

\$4,700 donation boosting BHS budget

by clay doyle

When schools and money are mentioned together, it usually means someone's cutting the budget.

But in the case of a presentation at last Friday's Winter Sports Festival assembly, it means an additional \$4,700 for Bellflower High School.

The money was collected by the Buc Booster Club entirely from donations, according to Booster Club President Al Caldwell, who made the presentation.

"But don't misunderstand," Caldwell was quick to explain, "this money was donated by parents and friends of the school, not by the Booster Club."

He told how the club members were responsible for collecting the money and deciding how to divide it among BHS's various departments.

"We went to all the parents of students at BHS and asked them to donate \$20 each," he related.

The end result was the \$4,700 which, according to Caldwell, the club has divided among the co-curricular trust accounts of 14 campus organizations.

Under the club's specifications, boys' athletics,

girls' athletics and the band will receive the largest amounts at \$700 each. Added to this is \$235 for the drill team, \$200 for pep squad, and \$100 for the Jorettes.

On an academic level the music department, the drama department, the speech department, the BLADE, modern dance and the math club have each been awarded \$235.

In addition, \$470 has been set aside for the annual staff and \$185 has been designated for use at student leadership conferences.

The Math Club will probably use their money to purchase equipment for the math lab or for the costs of the junior high math field day, club member Jim Modlin reported.

Meanwhile, speech teacher Ron Albertsen indicated that he would use his share to purchase tape recorders, and the Blade is planning to pay for additional paste up equipment with the funds.

According to ASB President Scott Rozelle, "The money is something that's going to help students no matter what their interests are; whether athletics or drama or math, especially with many of our departments suffering the effects of recent budget cuts."

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WSF Week 'Icy' jinx chills activities

by mary kukiel

The excitement of WSF was brought to a climax last week when Junior Karen Kane was crowned queen. Preceding this, however, were activities designed to not only entertain the student body but introduce the court to them as well.

The body painting contest (the escorts were painted by the princesses, despite the chilly, windy weather,) drew a large crowd of enthusiastic Buc spectators. Cathy Baker (and Louie Rico) emerged victors after the crowd judged the brightly colorful bods of the seven shivering escorts.

Unfortunately, among all the fun and competition of WSF, one of the seemingly innocent enough contests appeared to be jinxed as it resulted in swollen and burnt fingers, fainting and tears.

"I thought the ice cream eating contest sounded like a lot of fun and I was willing to go along with it," revealed one of the escorts. "But now I can hardly even bear to think of ice cream."

According to one of the princesses, "The whole idea of the contest wasn't



In spite of the chilly discomforts of such Winter Sports Festival activities as the body painting contest and the ice cream eating spectacle, the excitement of the week was in no way diminished at the culminating activity, where Junior Karen Kane was crowned queen.

(photo by rod stern)

If you think the United Nations assemblies only in New York, then you probably believe the London Bridge is still in London.

Actually the UN has moved to the University of California at Riverside for a full day session, tomorrow, in the form of a model United Nations, with delegates from high schools all over southern California, including Bellflower.

Sending ten juniors and seniors as delegates, Bellflower High is representing the countries of Panama, Portugal and the Monoglian People's Republic.

"Those may sound like relatively unimportant countries," said Senior Rod Stern, MUN delegate, "but Panama is one of the 15 Security Council nations, and that makes us important."

All of the other countries who are members of the United Nations will also be represented at the Model UN by high schools such as Rim-of-the-World, Needles, Crescent Valley and many others.

The Model UN, organized by UC Riverside students, is designed to expose these student delegates to "the same rewards and frustrations that diplomats meet with, and show them why all the

world cannot be cured by goodwill alone."

And, according to the organizers, in order to do this, the Model UN must be as much like the real thing as possible.

"The format of the MUN," explains the delegate briefing brochure, "like that of the United Nations, is to consider specific topics (problems), and to debate them and pass legislation."

This legislation itself is introduced by the student delegates in the form of resolutions. Although none of the countries from Bellflower High submitted any resolutions, they will have several opportunities to influence the course of the legislation, especially when in committees.

Each delegate is a member of one of the three committees. They include the Political Committee, whose agenda, topic is colonies in South Africa, a Special Political Committee, to discuss and consider legislation on terrorism and the Economic and Financial Committee which will consider environmental control.

However, the committees are only a small part of the full day session which will also include a General Assembly with all 346 delegates.

UN goes westward as Riverside attracts student diplomats

Guns can be deadly

by mike lambe

In the last century, there is one thing that has consistently outsold the automobile, the camera and bicycle. This salesman's delight is the gun.

But it seems that these soaring gun sales, over 500,000 a year, might come to a somewhat abrupt end, at least as far as the idle customer or the gun dealer is concerned.

The main reason for its possible failure is not the fact that it doesn't have a money back guarantee, nor because it can't be easily serviced, but rather for its drastic uses when put into the wrong hands.

At first glance, inside the dealer's showcase, it seems harmless enough. A small hunk of metal with a hole at one end could at most give forth a large bump if hurled hard at someone.

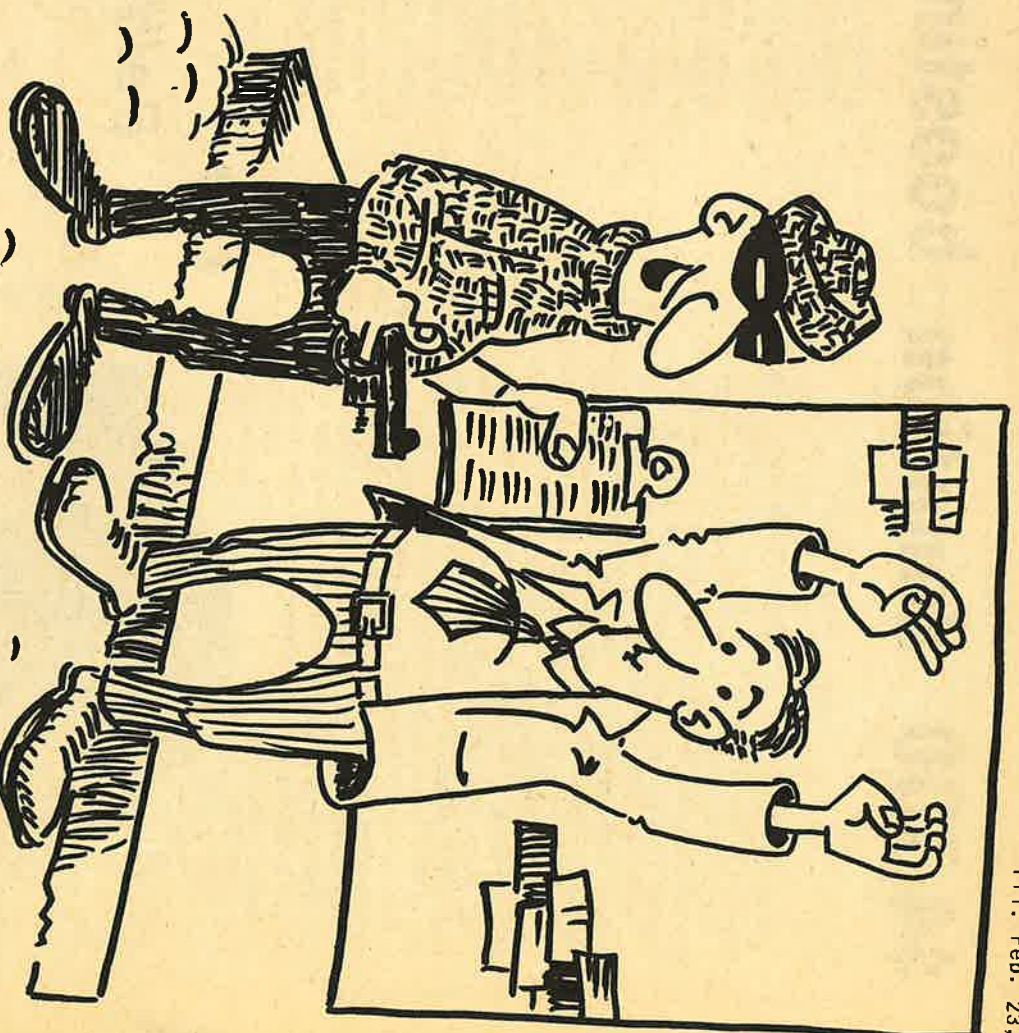
However, the results aren't that simple. Little metal projectiles can be propelled out of the open end of the gun. These bullets have put holes in windows and people--as solutions to trivial disagreements.

In 1971 alone, over 10,000 civilians were murdered. 70% actually being acquainted with their assailant. And nearly 3,000 people committed suicide using guns.

Perhaps a label should be put on it saying, "Keep out of reach of easily excitable," or possibly "Caution, careless usage may be hazardous to your health," or even more so "Make sure your life insurance premiums are paid."

But just as caution labels on cigarette packs haven't stopped smoking or cancer, it doesn't appear likely that they will help stop the misuse of firearms.

Gun controls now are grossly ineffective. Unified National control should be enforced. Past experience has shown that unity is strength.



Stick 'em up; and sign this petition against gun control.

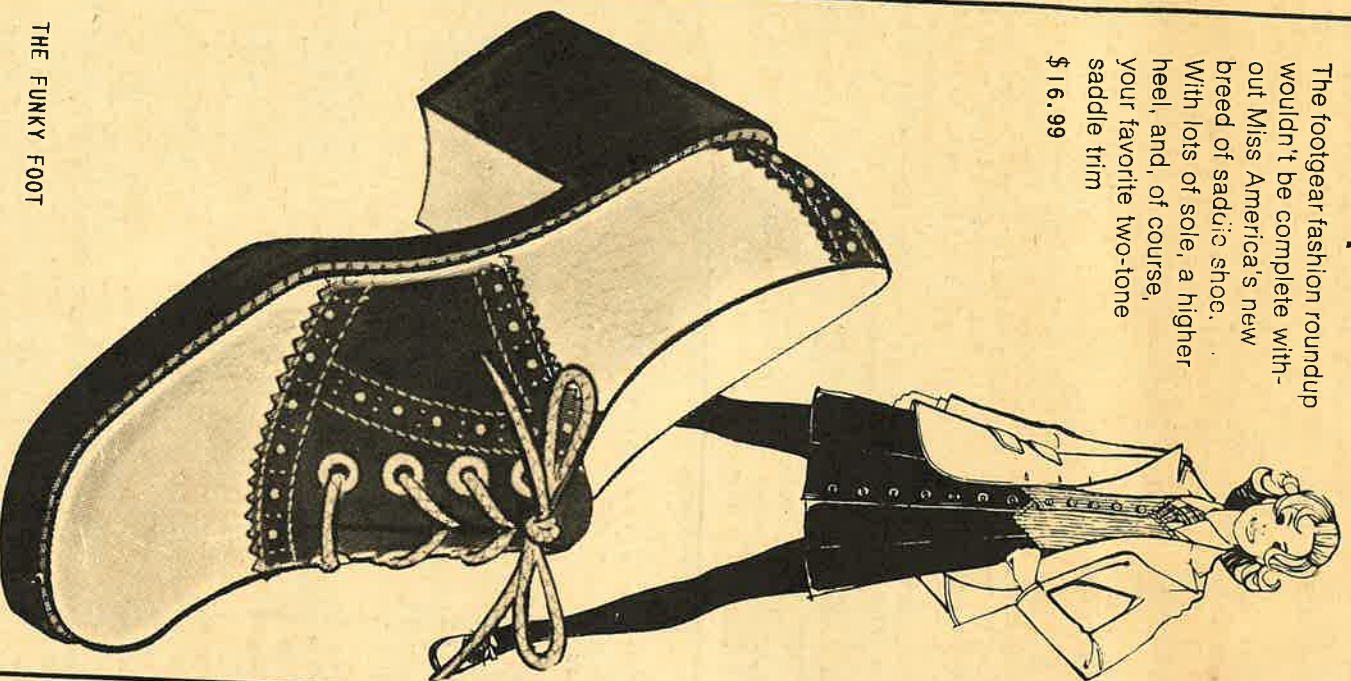
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Letters hit pillow fight, gripe group

To the Editor:

Recently I chanced to return to BHS, to unsuccessfully conduct some business with a counselor on the day when an issue of the BLADE was distributed. On the editorial page of that issue was an article by Clay Doyle, which was totally unfair to the so-called "narc".

There is a definite purpose for these men on campus, and the administration as well as the students will be overjoyed when someone tells them what it is. The reason cannot be for administrative security alone, due to the fact that these two are the most insecure people on campus. Therefore, I think that these narcs should be treated with the traditional Buc hospitality until "the man" up above tells them where they belong.

The (Mid-Term) Graduate

To the Editor:

I feel that the judding of the pillow fight was very unfair, as it was obvious that the sophomores had won. I feel that just because the seniors are the highest class they shouldn't win everything.

Name Withheld

To the Editor:

I heard that the district is hiring another "narc". My question is why can't they hire a lady "narc". This would probably cut down on the smoking in the girls' restroom.

Name Withheld

To the Editor:

I was reading the article on the student gripe group, and was becoming very enthusiastic over the idea until I reached the paragraph which gave the names of the people who would be representing this school.

Don't get me wrong—I have nothing against the people chosen, but these students are obviously active, successful and popular. They may have complaints, but I doubt if they have any serious problems concerning school.

Why not get some students, or leave it open to students, who are not doing so well in school, or are not involved, and see what comes out of it?

Erica Lansdown

To the Editor:

I would like to commend Fred Budig on his last article ("Complete amnesty necessary..."). Not only was it well written and (evidently) well researched, it expressed a genuine concern over a very real problem. I cannot understand why young men who refused to fight in an undeclared war should now be denied their citizenship in this country, on pain of imprisonment. Perhaps I am shortsighted, but I cannot foresee a chance for true peace in the US until amnesty, is granted.

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BHS pigskinner nabs homemaker award

by mickey stokely

Many people, upon hearing of a varsity football player let loose in the kitchen, conjure up mental images of the proverbial bull in the china shop: eggs on the wall, coffee in the soup, an avalanche of flour and general chaos. However, this was not the case with Terry Cutright.

The culinary ability of this 6'1" 233 pound "chef" is a fact that many Bellflower High girls would probably like to forget, for this was the first year the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow test was open to both sexes, and you guessed it--the girls were out-done.

"They all kept saying I couldn't do it, so I said I would," related Terry, a senior at BHS. "Really, I didn't think I had a chance."

The General Mills-sponsored test is nationwide, with school winners' papers being entered in state competition. Thus Terry has a chance at a \$1,500 college scholarship. State winners then compete for national scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000. However, Terry doesn't appear to be interested in

further competition, at least on the national level. This requires that the student's career be in the field of nutrition, and Terry's plans are far from that, despite his enrollment in homemaking.

"Right now there are a small number of us enrolled in a special advanced electronics class at school. It's great--we're building a robot and I think it's going to turn out really well," he smiled.

"I enrolled in Home Ec in self-defense," he explained. "My mom went back East for awhile last summer and I had to eat my own cooking. It didn't take long to decide to go into the class just to keep from making myself sick!"

When not in the kitchen or at school Terry spends much of his free time in electronics, a field in which he has an active interest.

Somehow his future plans don't exactly fit the Betty Crocker image. Immediately after graduation he intends to enlist in the Navy and ultimately desires to work in the nuclear field--if his colleagues don't restrict him to the kitchen, that is!



Mrs. Palmer--deft organizer of chaos in activities office

Amidst the rampant confusion of paint-smearing pepsters and the dozens of ticket-selling students accompanied by a mob of ticket-buying students who are constantly present in the BHS Activities Office, only one person stands out as seemingly organized and coherent.

Mrs. Bettie Palmer, situated in the Activities Office, is somewhat of an enigma to those who know her. "She's the only person in the school who knows everything that's going on," related one student.

"Things get pretty wild in there sometimes," added another, referring to the small building which is the base of operations for most BHS activities. "I just don't know how she stands it--she's so patient."

Perhaps Mrs. Palmer herself can best explain that. "I love working with the students," she smiled. "they're so energetic. Of course, with so many things

happening the activities office gets to be a real mess sometimes, and there are days when I could just climb the walls. But I love it."

She must enjoy her work because she's been at BHS for 11 years. Originally she began working in a school district so that she and her children would have the same days at home. But, even though her son and daughter are grown now, Mrs. Palmer remains working.

And, in addition to her hectic hours at school, Mrs. Palmer also claims to enjoy several other activities. A very "outdoorsy" person, she's an eager camper, hiker, fisherman (or fisherwoman?) and explorer of the back country.

She also finds time to devote to several crafts, particularly jewelry and leather work.

In spite of her many interests, she still manages to remain competent (and sane) in what she terms "A world of posters, paint and enthusiasm."

Subs instigate pranks devilish grins

"If there is absolutely any talking you will be sent immediately to the Administration office, with no questions asked!" squeaked the five-foot, bespectacled instructor in his futile attempt to maintain control of the class.

The students, however, didn't even attempt to stifle their laughter. After all, the mousey little man shouting threats from the front of the room was only a substitute.

There is nothing more certain to bring out a devilish grin and an onslaught of pranks from high school students than the sight of that unfamiliar person behind the teachers desk: the substitute.

"Substitutes used to be people who were studying to become teachers or who were not capable of being one," said substitute Arlene Williams, who is filling in for English Teacher Marilyn Dewitt (on leave to finish her counseling credential).

"Now," Mrs. Williams added, "subs are experienced instructors who are out of a job."

However, subs, no matter how experienced, are the recipients of practical jokes and are just naturally given a hard time.

"A friend of mine was taking care of a certain class for two weeks," related Mrs. Williams, "and all during that time there was a particular student who was constantly giving her a hard time. On her last day in that class she finally found out that he was the TAI!"

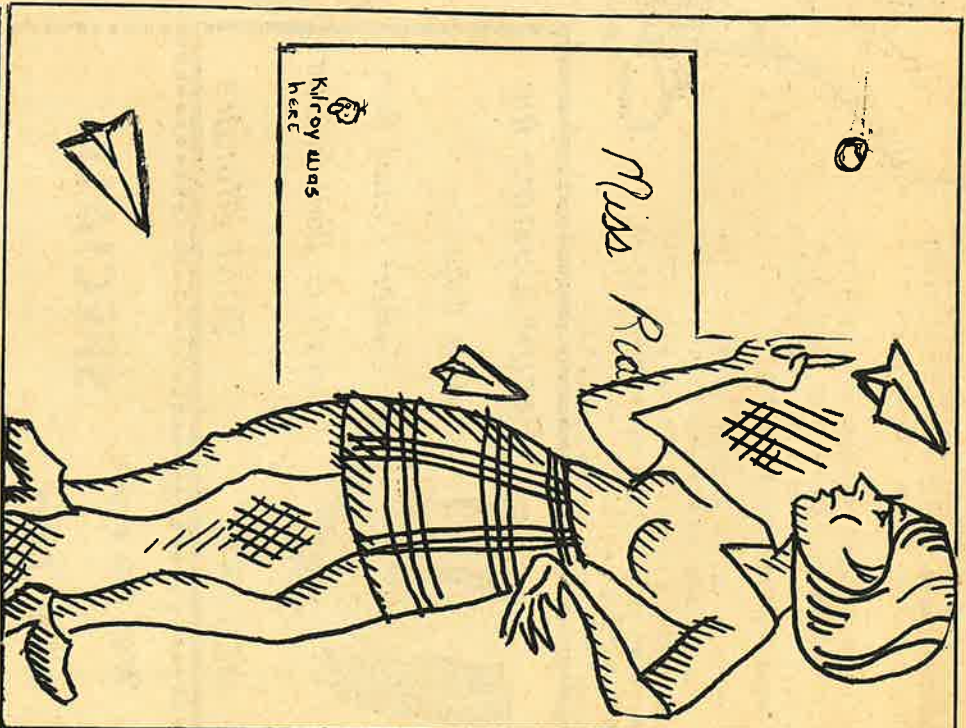
"But in spite of all of this the only thing that really surprises me is that whenever I call the roll, none of the students ever answer for their missing friends. A lot of times I wouldn't have even been able to tell because of the confusion going on." It was then that Mrs. Williams had to smile because she had just realized that maybe they never were caught!

Budding biologists 'fork pork'

This little piggy went to market, this little piggy stayed home, this little piggy pierced of their stomachs that little piggy had roast beef . . . but this little piggy amination of their inner depths.

"It's a great educational experience," relates Biology teacher Theresa Hersek, "because students are rough and pigs are physiologically very much like man."

Actually, the students weren't planning to massacre the fetus pigs; only perform a slight operation



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Anemic shooting sends cagers to first round loss

Several hours before Bellflower's Tuesday night excursion into CIF post-season play against 10th-ranked San Gabriel, varsity basketball coach Jim Greenfield listed the things his team had to do to emerge with a win.

"We've got to play good defense, stay out of foul trouble and shoot well," he said. "Then, if we get a lead, we might just hold the ball on 'em."

As it turned out, the Bucs' defense was adequate and no player was assessed

with over three fouls. However, they encountered a bit of trouble finding the basket and Greenfield's much hoped-for lead materialized only once at 2-0 after 12 seconds of the opening period.

The rest of the game belonged to San Gabriel and the high-leaping, sharp-shooting, seemingly tireless Matadors spoiled Bellflower's third successive CIF basketball appearance by dishing out a 59-47 defeat.

To many, the outcome was considered predictable since San Gabriel had easily disposed of the Bucs, 66-47 in the only previous meeting of the year between the teams.

However, Bellflower had been without the services of senior Kipp Archambault the 6-5 center who returned at mid-season to propel the Bucs to a 6-1 second round record.

An offensive-minded player, Archambault's presence took some of the scoring pressure off the rest of the team and he was of some help on boards, although Greenfield had expressed some dissatisfaction with his rebounding work.

Tuesday Archambault was back in action but, unfortunately, his scoring progress wasn't. Although he collected a respectable 14 points, he shared in Bellflower's poor shooting luck, and could easily have doubled that figure.

Strangely enough, Kipp's strongest area against the Matadors were those with which Greenfield had expressed disapproval as he played tight defense and hit the boards with authority.

Actually, only forward Steve Eades had a game he could brag about, scoring a team-high 17 points and posing an intimidating and agile force on defense as well as collecting his share of rebounds.

Guard Scott Simmons, the only player returning next year, also played dependable, racking up 10 points while Bob Wofford and Brian Hale completed the Buc scoring with four and two points respectively.

Bellflower's performance was only part of a dismal night for the SGVL as the league's other two representatives, Paramount and Downey, also suffered defeats.

New coaches, old talent keys to '73 spikers

Coached by a relatively new staff, Bellflower's track team will depend on old names for leadership in the upcoming season.

Only Arnie Winokur, in charge of pole vaulters, hurdlers and sprinters, has any previous experience with the Buc track program. Newcomers include head coach Roy Swett (middle and long distance), Dave Rodda (long jump) and Les Burman (discus, shot put and high jump.)

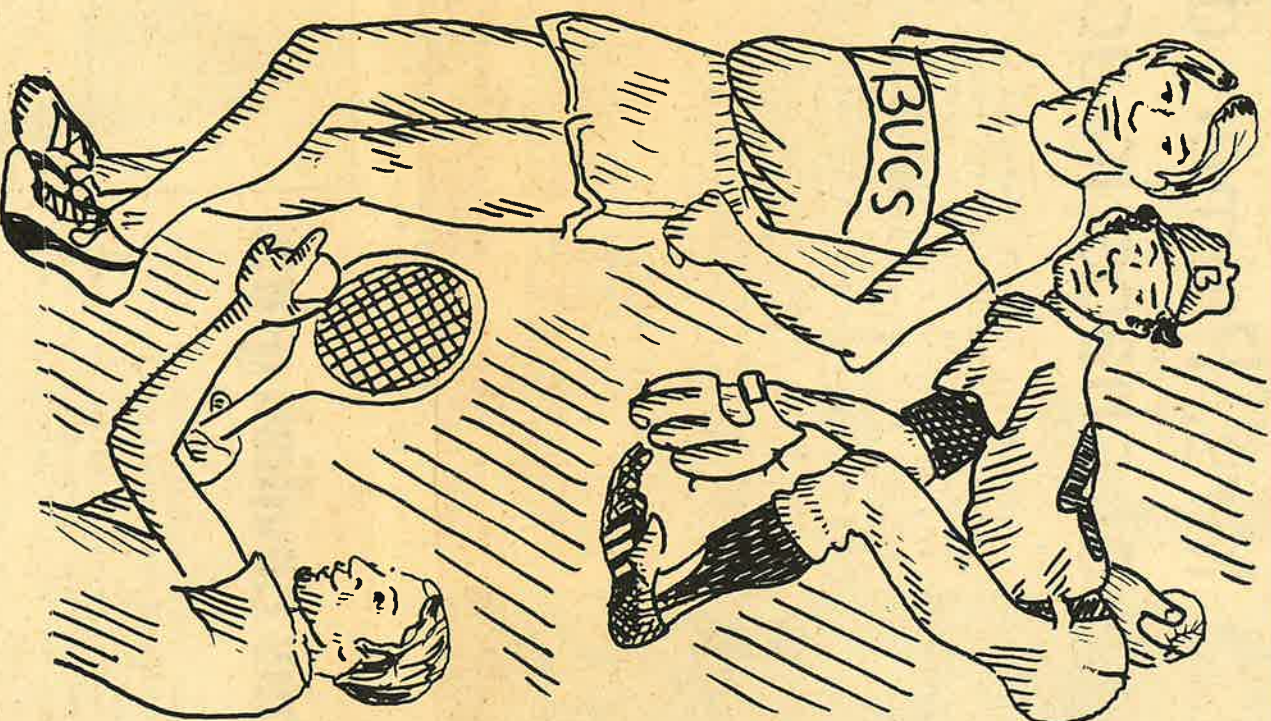
However, despite the lack of tenure among the instructors, the accent is on experience for the spikers' season.

Seniors Bob O'Brien, Steve Eades, Bob Wofford and Dick Miersma are all proven performers and should lead the tracksters challenge for the SGVL title.

O'Brien is expected to carry the burden of the distance events while Rathburn is the squad's top sprinter. Eades and Wofford (high jump) and Miersma (pole vault) make field events one of the Bucs strong points.

In the weight categories, seniors Bill Kolkow, Dirk Axe and Bill Kosareff "should be with the league's finest," according to Swett.

"Excelsior is always tough in the distance and middle-distance areas (the Pilots took fifth in CIF cross country), while Lynwood appears to be very strong in the sprints and field events," evaluated Swett.



Hale, Kekich looks for good baseball season

After struggling through a season of meager offensive production, varsity baseball pitchers Brian Hale and Steve Kekich will be looking to recruits from last year's hot-hitting junior varsity squad for the sorely needed hitting they missed last season.

Kekich saw his share of action last year and Hale was particularly outstanding, winning half of the teams' games in compiling a 3-3 record. Both appear primed for fine seasons.

So, it appears, is the entire varsity squad.

"I think we'll be real competitive this year," said coach Mike Kekich. "Our hitting will probably come from juniors Bink James (.569) and Mike Simmons (.474) as well as senior John Kolthoff (.409), all of whom competed on the JV level last season.

"As for the league, we'll be seeing our best ball from Excelsior, Warren and Norwalk," he continued. "Warren has a fine baseball program but I don't know much about Downey (the other new school in the SGVL)."

According to Kekich, there will also be a bit of a change in the schedule.

"With the larger league we'll go two rounds instead of three, one game home with each team and one away. This makes things equal out."

Although league play doesn't start for several weeks, the varsity has already lodged a 2-0 scrimmage win over Sierra Vista and enters its first pre-season game today at Artesia.

Netters aim for CIF title

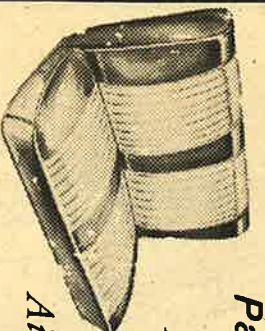
With ten consecutive San Gabriel Valley League tennis titles, and his present team favored to capture number 11 this year, varsity tennis coach Joe Bott appears to be lacking none of the laurels of high school net competition.

However, Bellflower's dominance of league play is deceiving. Although the Buccaneers have competed in post-circuit action every season since 1963, they have been totally unsuccessful in attaining the ultimate goal of a CIF crown.

"Although we feel our mark of a 'perfect decade' of championships in league is an outstanding achievement, we're definitely pointing for CIF this year," stated Bott.

Last year, the netters appeared to have a strong lead as they destroyed their SGVL opponents on route to their seemingly natural title. But, the Bucs were outclassed by second-seeded La Quinta, 20-8, in the first round.

"We were most unfortunate in our seeding, plus a couple of guys were out with the flu," said Bott of the defeat. "But, that's the way it is with CIF, it's a one shot affair. If we hadn't



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