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From l-r: ASB Vice President Robert Lemen, ICC Chairman Rusty Kane, ICC Work Co-ordinator Rod Stern.

ICC proving that money does grow on trees

Stumbling on to campus at a bleary-eyed 8:30, students may have had a rude awakening this past week to suddenly find themselves in the thick of a prickly, green forest.

Stationed where there used to be a familiar clearing between the music building and the monolith, is an expanse of Christmas trees.

Although this ready-made forest appears to be the work of an over-zealous Campus Beautification Committee, the Christmas tree lot is actually a major fund raising project initiated by the Interclub Council.

According to ICC Chairman Rusty Kane the project is designed to "raise funds to improve the sound system in the gym," and is expected to make approximately \$2,000.

Described as "a cooperative effort by all the clubs and organizations on campus," the 11-day tree sale is being conducted by the students themselves.

"Students from the various clubs are working in the lot, which is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.," Rusty revealed.

The trees include a variety of shapes and sizes of Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir and Grandis Fir. "And no ecology minded student can complain, because the company who sold us the trees told us that for every tree we bought, two more were planted," added Kane.

"Actually this project will benefit the entire Bellflower Unified School District," the ICC Chairman continued. "We have handed out tickets to all the elementary and Junior High School kids, and when their parents buy a tree from our lot, we give 50¢ to their school for each ticket."

However, this isn't the only form of promotion being employed. ASB Director of Public Relations Bryan Larson is attempting to get announcements to various radio stations, and Bellflower had been deluged by strategically placed posters.

So, with all the effort to sell the trees, it seems as if Bellflower's one and only forest is to be a temporary affair. In fact if all goes according to schedule, the planners intend to close up shop on Monday, Dec. 18.

Get Farr out - - of jail

by Fred budig

In order for a democracy to exist, there must be several checks upon the government by the people, and one of the strongest controls lies in the freedom of the press.

The guarantee of the freedom of the press was written into the constitution to assure the people of their right to speak out publicly without fear of reprisal through censorship.

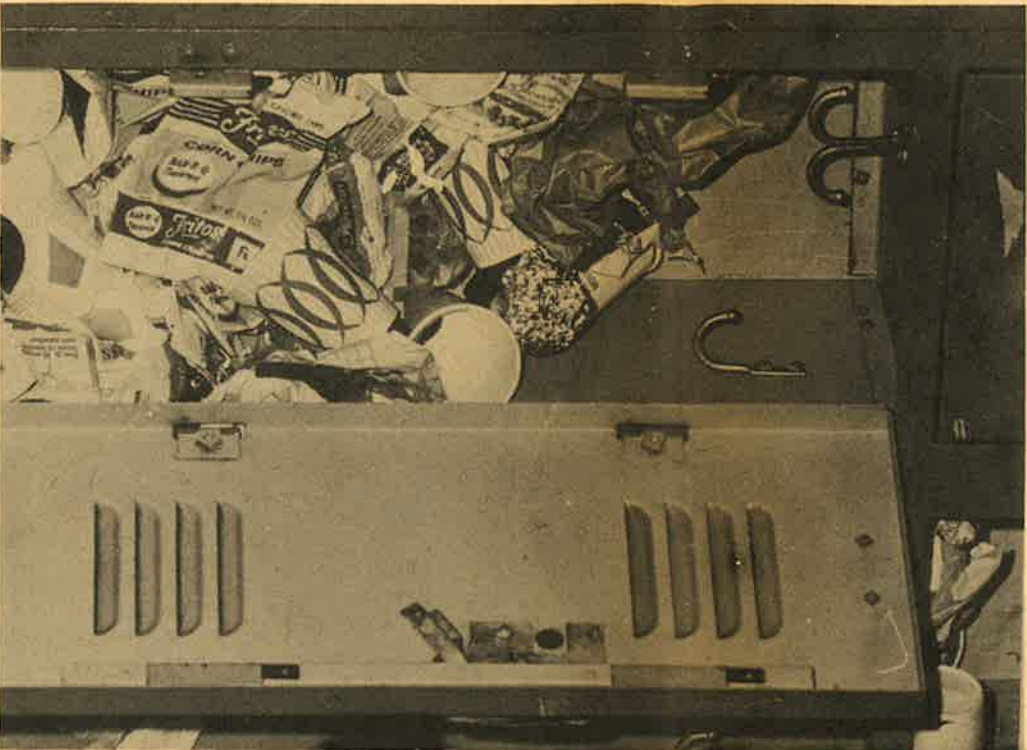
However, with the recent imprisonment of former reporter William Farr, the freedom of the press has been violated.

Farr was jailed for refusing to reveal the sources of information released to him in violation of a court order during the Charles Manson murder trial. He faces an undetermined sentence of contempt.

Farr, who used to be a writer for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, was not prosecuted at the time his story was published (Oct. 8, 1970) because he was protected by the California Evidence Code. But seven months later, when he was no longer a newsmen, he was no longer shielded by the law and had to cite his sources.

If Farr were to name his informants (up to this point he has only indicated that they were two of the attorneys involved in the case), they would be subject to contempt and possible removal of their licenses to practice law. In practicality, Farr's position could be compared to the government granting immunity to lawbreakers who give evidence to the state.

Farr should be commended for his actions not persecuted. The freedom of the press is not an on-off condition; its existence is something which has an unlimited influence. Farr's actions of withholding his sources was right in 1970 and it's still right. The laws haven't changed, so why should the principle?



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Letters to the Editor

Student chops X-mas trees

To the Editor:

About the Christmas trees on the Buc lawn: besides the fact that it cheapens the appearance of the school, a high school campus is no place for commercial goings on. It is indeed a sad time when the spirit of Christmas must be exploited for profit even on the high school level.

Pat Springs

To the Editor:

The lead editorial in the last issue of the blade severely blemished the credibility of your paper. That editorial (House Power fails: Cabinet pulls plug) referred to the ASB Cabinet as absorbing the powers of the house through the student senate. That isn't true.

EDITORIALS

House neglects duties

by clay doyle

While the Cabinet, Student Court and ICC are racing full speed toward activities unknown the most that can be said for the House of Representatives is that we know where they're going--because they aren't moving at all.

Most branches of student government are showing more initiative and activity this year than ever before, but the House is not one of them. Having met only three times, the confused body is lost in inactivity.

On top of this, cites ASB Vice-President Bob Lemen, the only two activities the House did attempt were riddled with problems. In electing officers, an alternate was elected Speaker. And during Homecoming constant prodding by the Cabinet was needed just to get the House to ready a few simple events.

He also explained that the House is further plagued by a lack of attendance, failure to give homeroom reports, disorganized meetings and failure by House Speaker Don McShane to provide guidance and leadership.

To enable the house to fulfill its responsibilities to the student body, three major steps must be taken immediately.

First, all House meetings must be rescheduled from second period to before school. Homeroom elections would then attract only persons who are truly interested in doing a good job, as they would be giving up their own time.

Secondly, the House should freely exercise its power to unseat members for disorderly conduct, no-attendance and failure to give homeroom reports.

Third, a knowledgeable parliamentarian should be appointed by the Cabinet to advise the speaker in running a more orderly and efficient meeting.

These basic revisions would greatly increase the productivity of the House.



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Females caught up in football frenzy

by lee ann park

Right about now frantic females across the nation are vowing to vomit the next time they see a football.

For months it's been nothing but football, football, football. After Friday night high school and college games, it's two solid days of televised games, with husbands, dads, brothers and boyfriends glued to the sets, yelling their way through battle after battle from the living-room sidelines.

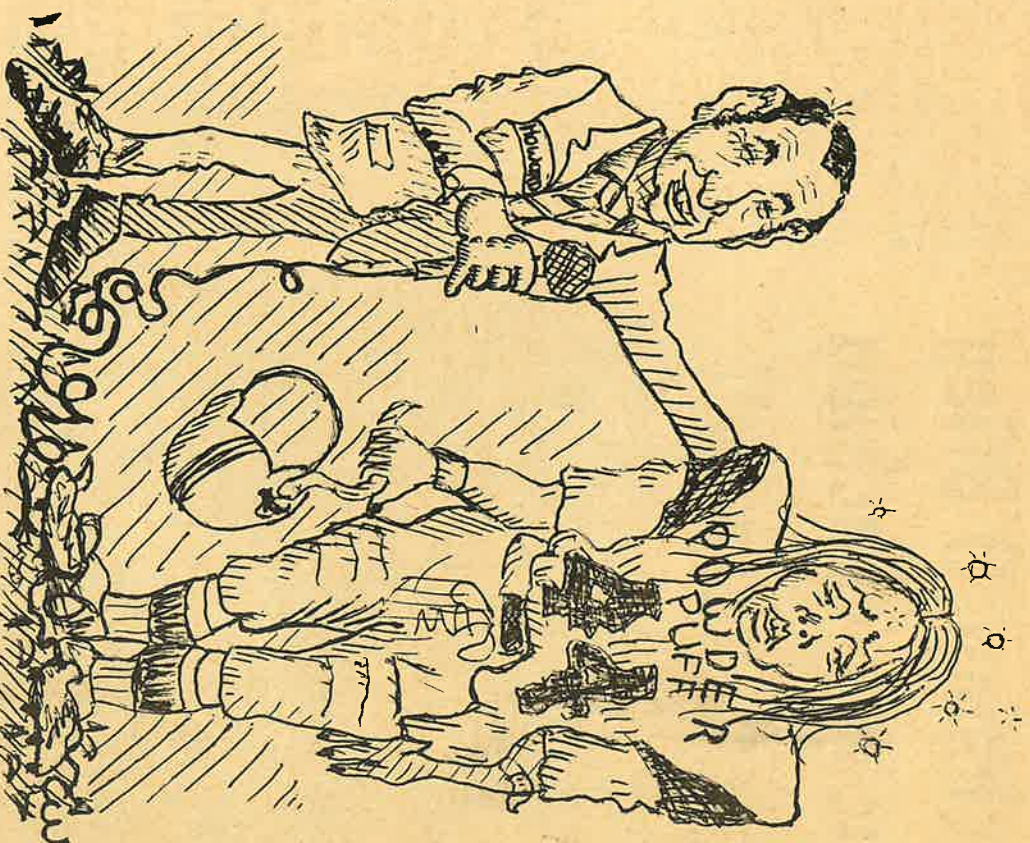
Well, maybe it's an offshoot of women's lib or a symptom of the football frenzy which has become so widespread, but the girls of BHS are continuing an annual tradition which has become the feminine answer to Howard Cosell and Monday Night Football.

The yearly powderpuff fracas, which pits juniors against seniors in heated battle, is an entirely student organized activity, with varsity football players coaching their female counterparts.

This year's scuffle, scheduled for 8:00 tonight at the Bellflower football stadium, is one that even Jimmy the Greek would have trouble laying odds on.

"We'll win by at least three touchdowns," is Head Junior Coach Ron Schnabegger's optimistic prediction, claiming a superior team and a mysterious "secret weapon."

But the second year Senior Coach Dave Ketcham, who led his team to a decisive 18-0 victory over the class of '72 last year, is predicting a much closer game. "Sure it's going to be close, but we've got the talent and a more dedicated team. We'll win by one touchdown."



by lee ann park

Looking for an enjoyable evening filled with an over-abundance of blood and gore? Do you enjoy a skillfully executed decapitation or two? Or is a bloody bludgeoning your thing?

Then by all means, make it a point to see the recent Paramount release, "Four Flies on Grey Velvet".

This Italian murder mystery is a must for fans of the typical multiple murder plot. In fact, almost the entire cast, including the pet cat, meets with a violent death at the hands of the murderer.

However, this could be considered a relief because the movie is populated with unknown actors and actresses who offer very little in the way of talent.

The plot itself resembles the classic murder mystery motif, poorly done. In the case of "Four Flies on Grey Velvet" there are so many inconsequential scenes and loose ends that the movie remains a mystery to the audience, even after it's over.

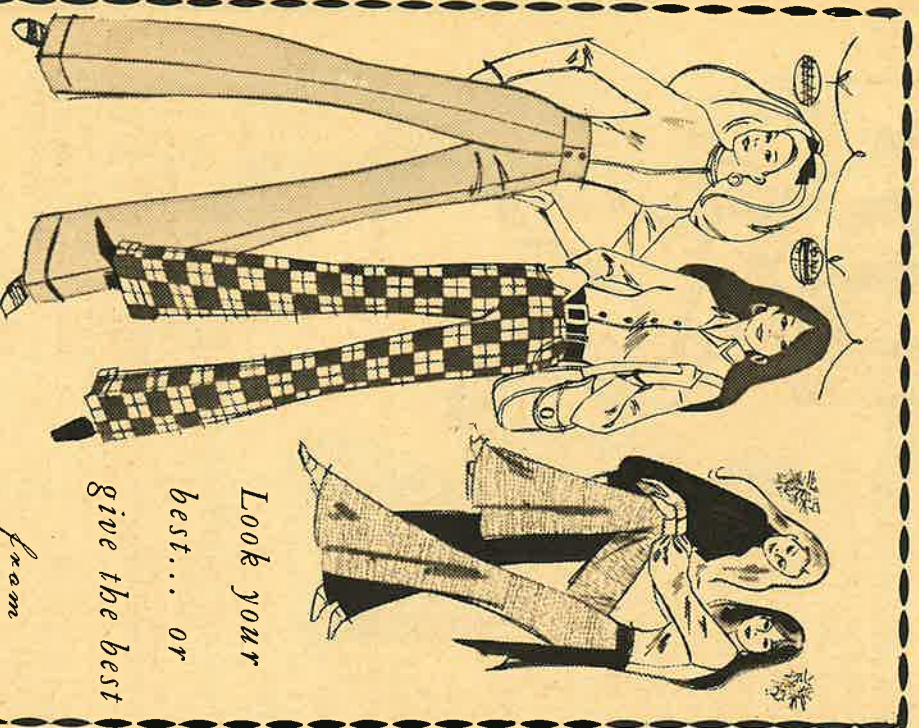
Set in Rome, the story centers around a rock music star, Roberto, who is the intended victim. Ironically, Roberto is one of the few who survive the onslaught of the homicidal maniac. Not so lucky was the rest of the cast, including the maid, a gay detective, Roberto's cousin-in-law, and the murderer's accomplice, just to name a few.

These murders, shown in gruesome detail, are not the only form of violence offered in the macabre spectacle. A recurring dream gives the audience several chances to observe, in detail, an execution by decapitation.

"Four Flies on Grey Velvet" is a prime example of how asinine the current movie rating system is. Rated 'PG' (parental guidance suggested), this extensive display of warped violence is open to children of all ages.

Obviously, films are 'rated' only on their sex content. While explicit sex is carefully concealed from those under the age of 17, explicit violence is condoned by the rating system as fun, family fare.

'Four Flies' offers explicit violence for general audiences



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Holiday happenings

Vacation doldrums abated

by mickey stokely

Following the recent deluge of candy canes, mistletoe and Christmas trees, a variety of activities occurring during Christmas vacation leave barely enough time for a breather.

Starting with the Christmas dance held Monday from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m., the evening of "Moonlight and Mistletoe" will take place on board the Princess Louise.

Further into the vacation theatre-goers have a number of events to choose from, among them "The Crucible" starring Charlton Heston, which will be at the Ahmanson Theatre through January 13.

For those who enjoy musicals, there's "The Musical Book," which opens tonight at the Next Stage in Hollywood.

It's a musical treatment of stories from the Old Testament.

Completing the trio is the comedy "You Can't Take it With You" at the Neal Rock Theatre Academy in Hermosa Beach through Dec. 29.

If the theatre doesn't suit your tastes, there are a number of art shows to capture attention. For instance, the Downey Museum of Art is showing a collection of contemporary prints aptly titled "The Print" through January 7. And the L.A. County Museum of Art features a variety of subjects, with free admission.

However if you prefer to plan well in advance, consult a Ticketron outlet. They offer tickets for events as far in advance as March, 1973--allowing time for a nice, long rest.

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Clf champ O'Brien disproves coaching adage. And how!!



After trailing by as much as 25 yards, Bob O'Brien overtakes pre-race favorite Larry Gerich of Foothill on the rugged uphill switchbacks of the Mt. SAC course to permanently assume the lead in the 3-A cross country finals two weeks ago.

photo by debbie 'sald

Christmas Greetings to all my friends in 1050

'Tis the season to be jolly and, filled with the infectious gift-giving spirit of Christmas, I've composed a dandy list of presents for my deserving companions in athletics.

Varsity Football coach CLAY ODELL should find his stocking stuffed with a decent field goal kicker for those crucial fourth-and-eight situations, a "Thank God for Dan Castillo" button, a soothsayer's license for his successful prediction of the Excelsior game, and a cyanide tablet in case things get too bad next year.

Clf cross country champion BOB O'BRIEN deserves a school

dave wielenga

that would forget football just long enough to give him the acclaim that he has earned, cheerleaders who know that "Buc Pride" is more than a slogan, and the title of Athlete of the Year.

Coach JOE BOTT doesn't need anything when it comes to tennis--his team will be shooting for its eleventh consecutive crown this spring. However, as a basketball coach Bott could find good use for a team bulletin board so that he won't rip up someone else's.

QUARTERBACK DAN CASTILLO gets a copy of the Bellflower football record book which should appropriately be retitled "The Dan Castillo Story."

Varsity basketball coach JIM GREENFIELD might like to find a few more players over 5'6" under

Most coaches have to work years at a high school, recruiting and training their athletes unmercifully before they are blessed with a Clf champion. However, in Bob O'Brien, first-year coach Roy Swett stumbled into unexpected gold. "I had never even heard of O'Brien before I took the coaching job," admitted Swett. "Needless to say, it was a pleasant surprise."

O'Brien became Bellflower's first Clf champion since 1959 by winning the 3-A Cross Country Finals earlier this month at Mount San Antonio College, out-dueling Larry Gerich of Foothill for the individual title.

Despite his victory, O'Brien contended that he uses cross country more as a training period rather than for competition.

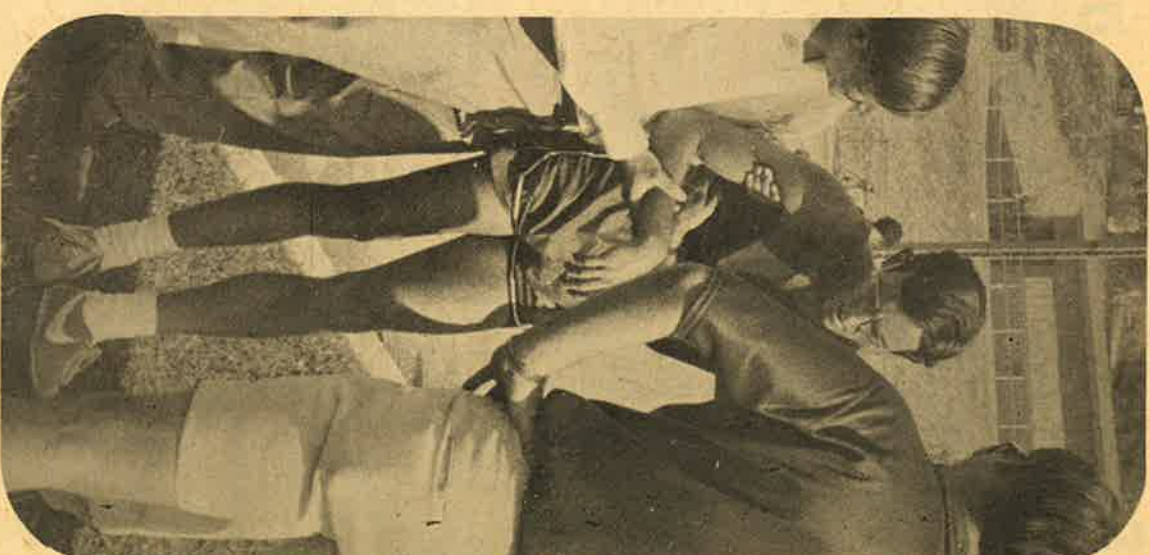
"I try to run distance early in the fall, and then concentrate on interval and speed repetition for track. Then, I set high goals for track (this year they are 4:05 for the mile and 8:50 for the two-mile) and try to achieve them."

O'Brien's training program will be tested January 20, when he competes in the Sunkist Track Invitational in the Sports Arena. Bob (4:13 best mile time) should be hard-pressed to stay with Barry Williams (4:06) and Alvin Gilmore (4:10) of Lompoc.

Beyond Sunkist lies a fertile future. Besides being one of the pre-season favorites for the 3-A Clf mile crown, O'Brien has opportunities for scholarships from 18 major colleges.

"Although I've had trouble deciding between several fine schools, such as Nebraska, USC, Ohio State, and Kansas, I'm leaning towards UCLA, or possibly Oregon," stated O'Brien.

When confronted with offers from such prestigious schools, it appears that while the practice of running 15 miles a day may be termed fanatical, it must also be called practical with regards to the future.



Unable to stand under his own power, O'Brien is supported by a sympathetic spectator as he confronts coach Roy Swett after winning by over 35 yards and recording the second fastest time in the Clf.

photo by debbie heald

It's easier to list grid marks that Castillo doesn't hold

His coach thinks he is a living legend; his teammates looked up to him for leadership and inspiration, and cheering Bellflower High football fans rose to their feet with anticipation every time he carried the ball. These are just a few of the reactions and feelings that have built up since early 1970 when Danny Castillo staged the first of many heroics against arch-rival Mayfair.

Since that time, Castillo has broken almost every career record imaginable. In the running department he carried the ball 329 times (a record), gained 2095 yards (also a record), averaged 6.5 yards a carry (another record) and scored an unbelievable 26 TDs (still another record).

And that's not all. He holds virtually every punt return record, and also has some very respectable passing stats.

Head coach Clay Odell, Castillo's biggest fan, explained why he has called his 5'8" quarterback a legend, "Sure his



records in the individual areas are unreal but even more impressive to me are the totals.

"Danny touched the ball in play 570 times and gained 4389 yards (that's over 2½ miles). In that yardage he scored 45 touchdowns and along with a few PATs, he accounted for 300 points."

What's next for Castillo? A football career at a large college, or at Cerritos? Whatever, Odell predicts success.

Cagers falter, now 1-2

by craig willmore

Coming off a 48-33 win over Monte Vista, the varsity basketball team fell to Artesia 67-45 Friday, for its second loss in three non-league contests.

Led by guard Rusty Kane's 12 points, the Bucs stayed close to the pioneers through the first three quarters but lacked the zip to pull the game out in the final minutes.

"We just ran out of gas in the last six minutes," said coach Jim Greenfield. "Our bench needs to give us more help, too."

Dave Ketchum was of some assistance. He came off the bench to sink four free throws and was the only Buc sub to break into the scoring. Ketchum also aided center Steve Eades and forward Bob Wofford in the rebounding department as all three did a fine job on the boards.

With a starting lineup that averages only six feet per man, Eades and Wofford have inherited the job of trying to compensate for the lack of size as well as the absence of 6'5" Kipp Archambault who is ineligible until the last five league games.

Offsetting the loss of Archambault, who has proven himself to be a strong rebounder as well as a great scoring threat, may be the biggest task for Greenfield.

"Without Kipp in the lineup we've had to change everything and have lost seven inches in the starting five."

Artesia's offensive attack was sparked by center David Chavez and guard Rodney Connolly with 19 and 16 points respectively. Both netted ten points in the second half.

First quarter action found the pioneers leading 7-2 after four and a half minutes but the Bucs stayed close and trailed 11-6 at the end of a low-scoring period.

The pace increased in the second quarter as junior guard Scott Simmons pumped in six quick points, giving his team a short-lived 12-11 advantage.

Artesia came on strong and ran off 20 points in under seven minutes, providing them with a 31-25 lead at intermission.

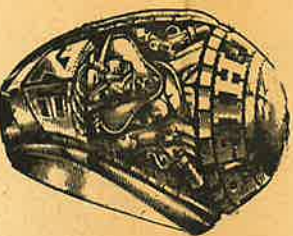
Bellflower stayed close for ten minutes of the second half led by Wofford's seven points, only to see the pioneers pull away to an insurmountable lead.



Guard Scott Simmons, the only starting junior on the Buc varsity and certainly not considered a rebounding power, wrestles this carom away from several Artesia opponents while teammate Jim Modlin looks on.

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by scott rozelle

Even with the many question marks in the air that come with a young, inexperienced team, first-year coach Arnie Koch successfully guided his team to a brilliant 39-30 comeback victory over their initial opponent St. John Bosco last week at Bellflower High.

"I was very pleased with the team's performance against Bosco" related Koch. "Even when we were down 15-30 the old veterans kept their poise and we won five matches in a row for the win."

However up to the point that the Buc squad ran off the string of wins, their points were few and far between.

Richard Okimoto, wrestling at 103 pounds, pinned his man in 41 seconds; Ken Cooper put his man to the mat with one second left in the second period; and Dave Alves won a tough 4-0 decision, but these three victories in the early stages of the match were countered by five Bosco

pins that ran their total to 30.

Then the Buc's strength knew what was happening. Lonny Markyna won a squeak 2-1 decision, Scott Bethurum beat his man in what Koch called the clutch match, 7-4, then Gary White pinned his man with only 51 seconds gone, Pat Devine received a forfeit that gave the Bucs the lead, and with a narrow three-point lead Rick Stratton put the match on ice with a first period pin.

"It was definitely a satisfying win," Koch said "and in looking ahead I believe that when our lower weights develop, since four of them are freshmen, we'll be strong contenders for the league title."

WRESTLING SCHEDULE
Dec. 16 Cerritos A
Jan. 3 J.V. Miraleste A

Jan. 6 Mayfair A
Jan. 11 Downey H

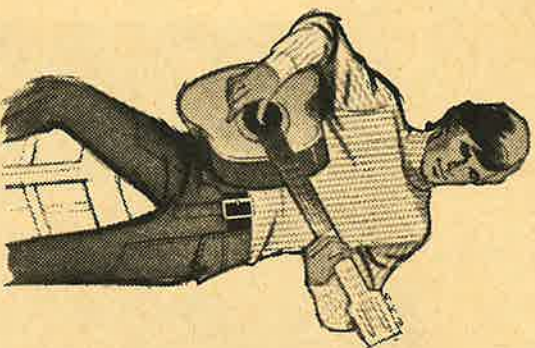
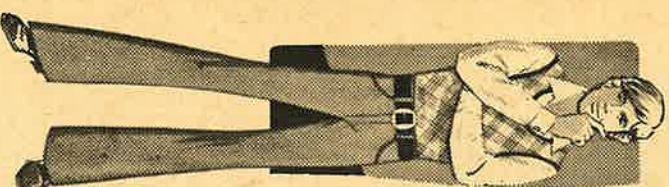
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Jan. 18 Excelsior A

Jan. 23 Lynwood H
Jan. 25 Paramount A

Jan. 30 Warren H
Feb. 1 Norwalk A

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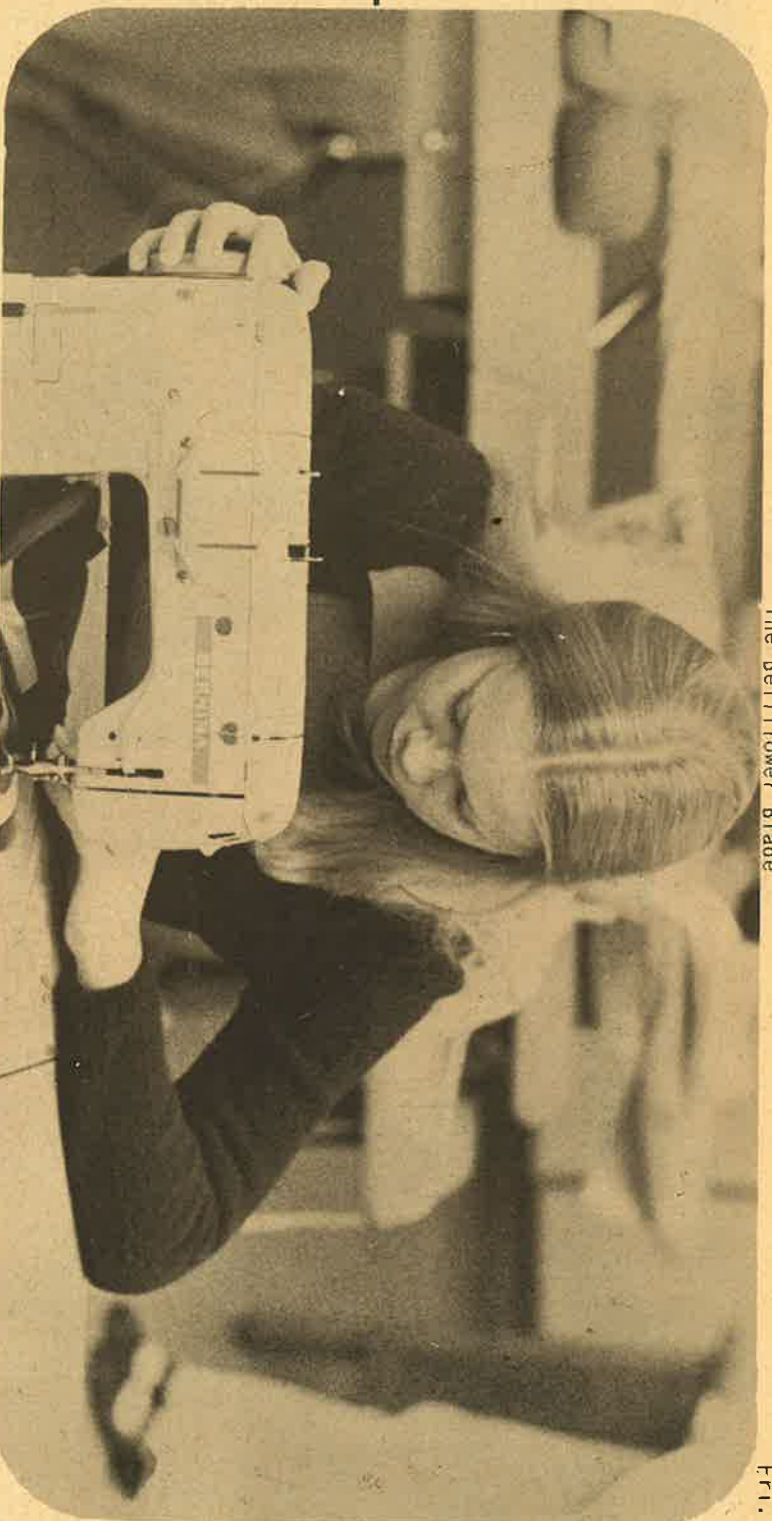
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Linda Pederson

Adding state honors to long list of talents

by bonita kato

Keyed on a note of perseverance, BHS Senior Linda Pederson has dedicated the past six years to perfecting her sewing skill in the 4H program, reaching the ultimate achievement in the state by representing California at the national conference in Chicago two weeks ago.

According to Linda, her selection was based on a record book that she kept over the entire six years that she has been in 4H. It included things that she learned, made, her volunteer work in the community, and newspaper clippings of other contests. (She was state alternate in the Miss Wool contest, and received a sewing machine in a contest sponsored by the Singer Co.)

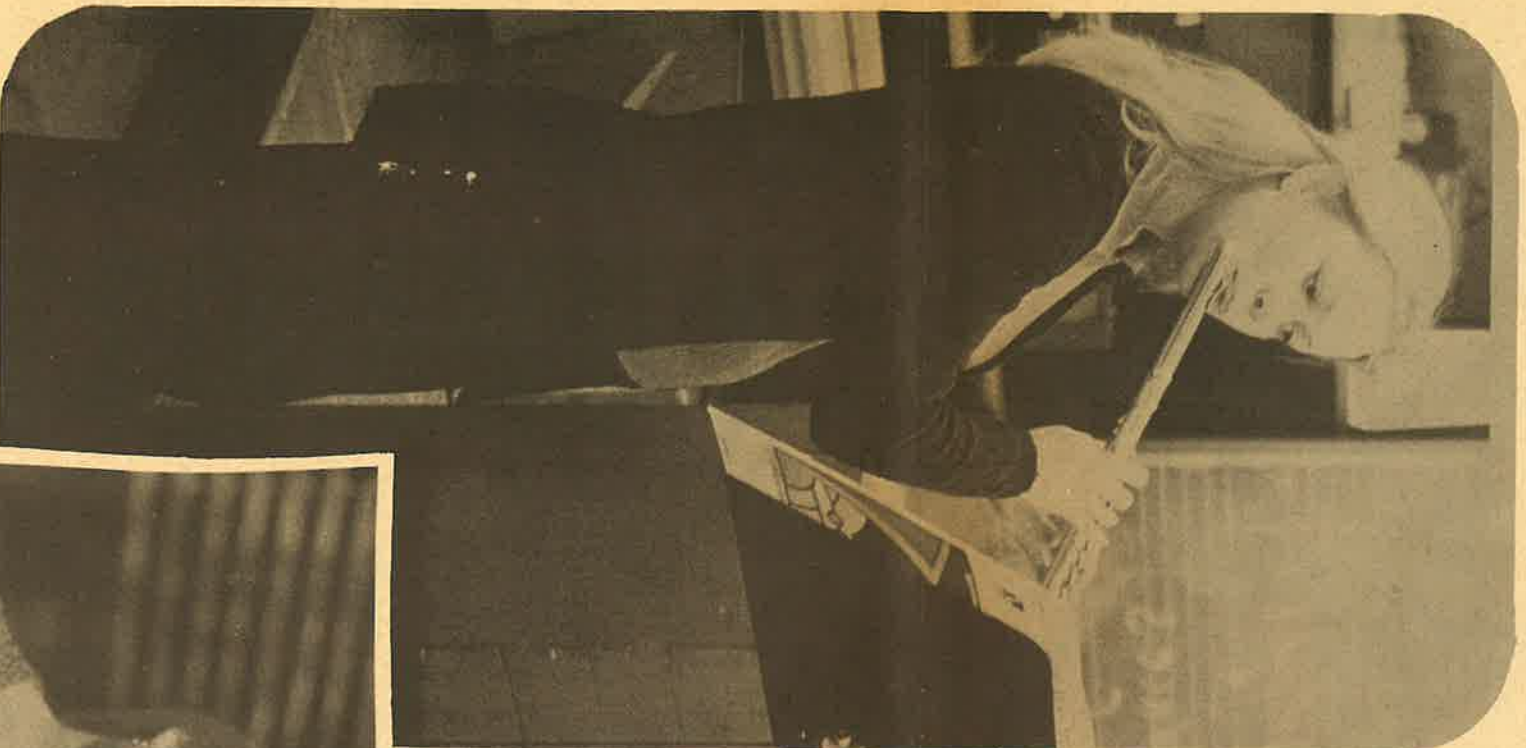
"I have always enjoyed sewing. In fact, when I was little, I had fun making doll clothes and wanted to make real clothing. It was through a friend that I got involved in 4H," Linda explained.

Besides her sewing, Linda's other artistic interests seem to harmonize. She is an accomplished flutist and is deeply involved in the instrumental music department, in addition to excelling in modern dance.

"I enjoy drawing too, but I've never been able to fit in an art class, so I do a little drawing and painting on my own."

Obviously, her life tempo is very rapid, and her range is extensive, yet she takes the time to be a perfectionist. "I can't stand loose threads or little tucks, so maybe I am a perfectionist. I spent almost three days making the bonded buttonholes on a jacket," Linda modestly admitted.

After graduation, Linda plans to go to Cerritos for a couple of years and find the direction best suited for her symphony.



Senior Linda Pederson was a member of student court for three years, and played in the marching band for four years. However, the honor that best describes her is the Senior Personality to which she was elected: Miss Successful.



Immediately after Homecoming week, where she reigned as a princess, Linda Pederson spent a week in Chicago representing California as the winner of the state-wide 4-H sewing competition.

(photo by sam nunn)