

# Waltz, Peterson departure surprises students

by Mickey Stokely  
"You might not appreciate our going, but we did it with you in mind."

"...I've lived in Bellflower all my life and I think it's time I got out and flew on my own wings."

These statements express the respective thoughts of Jean Peterson and Larry Waltz, former teachers at BHS.

Mrs. Peterson, who taught social science at BHS for seven years, is now Mayfair High's senior counselor. Larry, as he liked to be called during his two years at Bellflower, is currently working in Ventura. Both maintain the recent tax cut had little influence on their moves.

"I started thinking about

going last spring, but I didn't really plan on Mayfair," Mrs. Peterson explained.

"I hoped my leaving would give newer teachers an opportunity to stay," she continued, "but I've wanted to try counseling anyway and Bellflower just didn't have an opening. I think the new teachers will be good for the school--they'll bring fresh ideas."

"I didn't really want to leave Bellflower--it's where all my friends are," Waltz confided, "but we just found out this summer that our little girl has an upper respiratory disease. She's allergic to the ozone in smog and sometimes she just can't breathe. So I applied in a number of smog-free districts and Ventura

took me."

Both have mixed feelings about their new jobs but are nonetheless optimistic.

"I haven't had much time, but I think I'll like it up there," smiled Waltz. "The students are good and the faculty is nice. It's a new experience for me and I need time to adjust, but I think it will be okay."

Mrs. Peterson felt similarly. "Both schools have fantastic students. The Mayfair faculty is very kind to me but I haven't had the opportunity to make friends yet. I'm sure I will, though--it just takes time."

Both plan to attend some Buckner football games and though they admit that they miss Bellflower, they are pleased with their new jobs.

Replacing Mrs. Peterson is Lynn McCarroll, who returns after his student teaching here last year. In addition to several social science courses, he coaches JV basketball and is assistant varsity basketball coach.

Arnie Koch, who comes from William Neff High in La Mirada, takes Larry's place, teaching two social science courses and coaching freshman football and varsity wrestling.

The newcomers say they are happy here, and all four teachers agree that this will be a great year for everyone. Only Mrs. Peterson has a problem:

"What am I going to do at the Bellflower-Mayfair games? Someone tell me where to sit!"

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BHS Principal George Prince, above, and District Superintendent Dr. Richard Guengerich, right, have announced plans to improve communication between administrators and the community. The system would involve students as well as community and district representatives. (photos by James Fite)



Communication seems to be the key word in this year's array of new ideas, plans and procedures in the educational system.

Already announcements of preliminary goals have been released by the new district superintendent, Dr. Richard Guengerich and BHS Principal George Prince.

Both have discussed plans for improved student and community relations with the administration.

"I'm vitally interested in communication," Dr. Guengerich said, prefacing the details of his new plan for a two way communication program between the schools and the community.

This "Area Educational Council" would have a membership including "representatives from the schools, the district, local businesses, organizations, and the community; and would serve as a vehicle for answering questions and exchanging ideas," he revealed.

Relating more directly to BHS, Prince is also planning to initiate a program of public relations between the community and the high school.

Sighting this as one of his major goals, Prince has suggested two possible routes. "I would like to establish

native both in input and information given out," he elaborated.

"And too, I would like to develop a public information system, employing press releases, student reporters, and speaker bureaus," Prince added.

Bellflower's new principal would also like to relate more to the student leadership groups and special interest groups, so as to discuss policies, procedures, and needed changes.

Also hoping to narrow the communication gap between students and administration is Dr. Guengerich with a plan for a direct student-supervisory committee.

"We could have members from both the Bellflower and Mayfair High student governments and publications meet, together, with me," he said, explaining "not only would we be able to discuss situations concerning students but also to compare the policies of the two schools."

Apparently, Bellflower's newest administrators, Guengerich on the district level, and Prince at BHS, tend to share the same major goal. As Prince summarized it, "We want to provide the means for maintaining good

## Communication theme introduced in projects by new administrators



## Blade view

# Blade explains stand on stands

To further the quality and image of the Blade, the 72-73 staff has adopted a new editorial policy.

It is hoped that with a mutual understanding of our positions and guidelines there will be an improved relationship between the newspaper and its readers.

The most important consideration with regard to the Blade is that it is a class, and a learning experience for the staff, and therefore must have as its primary objective the advancement of the journalistic skills of the staff members.

To accomplish this the techniques of professional journalism will be employed to the best ability of the staff.

In relation to the student body the Blade will strive to offer a balanced selection of news, sports, features, in depth investigations and opinions concerning subjects relevant to the student body.

As opinion and editorial items have occasionally been an area of some controversy and misunderstanding, a series of the new guidelines deal specifically with the editorial page.

All topics and articles will be discussed by the editorial board in advance of publication to insure quality of writing and sound reasoning.

Individuals will not be attacked by the Blade in either editorials or letters; however, plans or programs instituted by an individual are subject to critical examination. Individuals may be commended.

Although the administration is in essence the publisher, this does not exempt it from criticism, provided that the criticism is rooted in fact and offers constructive solutions.

As has been our policy in the past, the Blade welcomes reader comments in the form of signed letters to the editor, although names will be withheld upon request.

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## Prince brings policy changes in attendance, closed campus

Policy reform has marked the advent of the new school session.

"We're going to emphasize the importance of attendance," states principal George Prince in his initial year at BHS.

"Our attitudes will be stronger in this area concerning both the assemblies and the closed campus rule."

Last year, assemblies were held during snack and after school on a strictly voluntary basis.

"Instead, we'll have the assemblies during second period, with everyone's presence compelled," contends Prince. Prince also feels the practice of allowing upper classmen and sophomores to sit anywhere in the stands, with the freshmen placed on the floor, should be revised.

"Why should the frosh be forced to stay on the floor when there is plenty of room in the stands?" questions Prince. "This type of situation just invites harassment and possible injury to the freshmen."

Nevertheless, in this year's first assembly, the first year students were again located on the floor.

"We're going along with the old system at first," concedes Prince. "But if the students behave rudely and uncontrollably, as has often been the case, in the past, my new system will be substituted."

The proposed plan would call for each

student to attend the assembly with their homerooms and would show no discrimination between classes. "This would allow for better supervision because the students would be under the direct control of their second period teachers."

Other changes are also involving concerning the closed campus procedure.

"Since we have a closed campus rule it would appear hypocritical not to try enforcing it," says Prince. "Although we're going to have more spot checks for passes, we're not going to elaborate on our present security system."

Vice-principal John Killen concurs with Prince.

"We aren't about to build a fence or hire a squad of patrol officers," said Killen. "Instead, we have to deal with this problem intelligently and trust the students. If they want to leave, all they have to do is get a pass."

Despite the fact that many students leave campus illegally (over fifty percent, according to one Blade poll), both Prince and Killen see this problem as secondary.

"Our major problem in not in keeping our students on school grounds, but keeping non-students off," contends Prince.

"We just don't have enough control over outsiders," agreed Killen. "This is the portion of the closed campus ruling that must be strictly enforced."

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# Rozelle: Modified Midas exploits gift of success

by Lee Ann Park

Once upon a fairy tale, there lived a king whose very touch would turn everything to gold.

Now, it seems Bellflower has its own answer to King Midas: Scott Rozelle.

"Everything Scott touches turns to success," exclaimed one faculty member. And, in Scott's case, his gift for success is no myth.

Beneath his tangle of unruly hair and boyish face there lurks a true Midas-touch which has prevailed throughout Scott's years at BHS.

As this year's ASB President, Scott is climaxing a career in student government. "This year will be the most successful one for Bellflower yet," he said, confidently. "We (the cabinet) have really been working hard."

Of course, student government isn't the only group on campus which has felt the successful touch of Rozelle. Aside from politics Scott is actively involved in CSF, Interact, Math Club, the Blade staff and is



currently in his sixth year of the Chinese program.

However, the straight-A student's talents aren't confined to the academic world.

"Scott was one of four players last year who went 100% undefeated," boasted varsity tennis coach Joe Bott. And, with a chuckle, "his motto on the court is, 'If at first you don't succeed . . . cheat!'"

"That's not true," countered Scott, smiling slyly. "My motto goes more like -- 'Win fairly if you can--but win.'"

Whatever his secret for success in tennis, it works. Entering his second year as what Scott laughingly calls "The better half" of the number one varsity doubles team, another championship year is predicted by team members.

But, as Midas discovered, such a gift can also be a problem. Scott's is time. "Everything has been pretty hectic lately. You know, I have a job too, which has become very part-time."

are outlined in the proposed amendment to the constitution by-laws. According to Rozelle, the Student Court will have the power to investigate the use of funds and the performance and attendance of the student government, including trying impeachment cases. The Court will also have the opportunity to suggest improvements to teachers.

The power of judicial review, which is the only power defined for Student Court in the constitution, is restated. This means the Court has the authority to rule on the constitutionality of bills passed by the House and Senate.

"We are not trying to push the amendment through, but I'd like to see it in effect this year," stated Rozelle optimistically. Both Rozelle and Lemen don't foresee any problem in achieving the approval of the House of Representatives and of the administration. However, Rozelle stressed, "The effectiveness of these changes depends on the student response. If they want help, Student Court will be there."

Verbal wrist slapping has been the extent of actions taken by Student Court in previous years.

However, ASB President Scott Rozelle and several others, including Vice President Bob Lemen have initiated some changes in an attempt to create a more effective Student Court.

Rozelle related, "Student Court wasn't serving any purpose except discipline. And then, maybe one out of 100 cases were sent to the Court, just as a pacifier."

"Not only was the Court not serving the students, but if anything, it was against them," expressed Lemen. "This is one of the main things we want to change."

He explained, "Instead of just handling cases referred to the Court by the administration, the students will be able to turn to the Court for appeal when they feel that they have been unfairly treated; for example, an unjust suspension."

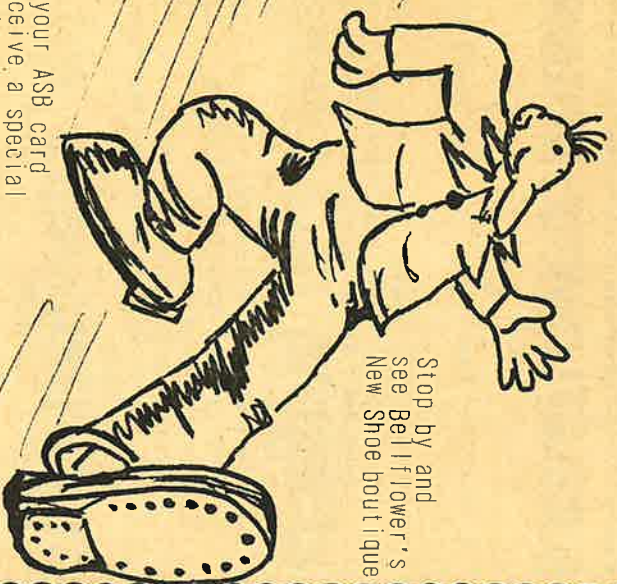
Along with handling these cases, additional power and responsibilities

## Student Court slated

## to undergo changes

## in quest of purpose

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## California Scholarship competition underway

By Cheryl Kinne

The State Scholarship and Loan Commission has announced that the State Scholarship competition for the 1972-73 year is now open to all interested and qualified students.

As in years before, the student must prove a financial need to the college of choice as part of the qualifications for one of the 11,200 scholarships to be provided by the state.

The winners will be selected on the basis of the total scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and grade point averages, both carrying the same amount of weight.

The maximum amount attainable is \$2,299 per year. However, in most cases the amount of the scholarship will be determined by the specific needs of the student for tuition and other fees.

According to Senior Counselor Art Edwards, today is the last day applications for be accepted for the Scholastic Aptitude Test Oct. 14, which is used by all universities and state colleges for scholastic evaluation.

It is the responsibility of the student to turn in SAT scores to the commission along with the completed application forms and GPA. The Commission will not accept applications received after the filing date.





Senior flanker Mark Hardwick makes valiant attempt to flag down pass while two Inglewood defenders seem to have the same thing in mind. Everyone failed, however as the ball landed untouched. (photo by sam nunn)

Out for revenge

Monsoons to test Buc's streak

by scott rozelle  
When the final gun sounded Friday at Buc Stadium, the scoreboard proclaimed Bellflower - 14, Inglewood - 0 and it looked as though the 1972 varsity squad was well on the way to another successful campaign.

The statistics, however, showed another story: The stats said the scoreboard could have justifiably replaced the "Bellflower" with the name "Danny Castillo."

The sensational senior quarterback not only completed seven of 12 passes, one an 18-yard touchdown to Mike Mandas, but he also ran for over 160 yards, returned punts and in his spare time split the crossbars for both extra point kicks.

But head coach Clay Odell was quick to come to the defense of the rest of team. "There's no doubt about it Danny is a great football player, but any individual is only as good as his team."

In the same respect, Odell was not overjoyed by his team's victory and felt there was much work to be done before tonight's contest against Suburban League contender and cross-town rival Mayfair.

"I don't think we scared anyone last week," Odell confessed. "In fact, it was the least impressive first game we've had in the past four years.

"What we lacked last game was continuity and the all-important extra effort. If we put it together tonight, I'm sure we can achieve what every team member wants and that is a third straight win over the Monsoons."

But as least one person disagrees with Odell's statement. He is Mayfair's first year varsity coach, Merlin Driggs. Driggs summed up his side of the coin saying, "Though I've only been here a few weeks, I can already sense the feeling of revenge. This team is made up mainly of seniors who are out to bring some respect back to Mayfair since we haven't beaten the Bucs since 1968."

The 'Soons demonstrated their toughness when they clipped Buena Park Friday in the last 49 seconds of a hotly contested battle, 14-7.

The rookie coach predicted that the big names from the Mayfair side of the field will be mainly defensive. Rod Sanguist (tackle), Bob Timmons (defensive tackle and Ron Stevans(safety) are all part of the squad that nipped Buena Park.

Bellflower's counterpart to the Monsoon's defensive men consists of several junior linemen backed up by such familiar names as linebackers Dirk Axe and Mike Howard, defensive halfbacks Mark Hardwick and Steve Kekich and and saftey Steve Eades.

Farm teams win openers

Bellflower's sophomore and freshman football squads both logged impressive victories in their season-opening contests with Inglewood last week.

In the sophomore's 28-6 conquest running back Mark Rasile and defensive tackle Aaron Moore both notched touchdowns on long runs, Moore intercepting a pass for 65 yards and Rasile scoring on a 49 yard play from scrimmage.

Coach Mike Little indicated that his team will most likely stick to a basic running game throughout the season, implying that quarterback Phil Davis' major role will be to hand the ball off or keep it himself.

"I was pleased with the team's overall performance," he remarked, "but Inglewood was not that formidable of an opponent. Mayfair will be much tougher."

Meanwhile the freshman encountered

Dave Wielenga

California saves U.S. olympiads

Since the return of United States athletes from their three-week excursion to Munich, the general air of gloom which has prevailed on the subject makes a morgue seem comparatively jovial.

Indeed, the XX Olympiad was not one which will be fondly remembered by the U.S.. but can you imagine how the Yanks would have fared without the services of California?

Sending the United States to the Olympics without the Golden State is comparable to a Bellflower-Excelsior contest minus Dan Castillo; it's like Pep Squad without the Drill Team to back them up; it's like taking Bob O'Brien from the cross country team; a lost cause, a call for the white flags.

For led by Carmicheal's Mark Spitz, residents of California contributed no less than 31 individual medals to the United States' overall total of 94.

Translated, that means that using just its individual medals alone, California would have place sixth, between Japan and Australia, if it had competed as a sovereign nation.

But in addition, the Golden State lent its services to various teams sports and relays, including the third place water polo team which was comprised entirely of Californians.

Largely responsible for the strong showing of the 31st state was the formidable collection of athletes from the local area.

It's hard to conceive of the Olympics without the oft-mentioned and much-respected names of Wayne Collett, Mike Stamm, Steve Genter, Shirley Babashoff and Micki King, to name a few.

And what about the group of superlative Long Beach athletes such as Ed Ratleff, Susie Atwood, Dwight Stones and Ann Simmons.

In total, California was responsible for nine of the United States' 33 gold medals, 11 of the 31 silvers and 11 of the 30 bronze.

Striders bid for title

With an overwhelming 21-37 defeat of cross-town rival Mayfair in its opening meet, Bellflower's varsity cross country team began its '72 season ranked as one of the top contenders for the SGVL championship.

The Buccaneers have their entire squad returning from last year's third place finisher, including number one man Bob O'Brien. However, Bellflower must withstand the threat of Excelsior, last season's league champions, in order to challenge for the crown. Like the Bucs, Excelsior is loaded with talent returning from last year's undefeated team. Bellflower, isn't conceding the title, according to first year coach Roy Swett.

"Sure, the Pilots are tough," he said, "but with all the lettermen we have coming back this year, we can't be counted out of the running. The talent is there."

Bellflower should again be led by O'Brien, the top runner in the SGVL and the school record holder in every distance catagory. But plenty of support is expected from number two man Ken Nelsen.

"Both O'Brien (9:18) and Nelsen (9:51) have gone under ten minutes for the two-mile," noted Swett. "That's a pretty tough one-two punch."

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