### in 'Villain's Web' Drama entangled

With only slight variations on the "Dudley-Do-Right Saves-The-Day" theme, the all-school play "Caught in the Villain's Web" will finish off its three day run with 8 p.m. performances tonight and tomorrow night.

Done in the classic style where all you need is a bad guy, a good guy, and a pretty girl, the three act comedy actually involves several plots.

In this case, the unscrupulous villain (Nash Contreras) is trying to gain possession of the Larkfield estate, while Malvern Larkfield (Rick Wilson) is vying for the love of Felicity Fair (Karen Raymond).

All the time, Malvern's mother (Debbie Smith) is trying to force her son into marrying the intriguing Nella Hargrave (Karen Hale) by pretending to be

"The play has a lot of really corny lines," admitted Linda Timm, student director. "And, I think we'll get some good laughs."

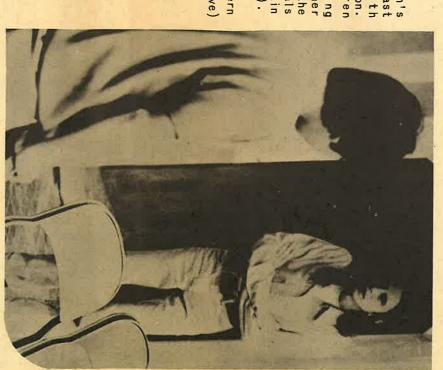
After nearly a month of tedious rehearsals, and last night's opening performance, the cast is increasingly feeling a favorable reaction to the outcome of the production.

"The play is set in the early 1900's in the east-ern part of the United States," Linda continued, so the cast will be dressed according to that era. "The villain will have his hair slicked down and will have a moustache so as to portray the typical bad-quv."

"There are nine characters in all," Linda added.
"And since this is the all-school play tryouts were open to everyone. Most of the participants are enrolled in Drama Workshop, but some are in Drama I and a few aren't presently in a drama class."

Hale), is seen plotting against Malvarn's mother (Debbie Smith), while the butler (Peter Myers) deals with the ruthless villain (-Nash Contreras). "Caught in the Villain's Web," which debuted last night, is woven with scheming and deception. Nella Hargrave (Karen

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## School Board candidates ==

## Musical chairs: ≤e ယ

by clay doyle

"I feel awkward tooting my own horn," conceded incumbent candidate Marilyn Sue Barton, "But I am proud of the things the Board has accomplished." Mrs. Barton, speaking at a public candidates' forum sponsered by the United Methodist Church, stressed her past accomplishments on the Bellflower Board of Education as basis for her re-election.

She is one of seven candidates seeking one of the three school board seats up for election April 17.

With a little more than three weeks of campaigning left, all seven candidates are making use of news releases, campaign brochures, and candidate forums to publicize their views.

While Mrs. Barton seeks another term in order to continue persuing her goals for the district, health educator Georgia Mullin feels that students are presently being short-change, particularly with regard to shortened days.

"We have to set our priorities straight" demands Mrs. Mullin, who considers her familiarity with the needs of the students resulting from 18 years of nursing in BUSD schools her major qualification. She considers community involvement, vocational, consumer and business education, and stronger reading programs major priorities.

Another incumbent candidate, Lester Taylor, emphasized the teaching of basic skills, such as reading, writing and communication.

He illustrated his belief in the need for high school vocational training by saying, "We have to make students work-ready when they leave the high schools."

Mr. Taylor, in the van and storage business, also stressed obtaining the "best education possible for our tax dollars."

Running on a slate with incumbents Taylor and Mrs. Barton is attorney John Sterling.

seats

"I can't offer any experience as a member of the Board, but I do feel that I'm qualified," related Sterling citing his educational background, business experience and willingness to study and work hard as qualifications.

He said that his goals were a quality education that the district can afford and total accountability of district personnel, with building maintenance and also restoration of the sixth period as further priorities.

priorities.

Optometrist Richard Vermillion, the third incumbent, explained that he seeks re-election because, "the Bellflower area has served me well and I want to serve my community."

Vermillion revealed that with the district to receive extra funds from the state, it will take "mature, responsible leadership to set priorities." Vermillion also said he was particularly interested in strengthening vocational, math and humanities

"In business I find myself responsible for problems and decision making," related manufacturer Richard Mefferd, explaining, "A school board member must be able to make decisions."

He said that he believed in good schools, in facing money problems and that district employees deserve a raise.

Also touching on subjects ranging from primary learning skills, through vocational training and community involvement, Virginia Dobias clarified her reasons for seeking a seat on the board.

"We must be responsive to the needs of all the students," she said, "so that when they graduate they will be prepared for either college or a job."

Mrs. Dobias explained her feeling that the school board has responsibility to learn the needs of persons in the district, and to adjust their priorities



by clay doyle

"I'm not a 'super-politician' or a 'super-expert' with a solution for every problem," admits Virginia Dobias, one of seven candidates for the three Bellflower Board of Education seats.

"Rather" she continues, "I'm a concerned citizen who takes an active interest in her community, and I want to see the School Board brought closer to the people it serves."

Of the seven candidates, Mrs, Dobias is uniquely qualified to increase the responsiveness of the board. She is the one candidate who knows the frustrations of an interested citizen trying to get something done.

Because she looks at situations from the position most people in the District are in, her attitudes would be a solution of the seven attitudes

a refreshing, and beneficial to the board.

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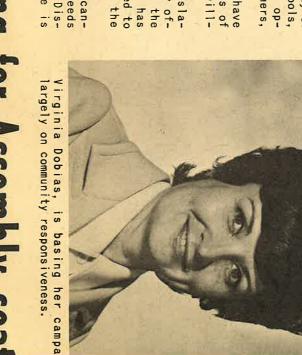
most people" she explains, "It's not enough to just appear in an assigned seat two Tuesdays a month."

She feels it is the responsibility of a School Board member to visit schools, observe classes and seek out the oppinions of students, parents, teachers, and administrators.

But not only does Mrs. Dobias have the desire to understand the views of others, she has demonstrated her willingness to take action.

She has worked with state legislators on education bills, with city officials on safety problems, with the State on freeway noise problems, has toured District schools and traveled to Sacramento to lobby for SB-90, the

Mrs. Dobias is an independent candidate who is dedicated to the needs and opinions of the people in the District. Her responsive attitude is needed on the School Board.



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Vicencia, a lobbyist, feels the should use the \$800 million surp funds to pay the bond debt. "Witmoney we'd save from the interest on those bonds, we could sufficent our public schools."

However, Vicencia is faced wit competition within his party wit

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scrambling for Assembly seal

#### May 1 primary draws myriad of

In what may prove to be a mad scramble of political musical chairs, It candidates have filed nomination papers in the special election, May I, to fill the 38th assembly district seat left vacant with the death of Assemblyman Carley Porter last December.

ntly the two most active as-y candidates, Robert McClennan ove) and Frank Vicencia (D-

The I4 candidates offer a wide range of views and background, with ten Democrats, three Republicans and one representative of the Peace and Freedom Party.

Bob Corwin, a Republican candidate, and

Downey insurance man, has run for the assembly seat in this district several times. Corwin is basing his campaign on being a "grass roots candidate."

Another Republican, also a Downey resident and new to partisan politics is Dr. Robert McLennan, a general practitioner in

"My candidacy will reflect the effective-ness of one individual supported by his fellow citizens," McLennan explained, no-ting that he decided to run after he was approached by friends in the district and approached by friends in the district and urged to seek the position.

McLennan sites the issues in this elect South Gate.



The Editor,
As a resident of Bellflower,
and parent of children in the
Bellflower Schools, I was very

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ing for the students at Bell-flower High. I have tried to read later issues of your very fine high school paper to see

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## Stern turns 'talents' eastward



Sharp-witted and outspoken, Senior Rod Stern has written an offbeat success story of his own.

Contrary to most such stories where the emphasis is on the positive, the wiry dark-complected Stern has cast himself as an anti-hero.

"I like to keep busy. Sometimes life gets boring, so I've got to get a few people mad at me to keep it from being dull," related Stern.

This attitude compelled the parts he proudly played in the ASB ballot stuffing controversy of several years ago and the later publication of the underground paper--The Motivator.

However, Stern succeeded to cul-minate his junior year with a sus-pension for "just handing the guy a toy gun" which was used in the fake assassination at the mock Democratic Convention last year.

"Yes, school's been fun. I mean I like having a babysitter that's not very good. I think that I've developed here nicely for a morbid person," Stern stated matter-of-factly.

"I'm kind of disappointed this year. I haven't been able to come up with any concrete ideas for shaking up people. Most of the things I've done

this year were constuctive--like the Christmas tree sale. (Rod is ICC work chairman.) Maybe I'm changing . . . I hope not!" he gasped.

However, things have changed for the better for Stern. After being called a loser by tennis coach Joe Bott, Stern is playing number two varsity tennis with partner Rocky Pardo this year.

"I've been shooting for varsity, and I made it this year. With league coming up, things look pretty good," conceded Stern.

With his chapter at BHS coming to a close, Stern will be touring Japan as a part of the Lion's Club Youth Exchange Program this summer. Rod will spend six weeks (July 14 through August 28) in Japan as the guest of the Lion's club there. The trip will cost him \$425.

"The reason I wanted to go to Japan was because I've always wanted to play center in basketball!" exclaimed Stern with a snide grin.

Then this fall, Stern will attend UCLA, where he will major in political science, and probably go into law. Carrying on in his unconventional lifestyle there, Stern boasted his plans for USC's statue, "We're going Trojan blue e going gold!"

# Black, white knight hovers above

mary kukiela

The hard-rock music is blaring, the drinks (and whatever) are being passed around and high-school-age couples are scattered throughout and around the crowded house.

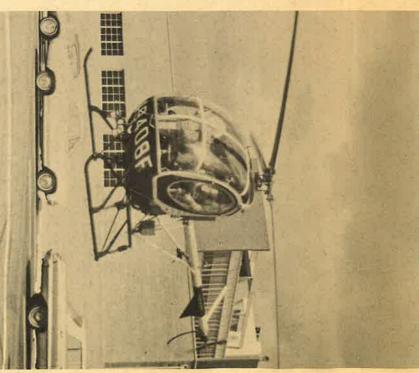
Suddenly the whole area is engulfed in light and above the din one can hear a voice coming from overhead. Hovering above, shining their spotlight and talking through their spotlight and talking through their public address system is the Lakewood Sheriff's helicoptor, one of three, in the air surveillance program known as Sky Knight. "I guess most teenagers don't realize it, but whenever we fly over one of their parties they can be 100% sure that our patrol cars are on their way," revealed Deputy Brown of the Lakewood Station

"In addition to enforcing the law, Sky Knight has been responsible for bringing blood to hospitals in emergencies and in reporting and rescuing injured people," stated Brown's patner, civilian pilot, Jim Charlson.

"For instance, we have many problems with the bike trail. They are for bicycles and horses but an increasing cycles and horses but an increasing number of motorcyclists think they are allowed too. Many times we have had to land in the riverbeds to help unconscious riders. It was clear that their

However, as Charlson confided, "There are times when they just give up. There were a bunch of guys fighting one night in their front yard but when they saw a patrol car approaching they hid in the back. We then arrived and turned the spotlight on the back yard and hovered overhead. Without a word spoken they just walked out of the back and surrendered." scious riders. It was clear that their horses threw them when they were startled by the motorcycles."

Explaining how Sky Knight aids in traffic control, Brown said "We have an air speed check and when we located a speeder we call in a patrol car. There is always a chance that a speeder will get away from a patrol car but Sky Knight has never lost a car while in pursuit."



Taking off from the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, Sky Knight has become a comforting sight of nearby residents. (Photo by sam nunn)

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## **BHS** scientist knows what's watt

у mickey stokely

Half-obscured by masses of circuits, bell jars, coils and assorted other diabolical paraphernalia, Mike Noar connects and reconnects wires with surprising expertise.

And well he should, for Mike is this year's Outstanding Science Student at BHS.

The award, presented annually by the Museum of Science and Industry and the L.A. Industry-Education Council, goes to the one student in each school who has been most active in one of a number of different fields.

Apparently Mike fits the criteria, for according to department head Tom Mitchell he has taken every science course available.

year these past four years," related the bespectacled senior. "Right now I'm in independent study.
"It's really interesting. I'm working on two lasers—the ruby laser

working on two lasers—the ruby laser from last year and a new argon laser my brothers are helping me with."

The award is not a competitive effort, according to Noar, but rather an attempt to give recognition to those students who have shown outstanding ability and are extremely involved in school sciences.

Approximately 100 schools were involved in the award ceremony which took place March 8 at L.A.'s Union Oil Center auditorium.

"I'm really proud of it," smiled Noar. "It's not like there's money involved—there isn't, just a certificate and a medal—but it's the re-

dave wielenga

#### Closing thoughts on cage season

At one time you could expect to have about as much success predicting CIF basketball champions as attempting to make logic out of the Bellflower Ath-

No more. Just say, "Verbum Dei."

To no one's surprise, the tiny Los Angeles parochial school (total enrollment is 325) earlier this month won its fifth consecutive title and third in a row on the 4-A level. Much of the success is attributed to 6-9 center Lewis Brown, the CIF Player of the Year for the past three seasons.

Brown graduates this year but the collective sigh of relief by Southern Section coaches at this fact may be a bit premature. The Eagles boast an underclassman well over 6-8 who is still growing and could insure them a trip to the Sports Arena again next

Although not on Verbum Dei's level by a long shot, Bellflower has made quite a name for itself in the

prep cage ranks.

The Bucs have made CIF appearances for the past three years and four out of the last five, twice going deep into the post-season tournament before geting knocked off.

Probably the most impressive statistic is the combined 28-6 league record that Bellflower has accumulated over the past three seasons in the SGVL, one of the toughest basketball circuits in the 3-A.

One of the more prominent names from Bellflower's basketball past has enjoyed continued success since he left the school in 1969.

Ev Fopma, a 6-8 center who owns a major portion of the Buc cage records, spent two years dominating the junior college scene at Cerritos and this month closed an equally impressive career at Idaho State University (ISU).

He was voted to the all-Big Sky conference team as a forward, led ISU in scoring with a 16.4 average b and on March 2 became only the ninth player in the school's history to score over 1,000 points.

When Paramount High won the SGVL basketball title, it marked one of the most remarkable comebacks in recent memory. The Pirates were 2-21 overall last season, their first in the SGVL, but a stay at the Uavapai Summer Basketball camp last August make (quite a difference.

The team went 12-2 in circuit play and 20-7 overall to capture the school's first athletic crown of all to capture the school's first athletic crown of in 1958 the Pirate football squad grabbed league honors and it had been a full 19 years (1954) since Paramount won a basketball flag.

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Junior Bink James, who batted .500 on the junior varsity level last season, is one of the cheif sources of offensive production that the Bucs will be looking to this year to compliment a fine pitching staff.

# Slumping sticks stifle Buc

Although its pitchers haven't been performing like part of a team with a 2-4-1 record, the varsity baseball squad's hitters have been doing their

The arms of Dan Jensen, Steve Kekich
and Brian Hale in 48 innings have come
bined to serve up 61 strike-outs and
only 14 walks while posting a microscopic .83 ERA. (Not including two
scrimages and Saturday's meaningless
double-header.)
On the other hand the team's cumulative offensive attack consists of a
.240 batting average, numerous basetrunning errors, and a total run proeduction of only 18 in seven games
(three more than Downey produced in one
outing against Marina.)

The lack of runs is easily accounted
for--no hitting--and coach Mike Kekich
attributes the mistakes on the basepaths to, "lack of experience on the
varsity level," as his players have
been taking too big of leads and underestimating the catchers' arms.

"Coming on strong in hitting for us

our average is down. The strike-have been low however; only about a game."

Supporting Sammons in the hit role have been Bink James, work of the first state of the same of the sa

around the .300 mark."

The best team hitting effort for Bucs came in their first win, a ming against Santa Fe in which the ense produced six runs to the Chitwo, only to be stopped in their game, (5-4,) by Mayfair (the hig offensive outings by an opponent

Although the staff didn't reconstituted during preseason they turn three one run performances, (one saw Kekich drop a one-hitter), and two run outings which produced buwins and a tiel

The Bucs saw their first leagution Tuesday against La Mirada and Downey today in a home game at 3:15 "Downey today in a home game at 3:15 against have some kind of hitting to 15 against Marina," was coach Kek assesment of the Vikings.

## bump off Excelsion

Winning by a suprisingly, easy 68-50 rgin, Bellflower's varsity track team

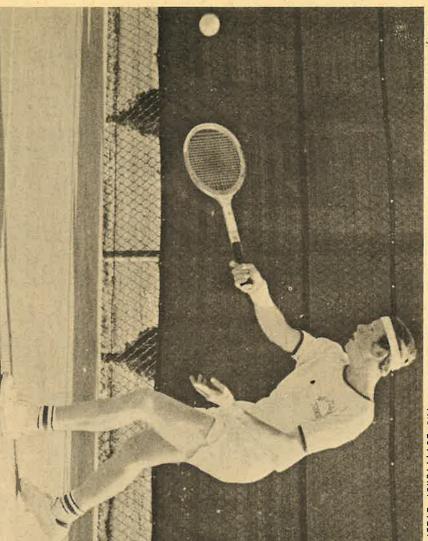
margin, Bellflower's varsity track team began their SGVL season with an upset victory over Excelsior, for their first defeat of the Pilots in three years.

With several performers doubling for duo victories, the spikers countered Excelsior's strengths in the distance catagory by dominating the other areas of competition. The Bucs managed to take firsts in ten of the 15 events contested, including a sweep

victorious in 180 lows.

"Both Brian and Frank were inental in the scoring of the totated Swett. "But perhaps the

Competing with a sore foot, 0' was able to accomplish an exce distance double, 9:19.7 in the mile and 4:27.6 in the mile.



## Rogers: unknown star

Bellflower's domination of the SGVL tennis scene over the past, has gone virtually unnoticed at the school duc to a simple fact: tennis is looked upon as a minor sport and is in the background to the major spectacles of the campus.

Although the anonymity of the team's success is a shame in itself, the real dishonor lies in the lack of recognition for the individual stars themselves, notably Phil Rogers.

Rogers, probably the best tennis player in BHS history, has gone undefeated in the SGVL for the past two years of varsity competition, and will probably duplicate that feat this season. In his three years of action he has garnered three individual league titles, one as a freshman on the JV level and the other two being varsity. Rogers is a strong favorite to repeat as SGVL champion again this season, being unbeaten in six matches so far.

Despite his impressive achievements, the talented senior has remained out of

the limelight. Rogers is undaunted by the lack of fanfare, however.

"It doesn't bother me," remarks Rogers. "No matter how many people come, I just play my usual game. His game is consistently good, as he is presently pointing to break two school net records this season.

"First, I'd like to top the record for most varsity league crowns, that of two, set by Gene Burd in 1968-69," states Rogers of his goals. "I also

for most varsity league crowns, that of two, set by Gene Burd in 1968-69, "states Rogers of his goals. "I also have a shot at beating the mark of eight perfect individual matches. So far, I've got four."

Rogers is confident his team can repeat as SGVL titlists, but is uncertain as to post-season success.

"We really don't appear good enough to get far into CIF," says Rogers, who has never competed past the first round. "Tennis is too much of a wealthy society's game. If you want to be any good you have to take lessons (at some \$10 an hour), while the equipment can mount up to thousands of dollars."

# Inexperienced

"The guys have really worked hard this year," he said. "All equipment they use is their own and they get no support from the school because no one is allowed on the course during the matches." Rodriguez, Ed Walker and Rich Meyer for the number one position."
However, Mitchell also seems to feel that attitude is a major reason for the team's success.

but successful

Regardless of the lack of publicity and support, Bellflower's golf hopes are high for not only this season, but a few years into the future. This is due to the youth of the team and several younger players who Mitchell holds high hopes.

chasing title

by craig willmore

golfers

Last year's team made it to CIF semi-finals and Mitchell would like to go at least that far again but his hopes for the next two seasons are even loftier.

"I predict state championships for the next two years."

After completing a successful preseason, the Bellflower golf team is looking toward a repeat of last year's San Gabriel Valley League championship.

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Senior Phil Rogers displays some of the form and ability that has made him the league's premiere tennis player for the past two seasons. Rogers also has been a major factor in allowing the Bucs to continue their unmatched string of consecutive league titles. The netters are currently preparing for a run at their eleventh successive SGVL crown.



### cage tournament GAA ready for

Boasting an outstanding offensive game, the GAA varsity basketball team will take its chances in the 12-school league tournament which gets under way Monday at Mayfair High.

Although Bellflower's first-round opponent has not yet been announced, coach Lynnette Waltner has assumed an optimistic viewpoint.

ed an optimistic viewpoint.

"I think our chances are strong," she said.. "The team is very well balanced and we've been shooting so well."

There is no room for argument on Miss Waltner's final point. Her squad has molded a 45-point per game average, extremely high for a girls team, and set a school scoring record earlier this season with a 73-29 pounding of Lakewood High.

Realizing the importance of a group effort in basketball, Miss Waltner is cautious about dishing out praise for individual performances, preferring instead to laud the team as a whole.

However, the contributions of freshman Donna Whitley, who has been averaging 16 points per game and junior Jackie Weinberg with a 10-point average cannot be overlooked.

Seniors Peggy Traxel and Diane Schenk, junior Brenda Davis and sophomore Jorgette Leonard complete the varsity roster which carried a 4-3 record into yesterday's encounter with cross-town rival Mayfair. While the varsity's future remains on the questionable side, the GAA junior varsity, fielding an all-sophomore starting quintet, appears well on its way to a league crown.

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"This team has great depth," commented coach Tom Mitchell, "and if we can win our league opener against Downey we should take the or the pre-season the Bucs our of five matches and dis-d a well-balanced attack. only defeat all year came at nds of Lakewood in the second Mar.

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#### the parking lots Let's secure this campus

#### employing teachers to insure security Administrators

Where teachers used to be entrusted with the sacred job of reaching and educating young people, it now seems their duties extend beyond the class-

Actually, at Bellflower High, teachers are realizing their contracts carry their responsibilities into the halls, the cafeteria and the streets, where the administration is placing them, in an attempt at campus security.

Due to lack of district funds and cooperation in providing proper security personnel, administrators feel that they have no choice but to employ teachers to enforce such policies as the closed campus, and no smoking

"We need this security," explained Assistant Principal John Killeen, "so we use what we've got: teachers. They are rotated alphabetically both as to duty and area. I think it's fair; besides, teachers who work here agree to accept certain responsibilities—and unfortunately this has become one of them."

"It's really hard to maintain security with so many students and so few personnel," added Principal George Prince.

"But," Killeen continued, "Bell-flower High is one of the best campuses I know of. We have no real violence and a minumun of drug and discipline problems. That's a great thing, and if our security measures are part of the reason, then I'm all for maintaining them."

And the corner stone of Bellflower's security measures is the closed campus, which the administration definitly plans to maintain, because according to Prince it is a state law which has been in existance since the school was built. An open campus may be granted only after prolonged and confusing procedures.

However, in spite of the official closed-campus status, many students and teachers feel Bellflower, in actual ity, is an open campus.

But, student's who ridicule the enforcement (or lack of it) of the closed policy might be surprised to learn that some administrators agree with them.

"I'd love to be rid of it," related Assistant Principal Rogers Lindley. "It takes a lot of time --time that could be used on more important things. But it's a rule, and I can see reasons for enforcing it."

Killeen explained the main purpose of the closed campus enforcement with "We want to keep students on campus, certainly, but it's more important to keep non-students off.

"We're trying to protect the students' welfare. I know of several schools that have open campuses and they have nothing but trouble--not little skirmishes, but big things like stabbings, shootings and a lot of drug traffic. I think the non-students cause this."

For these reasons, administrators are throughly convinced the closed campus policy, and therefore the campus patrols are necessary to campus securand must be continued.

So, it seems teachers will be out of the classrooms and on the streets as long as administrators feel the need, and are unable to find another source of security personnel.

policemen as well professionals? Are teachers

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The scene is McNab Ave., during snack, and a teacher is taking down names of students who left campus (or trying to get back on) without passes. Invariably, one of the violators was one of the students that the teacher was "finally getting through

"Well, this shoots down any relationship I had going with him," thinks the teachers as he accompanies all of them to the counselors'offices.

Typifying one of the adverse results of teachers serving as campus policemen, the teacher-writing-up-student situation raises some pertinent questions regarding the present system of campus security here at Bellflower. For instance, should a teacher be required to act as a security figure outside the classroom?

"Yes, but no," related one instructor. "If you're talking about things like lunch room supervising or dance chaperoning, I would say yes, because I feel a teacher in these types of situations is effective and needed. But if you're referring to the snack

and lunch duties on Compton, McNab and the parking lots, I would definitely say no, because this type of supervision is so ineffective that it's not worth my time to do it."

"No, I don't think it's right," related chemistry teacher Larry Boyle, responding to the same question." It hinders pupil-teacher relationship and thereby affects my main function as a teacher."

"But it doesn't matter what I think about it," interjected photography teacher Don Moore. "My role as a security figure is required by law--it falls under the category of adjuct duties in my contract."

More opinion on the present security set-up is offered by Richard Hester, social science teacher.

"I' ve always resented it," said Hester. "when I think of myself as a professional, and then think of myself as a professional to patrol part of the campus, it gets depressing. A teacher shouldn't have to be both an instructor and a policeman."

"I was always resented it," said Hester, social sciences feel that the present elosed-campus system can be traced to their effectiveness within our present closed-campus system.

"Just how are one or two teachers going to check for off-campus passes of all the students who leave during the lunch rush?" queries a disgruntled social science teacher.

"The way our so-called closed-campus system is set up now, it's impossible to completely enforce."

"It hink one of my main gripes," added English teacher Skip McDowell, "is that we (the teachers) don't get enough support from the administration. I remember one time where I turned over several names of kids who were of tampus without passes to one of the counselors. To this day, I haven't the slightest idea whether or not anything was done from that point. And it seems that it's always the same kids."

And so it goes with the teachers. Many of them feel that acting as security figures tends to tear down their rapport with the students. that a teacher should teach, not be a patrolman, especially when most people would agree that BHS has taken, to say the least, quite a liberal view of a closed campus. But the teachers are forced to comply with the "policemen" policy or face a poor evaluation of their "adjunct duty" area.

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#### You've got be kidding,

"You must be kidding," was the opinion of one student, recently, when queried about campus security. And apparently his view of it as a joke is representative of the majority of the student

"Why are teachers and the narc there? To enforce the rules, I suppose, but they're doing a lousy job of it," related another student. While most felt teacher and narc patrols were initiated by the administration, student reaction varied.

"I don't see why they have to watch-dog us," fumed one boy. "We're old enough to make our own decisions and not be fussed over like children." "The patrols don't do any good," added another. "Kids just go to another head and smoke or walk off campus right under their noses. The faculty can't possibly watch all the kids, and half of them (the faculty) don't care anyway." Penalties appear to be few and far between for for those students who are stopped. The few who are penalized say they're just more cautious next time.

As to smoking, few students care about the narc or teachers. "If I want to smoke, I'll smoke one way or another."

However, perhaps the most definitive opinions came with the questions of open vs. closed campus. What good is a rule that is seldom obeyed, semi-enforced and a general pain to most students? This is the widespread opinion of students concerning the closed campus policy, a fact which came to light in a recent poll of some 200 students.

About 68 per cent of these students are in

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favor of an open campus, with a wide variety of reasons ranging from the rebellious "We are not animals to be caged up, "to the simple logic of "Why bother? It's not enforced a closed campus, although no reasons or means of enforcement were given.

In between these extremes, however, were eight per cent of the students who preferred the Bellflower High campus to rem a in as it is.

One senior apparently summarized the group's view; "I believe we have a really relaxed atmosphere here—the kind really made for learning—and there's no sense asking for a needless change."

However, any change would seem to make little difference, because nearly half of the polled students leave campus at some time during the And of these who take a chance on getting caught, only a handfull have been punished—a situation hardly conductive to disc ipline.

"If they'd enforce the rule I wouldn't leave," related one student, "But nothing happens if you get caught so why not split?"

And what does happen to those who are caught? This is shrouded in mystery, and only a fifth of the students profess to have any idea. These ideas are varied, ranging from loss of pass to parent conference to suspension.

Since there is apparently no way to measurably increase the effectiveness of campus security, why not abolish the major ity of it?

os the removal of all but minimum security would clear the confusion--and the air--students and administrators.