Hemisphere Marathon held Dec. 5 in Culver City. The race, which spans 26 miles 385 yards, was won by Bill Scooby in two hours, 15 minutes and 21 seconds. O'Brien didn't do too badly either, checking in with a time of two hours and 54 minutes while placing fourth in the high school division.

The Bellflower Blade



## BHS girls excel in GAA program

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by Pat Coleman

Capturing their third consecutive league tournament, the GAA varsity volleyball team is looking forward to an even more prosperous second quarter.

The girls won every game in the league and swept the tournament from Gahr, according to Miss Lynette Waltner, GAA adviser.

"The fantastic thing about the tournament is that every game had a different star," continued Miss Waltner. Some of the outstanding players included sophomore Jackie Weinberg, junior Patty McEwen, senior Kathy Kruse and in the championship game, junior Peggy Chulich.

"Peggy," according to Miss Waltner, "really came through for us in that last game."

The excitement of winning in volleyball has not had a chance to tranquilize as tennis hopes rise in the second quarter.

"Our varsity tennis team has won seven matches so far," boasts Miss Barbara Douglas, GAA tennis coach. "The JV team won by such a fantastic total against Glenn's varsity that I can foresee a great team for years to come."

Much of the success will depend on Cheryl Oates, Emily Iseminger and LeeAnn Park in singles, accompanied by Sue Smith and Monica Matthews in doubles, and Joyce Perez and Alice Rippee also in doubles.

"Joyce and Alice are the two clowns of the team," quipped Miss Douglas. "I have more fun watching them than watching anything."

"The team really shows promise," according to Miss Douglas. "This promise is partially attributed to the GAA conference held in Ontario earlier this year. The conference had a fantastic array of dignitaries speaking, including Billy Jean King, the famous women's tennis champion."

This year the tennis squad has three major tournaments: the Mid-Cities, the league tournament and a first this year, the CIF tournament.

Along with tennis, flag football is scheduled for the second quarter of GAA action.

"Sixty-six girls have signed up for flag football teams," said Miss Waltner, "so we have a real wealth of talent to choose from."

Miss Waltner is looking toward the junior team, led by Diane Schenk, and the sophomore team, led by Paula Larocco, to make fine showings as first and second respectively.

Meanwhile, other sports are being initiated by the GAA to improve the program and give a larger selection of sports opportunities to the girls, according to Miss Waltner. In the past the GAA has sponsored a gymnastics demonstration and other such programs. The main idea of the GAA is to keep the girls physically and mentally alert, explained Miss Waltner.

"Sports at BHS doesn't refer to one sex," said Miss Waltner. "We've set the example for both male and female sports for many years."

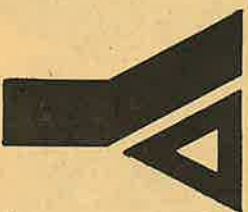
"The program," according to both Miss Waltner and Mrs. Douglas, "speaks for itself."

The female athletes (above) are seen working on their skills. The GAA volleyball team has swept three consecutive league tournaments while the tennis squad has won seven straight matches. (photos by Steve La Voy)



## Castillo chosen MVP

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Junior Dan Castillo, who quarterbacked Bellflower to a 4-1 league record and a CIF playoff berth, was named Most Valuable Player at the annual Football Awards Banquet last night. Besides Castillo, who finished as the total offense leader for Bellflower, five other players were singled out for special recognition.

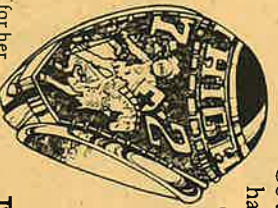
Dirk Rogers, playing on offense and defense, was named as Most Valuable Lineman while flanker Dave Frost was chosen as Most Improved. Frost was instrumental in strengthening a suspected pre-season weakness in receivers.

At the cross country banquet Wednesday, junior Bob O'Brien, who finished as the top runner in the SGVL, was awarded the Most Valuable Varsity trophy.

Freshmen Steve Moran and Rick Larman were named as Most Improved and Most Valuable Junior Varsity.

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# Pabbruwee: soft spoken hard working

"He's one of the hardest working players I've ever seen." This is the quality that most impresses head basketball coach Jim Greenfield about his dependable second-year forward, Jerry Pabbruwee.

"Jerry may not have as much natural ability as some of the other members of this team," observed Greenfield, "but his hard work and dedication have made him a real steady ball player."

And Jerry has worked at basketball since grade school. "I was about 5'7" in the sixth grade," said the soft-spoken senior, "and I figured I'd keep right on growing."

"It seemed that my height would be a real asset in basketball," so I started working on it. Unfortunately, I stopped growing a little sooner than I expected."

Jerry is 6'2" now and isn't an awesome-like player like a Lew Alcindor (Kareem Jabbar), but he has proven himself to be a tough competitor.

"He can do just about anything we need him for," stated Greenfield. "He can produce whether we need scoring or rebounding. He knows what his abilities are and plays accordingly."

But Pabbruwee's outstanding ability is one which cannot easily be recognized. "While his rebounding and inside shooting are invaluable contributions to the team," appreciated the first-year Varsity coach, "his major attribute is his tremendous desire. Jerry puts out 100% all the time. He's a team player. He's earned the respect of all the guys on the squad."

And the blonde-haired Pabbruwee is also highly respected among SGVL coaches and players. Displaying an 11.6-per-game scoring average, coupled with a total of 81 rebounds, Jerry was just one of four all-league selections from Bellflower's 3-A CIF, runner-up team.

The other all-leagueurs were Dan Davidson, Jim Hamilton and Phil Weinberg.

With Hamilton, Weinberg and Pabbruwee returning, Bellflower will again be favored to take SGVL or, perhaps, even CIF this year.

"This team should be as good or better than last year's because the additional experience we've gained playing with each other should really help us in pressure situation," Greenfield observed.

Pabbruwee himself echoes the same great expectations for this year's squad: "That's my number one goal--to go one step farther than last year in CIF competition. We've got the team to do it, too."

And after this year? "I'm too short," Pabbruwee theorized. After graduation I'll probably join the Coast Guard or Air Force and then go to college. "But if I've grown a few inches by that time, I might consider basketball."

Right now, though, Jerry's first consideration is to helping the team win the championship.

## Season hopeful for Buc wrestlers

by Scott Rozelle

With 11 of their 13 wrestlers returning, this year's varsity team opened the 1971-72 season by decisively defeating Warren and Rolling Hills--both defending league champs.

"We should have a very fine season this year," stated first-year head coach Larry Waltz. "We're coming back with a lot of experience, but more importantly I think the squad, since it is mainly seniors, has the desire to go away with a championship."

When asked about his team strengths and weaknesses, Waltz replied, "I definitely have to say our real strength lies in the light and middleweight divisions; and I guess if we have a weakness, it's in our heavyweight classes."

This distinction between classes was evident in last week's 37-21 win over Rolling Hills as the "lower weight classes" had built up an insurmountable 37-3 lead, in route to what looked like a super trounce. However, Rolling

Hills' "heavies" gained back what at least, a respectable score by pinning Bellflower's last three wrestlers.

However, to do that the BHS wrestling team must defeat a very tough SGVL team. Besides the always-rugged Norwalk team who has taken five consecutive league titles, Waltz also expects a struggle from Pioneer and Excelsior.

Seniors Mike Zarp (115 weight class) and George Hunsaker (123) helped Buc victory by pinning their opponents.

Also contributing to the victory was 98 pound sophomore Rich Okimoto, Junior Dave Soto at 106 pounds, B Okimoto and Soto won a shutout decision. Rick Bair ran up a 15-1 decision against his 130 pound opponent who Craig Leithner (136) who also took first in the Baldwin Park tournament last Saturday, came up with a 4-1 win.

Other victorious wrestlers were Mike and Walt Drysdale; and Gary White finished out the scoring by pinning his man.



Varsity wrestlers George Hunsaker and Mike Zarp are shown practicing (above). Both pinned their opponents in last week's match against Rolling Hills. (photo by Steve La Voy)

## Bucs lose to 4-A powers for initial 1971 setbacks

Demonstrating an overpowering style of play reminiscent of last year's second place CIF squad, Bellflower's varsity basketball team grabbed fourth place in the Burbank-Hoover Tournament held last week.

The tournament, which featured several major 4-A schools, was stacked "with extremely tough competition," explained coach Jim Greenfield.

"Verbum Dei and Cresenta Valley (last year's top two finishers in the 4-A division) are probably the best two teams in CIF," believes Greenfield. "These squads are better than most of the schools in our league."

The Bucs, who defeated Muir and Valencia high schools suffered their first loss of the season when they fell to Cres-

enta entered the Alhambra Tournament. In the first round of play Monday, the Bucs trounced Bassett High, 82-57. Top scorers in the contest included Phil Weinburg, with 18 points, Keith Thomas, with 15 points, and Jim Hamilton and Steve Langford, both with 12 points.

"All of the players contributed to the victory," noted Greenfield. "We showed a lot of depth in the game."

Substitute Randy Cox, who started the game because of an injury to Jerry Pabbruwee, scored four points while reserve forward Wally Carlstrom came off the bench to add nine more. Pabbruwee, playing for only a few scant moments, wound up with four points as Kip Archambault, Frank Fisher and Steve Greenfield





# Views on teen marriage uncovered by Blade poll

by cesar baldemor  
and melissa blaylock

Although seniors and freshmen have only three years separating them by age, when it comes to ideas on love (that totally undefinable state of bliss) and marriage, the difference could more easily be measured in centuries, according to a recent Blade poll of 100 freshmen and 100 seniors.

The most startling revelation revealed by the poll dealt with the concept that love comes only once in a lifetime. 75% of the freshmen polled believe this statement is true, but only 10% of the seniors agree. It appears that in a period of only years, students come to realize how easy it is to enter into relationships, believing they are all "love."

Marriage counselor Mr. Rob Hopson of Family Service, explained the myth of lifetime love this way: "Young people . . . are afraid that once they love and lose they are left loveless forever. This is not true, because any person capable of loving another can love not once, but many times."

Another wide difference of opinion was shown in the replies questioning the permissibility of sex before marriage. Ninth-graders came up with only 46% in favor of it, while the seniors totaled up an overwhelming 67% in favor.

Mr. Hopson offered some insight into this when he revealed the fact that one of the main factors in teenage marriage' is sexual involvement, although not necessarily pregnancy. Oftentimes, he pointed out, it is simply a matter or physical attraction and sexual compatibility.

But what about when it is pregnancy which compels a teenage couple to wed? With various methods of birth control readily accessible to couples, young

ones included, it would seem that this problem could easily be controlled and the worry of a shotgun marriage dispelled. But, according to recent statistics, while the birth rate slowly declines, the number of teenage pregnancies (both illegitimate and those resulting in an "early" marriage) increases.

BHS freshmen remained consistently conservative with 68% believing the ideal age for marriage is over 18, and the seniors showed a definite move to the right with 52% agreeing with the over-18 rule.

However, married senior Teri Dawkins Hallisey declared her marriage was definitely stable and happy, even though she is only 17. "Our one big problem is finances, but it's working out now," she said.

"I don't think age has anything to do with when a person should marry. We got married in September because we wanted to, not because we had to."

"Maturity is not measured in age," Dr. Hopson admitted. "It's in how people care and understand each other's problems. I know people 35 years of age who behave like kids."

BHS ninth-graders disagreed with the idea that being in love is all that matters when marrying. 54% replied "no" and the seniors had 82% in dissent with the idea.

Overall, the survey seems to show a growth of cynicism, yet maturity and understanding over a span of three years. The seniors' replies seemed to be more in accord with Dr. Hopson's ideas on proper preparation before marriage.

Fresh from junior high, the ninth-grader's lack of romantic experience is apparent in the results of the survey. Their views tend to show a mythical and unreal outlook on love and marriage.



## History requirements issue splits teachers



by pat coleman

As BHS seniors anticipate the transition from high school to a school of higher learning they might be startled to discover an apparent discrepancy in scholastic requirements.

For example, while the Bellflower Unified School District requires four full years of social science, many of the more prominent colleges and universities in this area require only two years or less study in this field.

According to the list of requirements sent to BHS, the University of Southern California (USC) requires two years of social science or history. The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) requires one year of study while California State College at Long Beach (CSCLB) doesn't require any.

The present system of history requirements at BHS demands one year of United States History, five units (one semester) of Introduction to Social

Studies, five units of Environmental Health and Safety, one year of Western and Non-western World, five units of Political Instruction and five units of Decision Making. Total--four years of history.

"I agree with the present program," says Marcus Morgan, head of the social studies department. "In fact, I've had several past students approach me and say that they wish that they had taken even more history in high school."

Mr. Robert Thompson and Mrs. Betty Young, both social studies teachers, agree that two years of required social studies and two years of required electives would be acceptable to them.

"I feel," said Mrs. Young, "that there is great value in having a knowledge of people and of people's actions in the past."

On the other side of the spectrum, Mr. Richard Hester, a social science teacher at BHS of long standing, called

the present system, "Ridiculous."

"I would like to see," added Hester, "two years of required social studies plus a host of electives for interested students to take if they want them."

"The state school board requires US History and Government," according to Morgan.

"However," added Hester, "they don't specify how long is needed on each subject."

"There is just too much to teach," contends Thompson, "to squeeze into a shorter period of time."

The solution? Dr. Arthur Townley, BHS principal, is studying a system whereupon students would have three semesters of required social studies and three semesters of required electives, totaling three years of history.

"I don't see why it wouldn't work," Townley added. "The students are responsible enough to know what is needed if they'll just take a glance at their own future."