

Tax repealed as Cabinet proposes new plan

by Lee Ann Park

Reversing a newly instituted and highly controversial policy, the ASB Cabinet announced Wednesday that the 10% tax on all club profits has been repealed.

At a joint meeting of faculty and Inter-Club Council members, ASB President Scott Rozelle explained, "The Cabinet repealed the policy at a special meeting last week, simply because we felt it was alienating the clubs."

... this is not an apology"

The tax plan, which was announced at an ICC meeting three weeks ago, imposed a 10% tax on the net profits of any club or organization representing Bellflower High.

The policy also stated that any club refusing to pay the tax could be fined, or all club finances would be transferred to the ASB account. The organization then would be dissolved.

'Frisco Grad Night planned by seniors

If the prospect of graduation itself isn't enough to make seniors anticipate the coming June, the class of 173 can look forward to something more: a weekend in San Francisco.

"We wanted to do something a little different for Grad Night," explained ASB President Scott Rozelle. "So we began looking into the prospect of flying to San Francisco the morning after graduation."

"We found out that we can charter a plane, spend the night, have our Senior Breakfast and fly back the next evening for about \$40 per person."

However, Scott pointed out that there would be many other activities included, such as a bay cruise and possibly a dance, as well as an afternoon in Golden Gate Park before returning.

"Of course everything is still in the planning stages. We have to have at least 100 people go in order to charter the plane," he explained.

"And too we're hoping we can lower the cost to less than \$40 by a series of fund raising projects."

Activities planned by the Senior Cabinet include a current pumpkin sale, two upcoming activities nights and possibly a Christmas tree lot and turkey raffle.

"We have been doing quite a lot of research," stressed Scott, "Especially Janna Vandenberg the ASB Treasurer, so we have almost everything planned."

Although the idea seems novel to most students, the people making the plans admit that they originally got the idea from Alhambra High who is planning a trip to Hawaii for their graduation celebration.

"But after all," Scott shrugged, "Alhambra's in a pretty rich district, and from the reaction so far, most people are satisfied with San Francisco."

However, several clubs including CSF, Interact and GAA indicated that they intended to refuse to pay the tax. "Interact even talked about moving off campus," said Bob Lemen, Interact President and ASB Vice President. "So, the Cabinet felt the policy was alienating too many people."

"And too," elaborated Rozelle, "with all the dissention, arguing and discussion, it's been taking too much time. It began interfering with our other activities."

"However," he added, "I want to make it clear that this is not an apology. The policy may have been poorly handled, but we feel we were entirely justified."

"We passed the tax in order to raise enough money to re-sound the gym. It was an effort to pool all club resources and take on a project too big for any single organization."

Even though the tax has been repealed, the Cabinet is still planning to attempt the project.

"We are going to go to the School Board and ask for assistance from the

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BHS threatened by tax initiative

After weathering the storm of financial slashes, Bellflower High seems to be running on a fairly steady course.

However, success of the Watson Property Tax Initiative (Proposition 14) may challenge BHS' very existence, according to Principal George Prince. Although the measure would reduce local property taxes, it would also remove one source of revenue for school districts throughout the state. Bellflower Unified School District will lose approximately \$945,288 if the proposition goes through, reported a special bulletin from the Los Angeles County Superintendent.

Loss of that amount would really be felt, according to Prince, who said "Along with the cutbacks of a vast number of teachers, the school would probably have to resort to a four period day. We have minimum transportation now, and no capital outlay, so there are no other places to cut back. We might even have to close the

school--it's just one of the things that could happen."

Though the cutting to a four period day is more likely, Prince explained, "This would drastically alter the student's opportunity for class selection, with most students taking only the State requirements of English, history, social studies, and physical education. Electives in the fine arts, foreign language, advanced science and math departments would receive the brunt, simply because of lack of room in a four period schedule. Thus leaving students to seek these courses somewhere else."

Furthermore, those turning to Cerritos College will run into additional waves caused by the passing of the proposition. Prince related that the Watson Proposition will completely eliminate all state financing for community colleges, which are currently serving approximately 850,000 students, thus forcing Junior Colleges to charge tuition.

City cites incorporation

Festivities mark 15th year

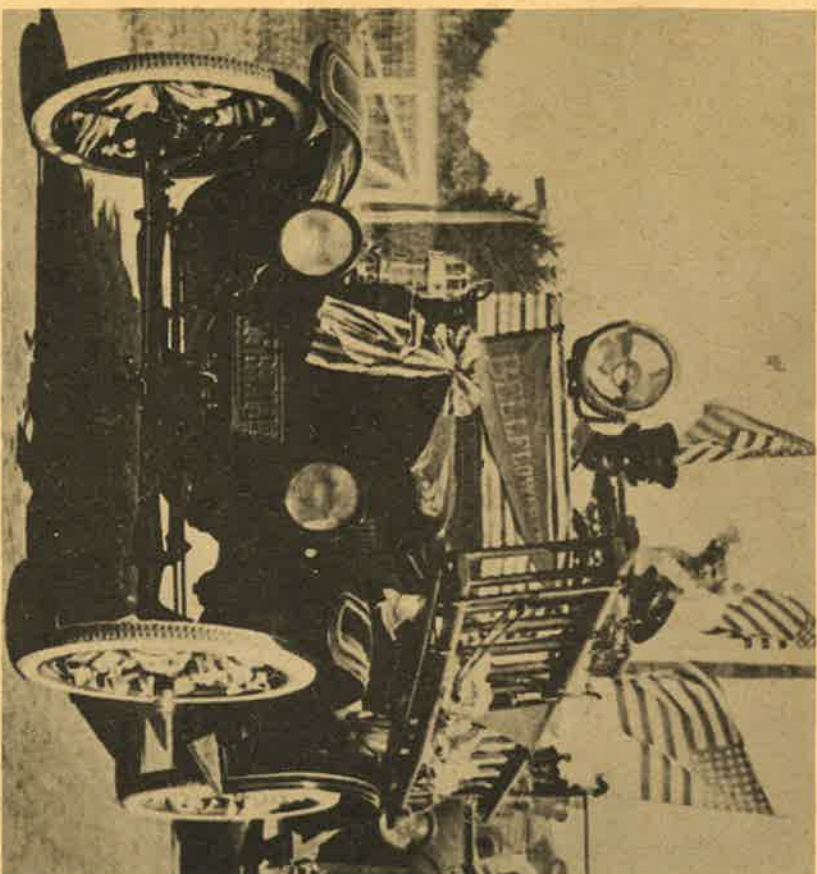
by Bonita Kato

and continue all afternoon and evening until 9:00 p.m."

Recalling the fifties' thoughts of ponytails, greasers, Elvis, and for most of us, Crusader Rabbit, come to mind.

These were all a part of the scene in 1957 when the city of Bellflower was incorporated, and now in 1972, is celebrating it's fifteenth birthday on November 4, a week from Saturday.

"The celebration will be kicked off with our annual Liberty Parade down Bellflower Blvd. from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the Buccaneer band will be the host band in the parade," related Roy Mehan, director of Parks and Recreation.



Although this year's Nov. 4 celebration of Bellflower's incorporation will feature many nostalgic activities, the parade vehicles will be slightly more modern than the fire engine shown above in one of Bellflower's first

Mehan, whose department is coordinating the program, continued, "After the parade the birthday festivities will officially get under way at

The shindig will offer a genuine greased pig contest, a rip-snorting tug of war between the service clubs, and the Senior Citizens are getting into the act with a shuffleboard and bocce' ball demonstration, according to Mehan. After the whirlwind of activities hungry spectators may quench their thirst and hunger with cokes and hot dogs at nostalgic prices of 5¢ and 10¢.

"The celebration is a community endeavor," he explained, "involving organizations like the Oddfellows, Women's Club, Rainbow, the Chamber of Commerce and service clubs such as Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions."

The Soroptomists will climax the evening with a water show at the pool at 7:30.

Everything will be adjacient

Tax policy prods students to action

by Dave Wielenga

When the ASB Cabinet decided to levy a 10% tax on all incoming funds of campus clubs during a non-publicized meeting at snack on October 9, the immediate student reaction was as usual, apathetic.

It was a full two days before the action evoked any response but when that acknowledgement finally came it presented itself in indignance and then, outright defiance.

Cabinet members were described as money-hungry connivers and compared with communist dictators, for the manner in which it was issued.

It is true that the means chosen to initiate BHS' first tax system defied all principles of democracy. It is also true that the Cabinet might have come up with a more ethical way of raising the desired funds than to skim it from campus clubs.

However, two positive aspects of this whole situation remain.

First, student government at this school has been dormant for so long that it is reassuring to see its members make an attempt to initiate policies and programs designed to improve conditions. New ideas are being presented, considered seriously and in some cases, adopted. It appears that for once student government has become more than a label for a student pacifier.

The second benefit of the ill-fated move is the very reason for its downfall--student response.

Although it is unfortunate that it required a situation like this to stimulate some reverberation, the fact remains that it did make the students aware of the power they can exercise. It is also likely that future decisions made by the elected officers will be scrutinized much more carefully by the student body at large.

This can only provide for a better, more effective political structure at this school.

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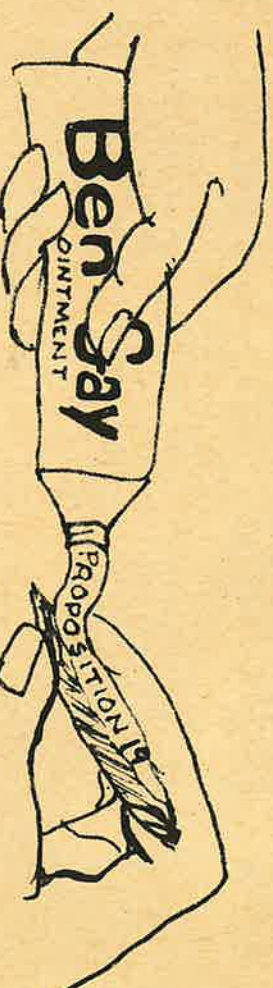
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19 challenges pot penalties

by Clay Doyle

--Confinement in the state penitentiary for one to 10 years on the first conviction.

--Confinement in the state penitentiary for two to 20 years on the second conviction.

--On release from prison, lifetime prohibition from any job requiring certification, including law, education, civil service, medicine and many others.

--Lifetime label of "convicted felon."

These are the penalties that face adults convicted of the crime of possessing marijuana. Under the present law, possession of marijuana is a felony. Also felonies, and carrying slightly severer penalties, are the sale, cultivation and harvesting of marijuana.

Next year, anyone 18 years or older may be able to grow his own marijuana, to use at his discretion, and do both without fear of arrest or penalty.

Laws and penalties dealing with sales, use by minors, or criminal conduct under the influence of marijuana however, would not be altered.

This near reversal of the present law would be effected upon passage of Proposition 19 on the November Ballot.

Why such a radical change? Public health specialist and criminologist Dr. Joel Fort, educator Mary Jane Fernandez,

and former White House staff member Gordon Brownell, authors of the pro ballot argument for 19 explain.

"The central question is what to do with people who engage in personal behavior that some may consider undesirable. What approach is likely to change their behavior without destroying them in the name of saving them? Decriminalization is the answer."

They cite President Nixon's commission on Marijuana, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the MA Drug Committee as recommending decriminalization.

The supporters of Proposition 19 generally feel that marijuana use is less harmful to individuals and society than is the punishment.

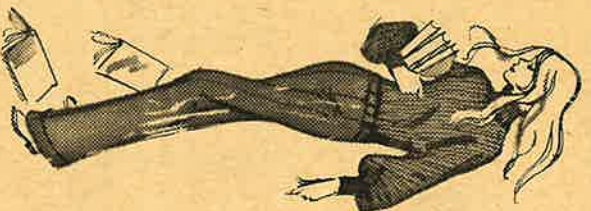
Opposing forces, obviously, do not hold this view. The authors of the con ballot argument cite a lack of research as to the effects, along with some real harms.

They explain that decriminalization would increase use of "highly unpredictable drug" which would be further complicated if everyone processes his own.

Marijuana use is further accused of "assassinating ambition" and "leading to moral decay". Feeling that "penalty always acts as a deterrent" the opposition urges rejection of the proposition.

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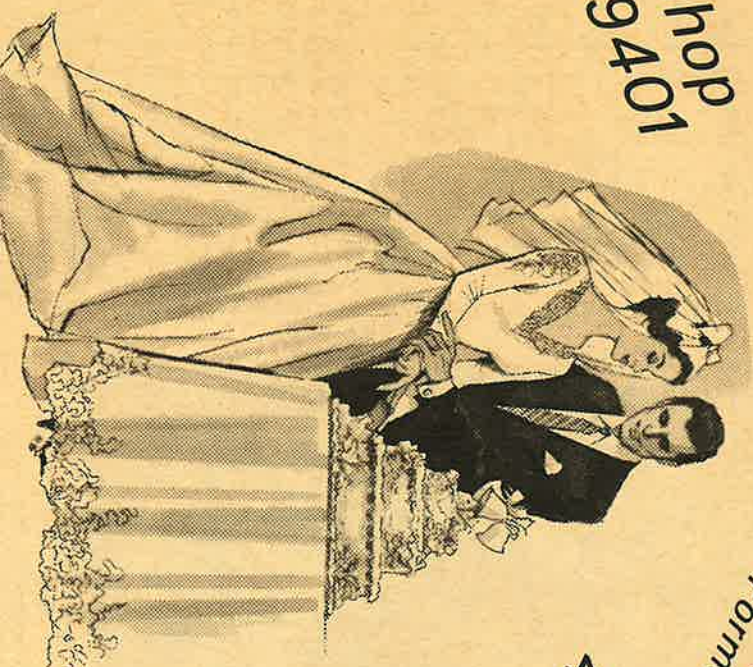
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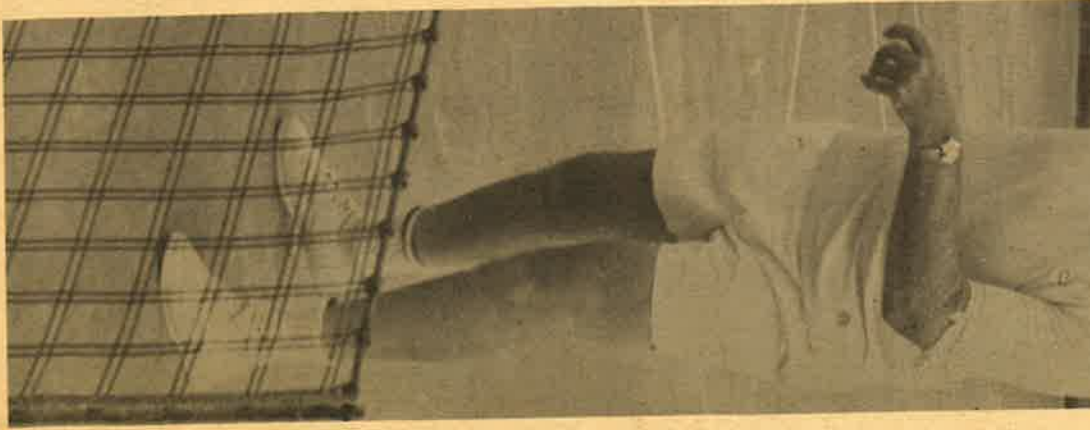
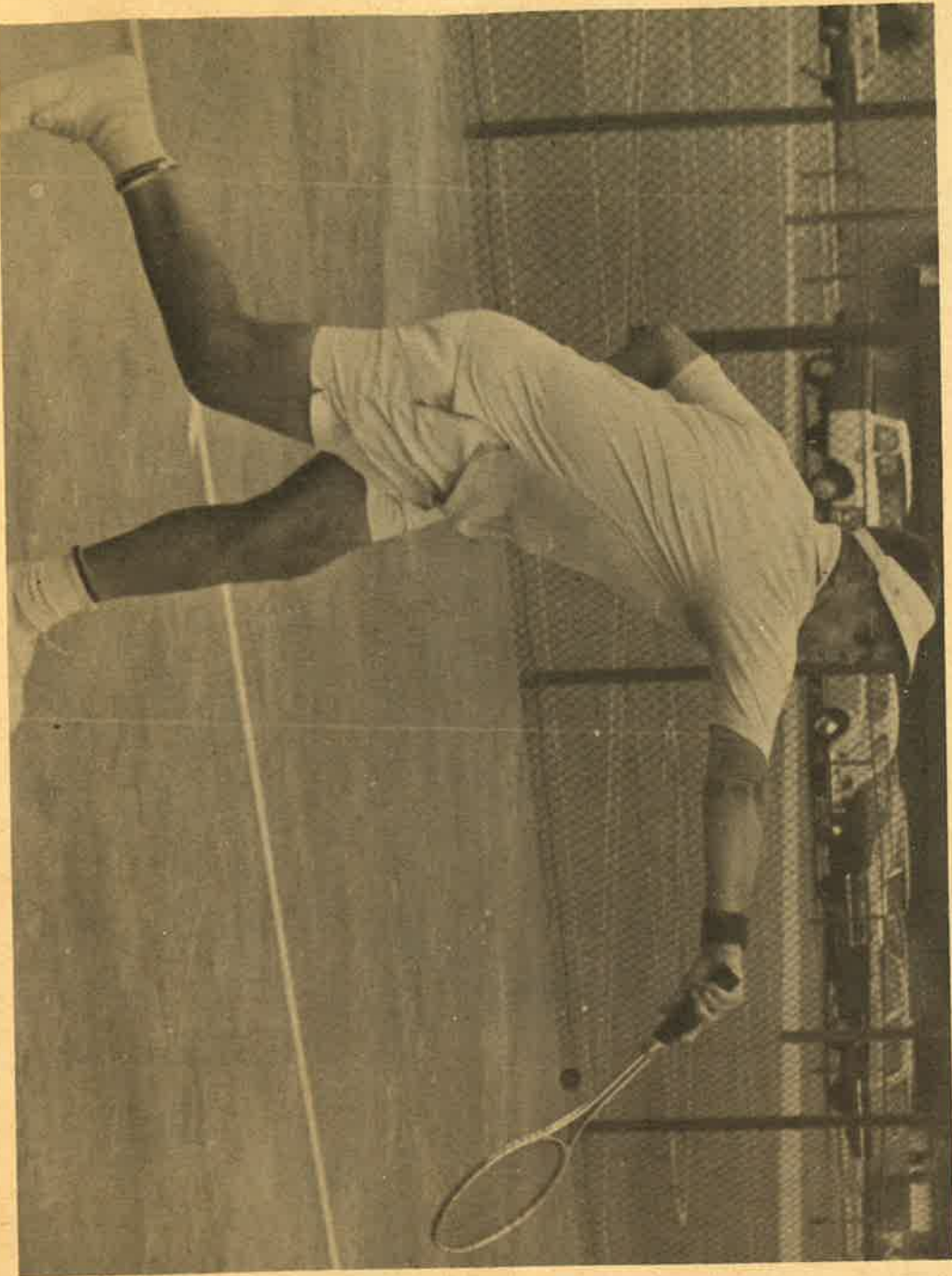
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Racquets rise in tourney among faculty swingers



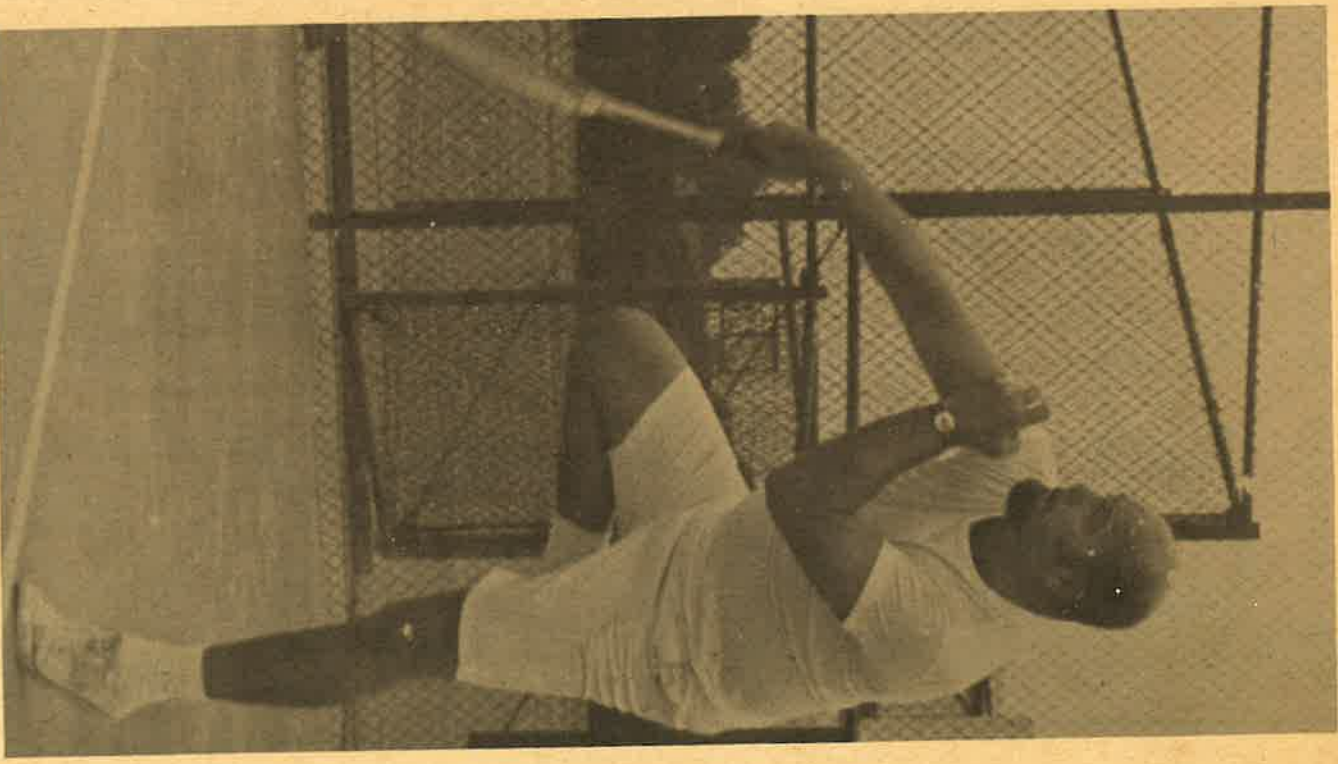
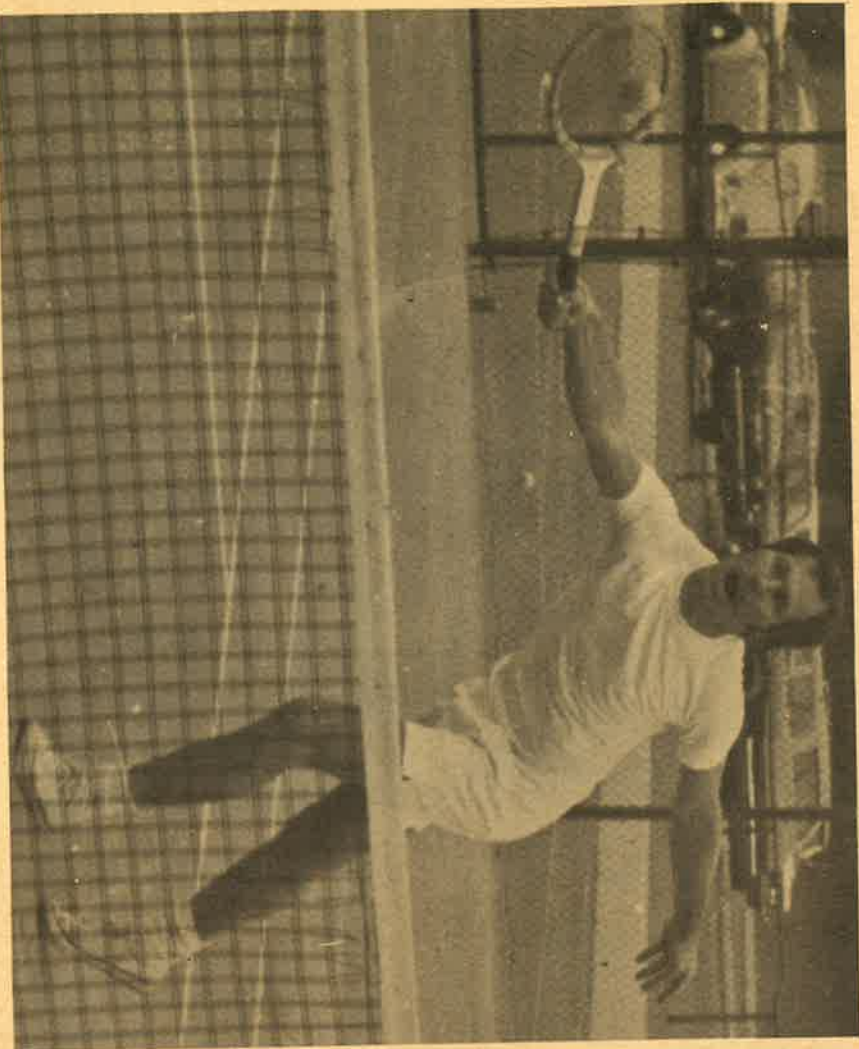
"Doing everything imaginable--except playing tennis," is one spectator's description of the student-faculty tennis tournament, being sponsored by the Racqueteers.

In the midst of the battle, grimaces and outright expressions of disgust emerge from Marcus Morgan as he swings in the general vicinity of the tennis ball.

Further down court, Ron Albertsen is caught in a pose that could have been taken from an abstract modern dance.

Opposite Albertsen, Vice-Principal Merv Smith gasps as he lunges in an all out effort. Also competing in the student-faculty doubles competition, not pictured, are Don Fiebing, Ray King, Joe Bott and Lynn McCarrol.

(photos by Clay Doyle)



Dave Wielenga

SGVL flag hopes still alive --but barely

After a pair of league losses most expect Bellflower to be pretty well washed up as far as gaining a CIF berth is concerned. However, close inspection of the schedule reveals that with some key breaks the Bucs could still emerge with a share of the circuit crown.

Excelsior currently leads the loop with an unblemished record and tonight's battle with Norwalk shouldn't change that situation. But in their final three games the pilots have to contend with an improving Downey squad, underrated Lynwood and a capable team of Warren Bears.

All three could produce an upset and if two are successful the situation would be interesting. Of course, Bellflower would have to win all their remaining contest and the way it's been playing that might prove to be hardest of all.

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At the outset of the cross country season coach Roy Swett expressed the belief that his band of runners had the capability to nab a CIF berth this year. It hasn't quite worked out that way.

Although the Buc striders hold a respectable 4-3 record, all of the setbacks have come in SGVL competition, a fact which serves to snuff out any glimmer of hope for the playoffs.

However, like any coach he retains his optimistic attitude.

"I think we'll win our last four meets," he ventured, "We'll still finish with an overall record of 8-3."

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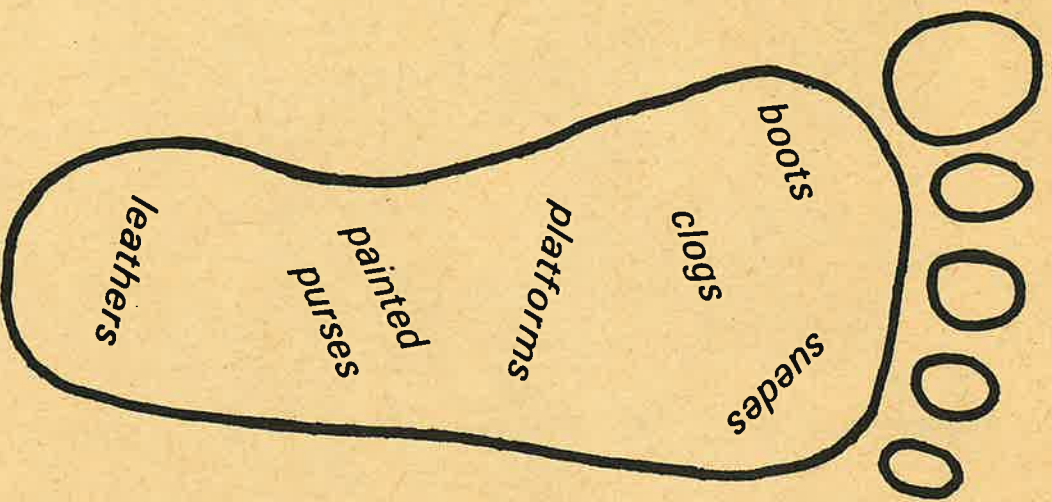
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Here with my predictions for tonight's SGVL football games: Bucs 35, Paramount 0 (Pirates haven't won yet--why start now?)...Excelsior 28, Norwalk 10 (Looks like title year for Pilots)...Lynwood 21, Warren 17 (Toughest to call; could go either way)...Downey 14, La Mirada 7 (Battle of the spoilers).

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Bellflower's offensive line displays the type of life found on every play in the "pit." Although not given the recognition of a quarterback, half-back or receiver, the effectiveness of any team's attack hinges on the talent of its offensive line. The unit was out in force in last Friday's 21-18 loss to Lynwood as it provided quarterback Don Kerr with enough time to pass for over 200 yards. In fact, the Bucs most likely would have won the game if not for a number of key bobbles by some slippery-rimmed receivers. However, the ground game had to be the area of major disappointment to Bellflower, mainly because there wasn't any. The Bucs collected only 22 yards in as many carries, a figure which must be improved upon if they hope to snap their two-game losing streak tonight against Paramount.

(photo by Cesar Baldemor)

Runners winless in league

by Fred Budig

Despite a first place finish by Bob O'Brien, Bellflower's varsity cross-country team suffered their third straight SGVL loss, 21-34, against Lynwood Friday.

Seeking their first league victory, the striders travel to Paramount today.

"We don't know much about the Pirates' team," said first-year coach Roy Swett. "But the way the league has stacked up so far, we've got to expect a competitive meet."

Although last week's defeat virtually destroyed Bellflower's chances for a CIF berth, Swett was pleased with his team's performances.

"Overall, we averaged an improvement of over 38 seconds per man from the last time we ran on the course," noted

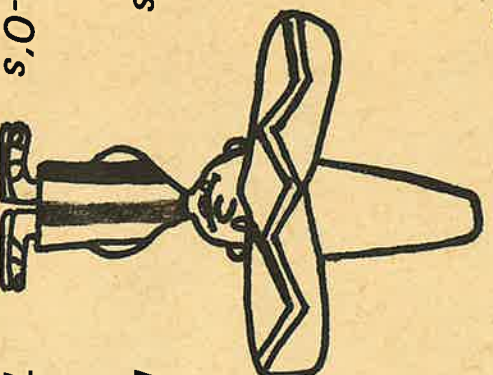
Swett. "Lynwood was just too strong for us."

In the varsity race, O'Brien set a course record with a time of 9:39, but received little support from his teammates as the Knights took the next four places behind him.

Bellflower's second man, Ken Nelsen, was a disappointing sixth in 10:29 while Dave Wielenga placed eighth with a 10:37 mark. Sophomores Steve Moran (10:38) and Rick Larman (10:43) finished in ninth and tenth to complete the scoring.

In the junior varsity division, Lynwood was again victorious as the Knights took five of the top seven places. Paul Wielenga and Tom Creswell led the Buccaneers with times of 11:00 and 11:17 respectively.

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Experience keys GAA's 3-0 record

With possibly their strongest squad in his-tory, Bellflower's GAA Volleyball team is undefeated, having swept all games in their four matches this season.

The squad stresses experience with five seniors and one junior holding the starting positions.

"Experience would have to be the strength of our team," explains Miss Walther. "The girls have all been playing with each other for three or four