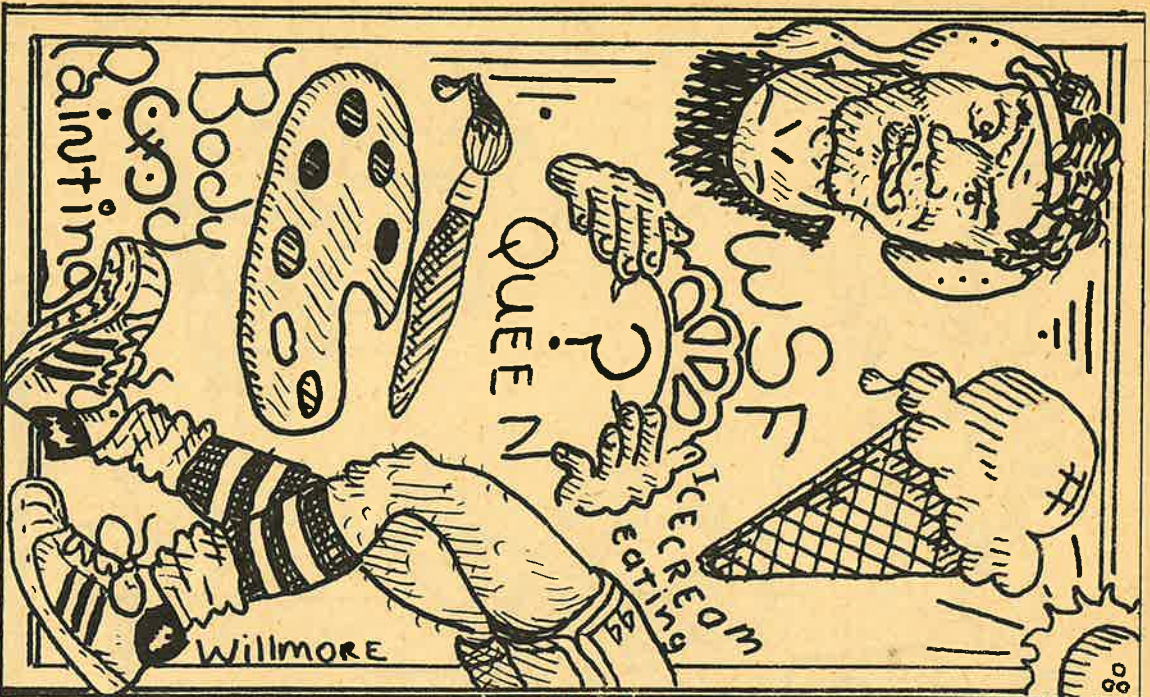


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Elusive WSF festivities set for Feb. 13th

by mike lambe

Another chapter unfolds in the quest to solve the mystery of the "Disappearing Winter Sports Festival Week." An investigation led to the BHS tennis courts, where one of the masterminds behind the project, ASB President Scott Rozelle was involved in a rather exasperating match.

Between points, Rozelle was queried about what exactly happened to the Jan. 29-Feb. 2 date originally planned.

"Well," puffed Rozelle, "it interfered with semester finals and the class changes, so the date had to be changed."

However, according to Rozelle, since the new week chosen (Feb. 13--16) is shorter, the all-day car show was abandoned.

"We had to cut out the car show," explained Rozelle, "but we have some new ideas which should make the week more interesting."

Although the princesses' major concern is being chosen WSF Queen Friday night, "We have them and their escorts featured in body painting and ice cream contests. In this way, we hope to give students a chance to meet them," expressed Rozelle.

"Also scheduled is an all-school arm wrestling championship. Different weight classes have been set up to give smaller guys a chance."

Then there are the traditional events like the tug-of-war and the seniors vs faculty basketball game, but the arm wrestling contest promises to provide the most excitement according to Rozelle.

Student lounge to replace unused snack bar

Carpeting, couches, a coke machine--all the comforts of home and more--in Belflower High's new student lounge.

Sound impossible? Actually the planned student lounge is not far from realization along with several other long-range campus improvements including repainting and resounding the gym, lighted tennis courts and a proposed math lab.

As for the student lounge, ASB President Scott Rozelle said, "We've been investigating the possibility of moving all the equipment out of the old snack bar, (next to the activities office) and making it over into a place where certain organizations could meet and maybe even open it up to the entire student body."

Of course, Rozelle emphasises it's still in the planning stages, but assures "it looks good."

Although use of the lounge by the entire student body is tentative several other proposed projects are designed specifically for general student benefit.

One, the much talked about and much worked for public address system for the gym, is beginning to take a more substantial shape.

"A man from 'Stereo Hi-Fi' came out last week to look over the possibility of a system for the gym and the football field," Rozelle related. "Of course it will be portable, but that makes it even better. It can be used in more places."

In addition to the new sound system, it looks as if the gym might get a new paint job, although it would probably cover only the mid-section of the interior, according to student officers. However, the gym isn't the only thing

Speech duo return to state tourney

to state tourney

Putting on a repeat performance, Juniors Terry Garrett and Bryan Larson have again qualified for the upcoming State Speech Contest to be held at UCLA in May.

"Terry and Bryan both qualified last year so I thought they could do it again this year," related Speech Coach Ron Albertsen, "but it's like a horse race--you can have the best runners in the world but if you don't have a dry track and a good day, forget it."

However, conditions and contestants must have been at their prime Saturday because Garrett and Larson not only qualified again at the Gerritos College meet, but they bettered last year's showing by both placing second in the girls' and boys' impromptu divisions.

Approximately 600 students from 45 schools attended the Fall Qualifier, entering such events as extemporaneous speaking, original oratory and impromptu speaking, among others. The top three from each category are allowed to compete at the state tourney.

According to Garrett, "This year there were about 50 students competing in impromptu, and Bryan and I placed second by one point behind La Mirada."

Although they qualified on an optimistic note, Larson confided, "if the qualifiers are hard to predict, you can just imagine the state tourney. . . This tourney's been known to bring some real upsets. . . Still, Terry and I are hopeful that we'll take the state."

Juniors Terry Garrett (right) and Bryan Larson (below) have qualified for the second consecutive year for the state speech tournament at UCLA in May. (photos by sam nunn)



Complete amnesty necessary to heal nation's war wounds

by Fred Budig

Now that the conflict in Vietnam is ended, it's time for the American government to follow the examples of previous wars in rebuilding the country's spirit.

Precedents from wars involving the United States give President Nixon a clear course towards mending the nation's wounds. The first step of course, should be to bring back all the Americans, but not just the soldiers and POW's, but also the draft-dodgers and military deserters, by granting amnesty.

Amnesty has been given following every former U.S. conflict from the War of Independence to the Korean War.

American presidents from Lincoln to Truman have recognized the importance of amnesty for restoring the country. The major reasons for granting amnesty in the past have been

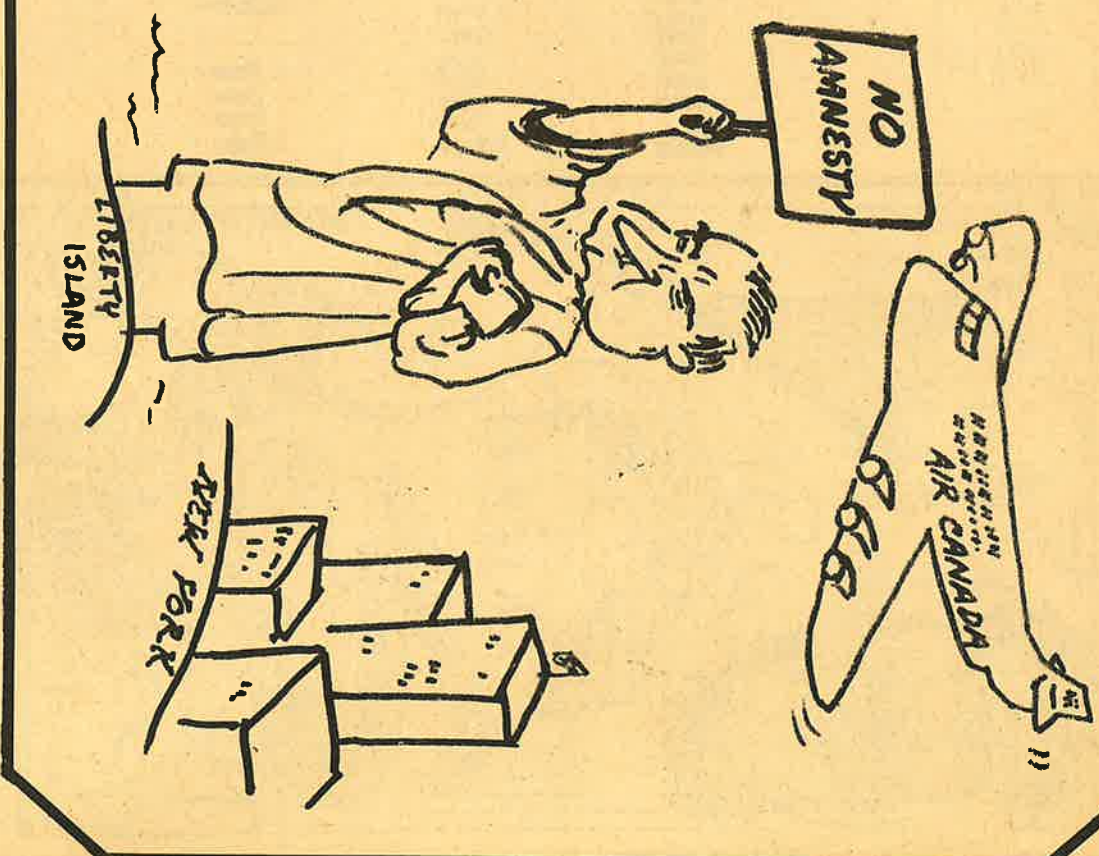
to heal the wounds of war and to bring back a peaceful way of life.

However, Nixon has failed to recognize this as well as to recognize the need of the nation for an easing out of war-time policies.

Instead, the President has said, "Those who have deserted must pay their prices...not must pay their price...which is that of a criminal penalty...not a junket in the Peace Corps."

It's time for Nixon to drop his uncompromising stand and face up to the fact that it's up to him to start the process of complete restoration of the United States. The start now should be the issuance of a Presidential pardon.

President Lincoln, in his second inaugural address, proclaimed that the end of the turbulent Civil War must come with "malice toward none and charity for all." Again the time for total peace is now.



Who is that

man standing

over by the

front steps?

In a school, the most important people are the students, right?

And then you need some teachers also to...well, to teach the students. Then of course, add some administrators to make sure the teachers are teaching and the students are studying the appropriate subjects in the appropriate way.

That covers the personnel found in a school, right? Wrong. There are a number of behind-the-scenes people that insure the smooth operation of a school.

For example, there's the school nurse, in case you get sick on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays. Don't forget those French chefs manning the on-campus versions of "McDonalds."

Where would the students be without their counselors, whom they run to get out of class

but away from at registration time.

In addition, secretaries handle the paperwork, attendance office personnel collect the phony notes, custodians clean the buildings nightly during TV commercial breaks, and a gardner keeps the lush grounds flourishing.

There's also another person

clay doyle

on campus whose job is somewhat of a mystery. Nobody seems to know what he really does.

Possibly he is a student -- in his 13th year of high school. Yes, an old student that never goes to class. No, he'd be in Somerset by now.

Could it be a teacher--dressed like that? No, impossible, they don't pay teachers to stand around the quad-

ministration steps all day.

No, he just doesn't seem to belong on a high school campus. It's like a Girl Scout in the Kozy Kitten. It's like a senior citizen at a pot party. He seems as out of place as George McGovern at an inaugural party; as incongruent as Ronald Reagan in a commune.

You see him strolling around the grounds, eyeing a couple of chicks. Or he's directing some smokers to the far side of the gym or across the street or into a bathroom. He spends a lot of time by the administration building.

Most people know him as "the narc." Some think of him as security for the administration. Even so, nobody really seems to know what purpose he serves.

And now it seems there are two. Twice the security. But then twice nothing is...

Letters to Editor

Student gets wrong number

know what we think of this.

To the Editor: A Concerned Athlete

What's the deal with the new phone system that's been installed in all the rooms? It seemed to me that the old phones were working all right.

During registration a couple of weeks ago I couldn't even get decent classes because the selection has been limited due to budget cuts, yet the district is spending money on worthless new telephones. What's going on?

Allen Trautloff

(The new telephone system, had an initial cost of \$101,000 and is estimated to save \$2,300 per month over the present system, district sources report. --ed.)



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Modlin no Patton

Uncle Sam -- watch out

by bonita kato

Since the release of the movie several years ago, General George S. Patton has been engrained in the minds of the American public as the stereo-type of military man.

However, this bawdy-though-prominent figure is not always the rule as in the case of Senior Jim Modlin, who certainly wouldn't be found yelling obscenities while chewing a cigar.

Modlin, who mirrors the image of a scholarly, reserved individual, is one of the very few students at Bellflower who is actually planning a military career.

Pending acceptance to the Military Academy at West Point, Modlin hopes to secure his future there, at least for the next nine years--four for college and five more as an officer in the Army.

"I guess to some people Jim seems like a quiet, almost introverted guy, but he isn't one at all," expressed Jim's father. "To me an introvert keeps to himself and doesn't want to get involved with the things around him. Jim isn't like that."

Another student went on to say, "Jim's involved in many things, but does things so subtly that you really don't notice--but he gets them done."

Modlin, who modestly sports a 4.00 grade point average, is CSF president, Physics Club president, an Interact officer, and on Varsity basketball.

To qualify for West Point, Jim must meet the medical, physical and scholastic standards along with the nomination that he received from Congressman Del Clawson.

"After I take the physical text and complete all the forms," Modlin began, "then I'll have done all that I can do, and it's just a matter of waiting for them to evaluate the results."

"And according to the district representative for West Point, the chances for acceptance look pretty good."

"However," he cautioned, "I may be fully qualified, but I'm competing for acceptance with guys throughout the United States."

Although Modlin doesn't fit the ruthless Patton image now, 1982, nine years from now, may bring about a character only the military will claim.



Although Senior Jim Modlin has received a congressional nomination to West Point, he still "has a long way to go" by passing the medical and physical tests, before they even consider his acceptance. (photo by sam nunn)

Senators, political reporters, and attorneys attending Bellflower High School? Never heard of it!

BHS Juniors Margie Kleinjan, Jackie Weinberg, and Matt Bonazzola presented the Los Cerritos YMCA in the 25th Annual Youth and Government Model Legislature held Feb. 1-4 in Sacramento.

With a model Senate and Assembly, the program's main function was to act upon the legislative bills introduced by each participating YMCA.

"Our bill," stated "Senator" Jackie Weinberg, "was the proposal of a unicameral state legislature as opposed to the present two-house system." After passing the Committee, the bill was then brought before the Assembly where it was defeated for lack of a two-thirds majority vote.

"We know it was a good bill because three other Y's submitted it also," Jackie related. "It must have been too difficult for the Assembly to fully understand."

Reporting the legislative action throughout the four days were periodic newspapers written by Political Reporters from the various Y's.

Margie Kleinjan, one of these reporters, was also the editor of the 25th Silver Anniversary Issue that was distributed Saturday night at the Governor's banquet.

And completing the diversified delegation was Matt Bonazzola, who acted as an attorney in the Model Supreme Court.

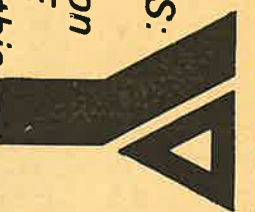
"The Supreme Court was really a demanding experience, but now that it's all over I feel that I have a much better knowledge of the law process and a lawyer's life---and that's what I went for."

In summation of their four days in Sacramento, the three BHS students all agree that the friends made, the knowledge gained and the sheer fun of it all was definitely a great experience.

'Service above self' reflects club

by mary kukiel

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"Some find fellowship in it, others feel they get prestige by belonging to it and the rest just get enjoyment out of being a part of it."

The "it" is Interact and the reasons provided by advisor Larry Boyle are why the club has been capable of donating over 1500 service hours.

"We do things that wouldn't otherwise get done," states Interact President Bob Lemen. "We have reclaimed the gardens surrounding the administration building, kept up the school marquee, sanded and repainted the football bleachers for the first time in three years and supplied over 400 man hours to 100's Christmas tree project."

Presently, they have just finished collecting for the March of Dimes, bringing the total of charities that they have donated to, so far this year, to five.

"The club's purpose, though," stated Boyle, "is not to be of service to only the school and community but on the international level as well." This will be completed in a month when Interact will ship old books, collected from the district, to needy countries overseas. Four years ago, this was also one of their major projects and the school supplies were sent to Pakistan.

In order to be able to continue such activities next year, Interact will once again sponsor the Harlem Clowns who will be coming to BHS in late March.

Student 'gripe group' formed

Nobody likes to hear a complaint about themselves, right?

For this reason high school students have had little opportunity to air their complaints concerning faculty members or administration, simply because there was no one who'd listen.

However, in an effort to reach students directly, BUSD Superintendent Richard Guengerich has organized a "Superintendent's Student Council"; sort of a communications-complaint committee, excluding all faculty and administration members.

"Before, the only liaison I had with students was along administrative lines," commented Guengerich. "Now I am able to talk directly with students and find out for myself exactly how they feel."

The committee members include students from Bellflower and Mayfair high

schools who "can best represent the feelings of the entire student body."

The Bellflower representatives include Mickey Stokely from BLADE staff, Matt Bonazzola representing the Associated Student Body, Alice Hergonson from Leadership and Rick Schaefer from the "Treasure Chest."

"I feel these students represent organizations which reflect over-all student opinion," the Superintendent explained. "And in our once-a-month meetings I hope to discern this opinion as exchange ideas and suggesting improvements."

"I think if this council is handled the right way it could really be a good thing," said one BHS representative after the first meeting, last week. "We can be perfectly honest, even to the point of naming names. We might actually accomplish something."



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Matmen out of SGVL race BHS wrestlers shoot for CIF individual berths

by Fred Budig

Betrayed by the absence of top matmen Dave Soto and Gary White, Bellflower's varsity wrestling team was overwhelmed 43-17 last Tuesday at Paramount.

According to Coach Arnie Koch, Soto, the third best individual finisher in CIF last season, and White, who has gone undefeated so far this year, were unable to compete due to disciplinary problems.

Severely hampered by the loss of the pair, the Buccaneers were obviously outmanned by the Pirates, the second place team in the San Gabriel Valley League behind undefeated Warren. The loss dropped Bellflower into a tie for the fourth spot with a mark of 2-3-1.

The Bucs, who managed a 10-0 slate last season, have had problems all year trying to repeat as league titlists. One of the major factors leading to their sudden drop from the top has been the loss of 10 members from the 1972 squad through graduation.

Tuesday's defeat most likely ended all of Bellflower's chances of successfully defending their crown, according to Koch.

"There's little doubt that we're out of the race," states Koch.

"We've got to look for individuals placing in league for CIF competition, now that the team championship is out of our reach."

Despite their overall disappointing record, the wrestlers appear to have several individuals capable to continue in post-season competition.

"Most of our strengths is concentrated in the upper weights, especially with Rick Stratton (heavyweight), Aaron Moore (178 lbs.) and Scott Bethrum (157 lbs.)," says Koch. "All of these guys should do well if they're healthy. Stratton, for example, has had a problem with sore ankles, but he's defeated many excellent wrestlers, regardless." In the lower weights, there are fewer standouts, with the exceptions of Junior Richard Okimoto (at 115 lbs.) and sophomore David Alves (136 lbs.).

"Richard has been successful all year while Dave also has been effective," states Koch. "Both have been important for the team."

Bellflower's individualistic talent was in strong evidence in Tuesday's match, but in the wrong manner, as three ex-BHS wrestlers competing for Paramount amassed 18 points from their former teammates.

Other than this small "condolence," the Bucs found little to cheer about as Paramount dominated the early action before Bellflower finally gained a favorable 7-5 decision by Okimoto. The Buccaneer matmen were unable to reverse the tide, however, as further points were garnered only by Moore, pinning his opponent at 1:38 in the first period; Alves, winning a 13-5 decision; and Pat Devine, 12-7, while Tim Rusi, tied his for, 8-8.

dave wielenga

O'Brien to battle best at Times meet

CIF cross country champ Bob O'Brien will turn his talents toward another side of the striding spectrum when he takes to the boards for the high school two-mile at the Times Indoor Games tonight at the Forum. The competition will consist of some of the finest distance talent that California, and probably the nation has to offer.

By far the most prominent member of the field is Lompoc's Terry Williams. His laurels include a victory at this meet last year, the 4-A cross country championship and an impressive win over a similarly talented group of two-milers at the Sunkist Meet on January 20.

Despite the caliber of the opposition, O'Brien insists that the only type of victory he'll be seeking is a personal one.

"It's so early in the season that I'm not really concentrating on any particular race," he explained. "I'm just going to run the best race I can and try for a good time, hopefully under 9:20."

Bob holds the school record at 9:18 and a time in that vicinity would indicate tremendous potential for the upcoming season, especially with the 44 time-slowng turns he'll have to conquer.

But for O'Brien it's just another year, another race and undoubtedly, another success story.

Despite the lack of team titles this year, Bellflower boasts a number of outstanding athletes who stand to distinguish themselves during the coming spring. Herewith, a few predictions:

PHIL ROGERS--during his tenure at BHS he's virtually destroyed the SGVL as a tennis singles player and, having recovered from a hand injury, he should close his high school career as the league's top netter.

Unfortunately, he won't get much credit from the people here. Sorry Phil, this is a "football school."

FRANK CATANIA--CIF's leading long jumper for awhile last year, he should soon eclipse his school mark of 22'6" due to his natural ability and the guidance of former Buc athlete-turned-coach Dave Rodda, who will tutor Frank part time.

Catania is also a strong contender for league honors in the hurdles. Of course, all this hinges on whether or not he decides to come out.

STEVE KERICH--coach's son or not, he deserves to be recognized as one of the league's top pitchers. Steve performed creditably on a losing team last season and, with a year of varsity experience under his belt, is primed for a fine year.

Paramount snuffs Bucs' CIF hopes

by Craig Willmore

After stopping Bellflower by only six points in the first round of SGVL action, Paramount ignored the addition of Kipp Archambault to the lineup and dealt the Bucs a 64-63 defeat last Friday, ending all hopes of a CIF play-off berth.

It was the fifth league loss of the season for Bellflower and left it three games behind the circuit leaders. With only three contests remaining, it's nearly impossible to hope for as much as a third place finish.

"Our chances of going to CIF are over," lamented coach Jim Greenfield. "It looks like Downey, Warren and possibly Paramount will make the playoffs."

The cagers downfall to Paramount was put on ice when Pirate forward Garvell Wortham sank two free throws for his 19th point of the evening to secure a 64-60 lead with 30 seconds to play.

However, Bellflower's Rusty Kane and Steve Eades led a desperation rally, combining for three points to bring the Bucs within one at the buzzer.

Junior Scott Simmons earned high-point honors with 21 tallies while Kevin Korver led Paramount with 20.

Archambault added 18, giving him 35 in the past two games and a 17.5 average in his abbreviated SGVL season. Although his offensive production has remained intact, the 6-5 forward's rebounding has suffered from the layoff as he collected only eight caroms against

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