



Seen priming their team for the long-awaited intramural volleyball program, the ASB Cabinet team met it's first opponent Wednesday afternoon.

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## Resurrected DYA to

## offer BHS salvation

by bonita kato

Emerging from the shadows of indecision and vague rumors, next week has been definitely identified as "Discover Your America Week."

Organized by the House of Representatives, the week of activities was temporarily called "Lend a Hand Week" during it's early planning stages.

However, according to Speaker of the House, Mike Pardo, "We had a hard time thinking up activities based around brotherhood, and I really didn't think that it would come off."

"So, I proposed to the House that we change it back to 'Discover Your America Week,' and they approved it. The week went over really well last year, and I think that it could be a lot of fun again. The activities are loosely based on America, but it's not really a patriotism-stirring week," related Pardo.

In addition to the encore of the frog auction and jumping contest, hall dec-

orations, and a John Goddard assembly, several unusual activities will be making their debut.

Probably the most extraordinary feature this year will be the "Discover Your America Week" princes. The House has chosen two princes from each class to participate in the week's activities, which will culminate with the crowning of a king.

Members of the first princely court are Rick Porcaro and Rusty Kane--Seniors, Ron Schnablegger and Joe Zenzola Juniors, Darius Michau and Rick Schaeffer--Sophomores, and Tom Porcaro and Rick Wilson--Freshmen.

"First semester has got Homecoming and WSF to liven it up. But second semester needed something to break the monotony, so why not princes?" explained Terry Garrett Speaker Pro tempore.

Also with the princes, the House has planned to introduce a girls' weight-lifting contest and basket-basketball which is played in shopping carts.

## from spring monotony

## Long-locked jocks liberated in move by coaches

by dove wielengo

The era of the crew cut athlete has been over for years but Bellflower's athletic department finally broke with tradition and ended its obsession with the past by a major revision of the athletic code.

"About two weeks ago we had a meeting of the coaches," related athletic director Mike Kekich, "and we eliminated everything relating to hair in the code. Instead, it's now up to the head coach of each sport to set the standard for his athletes."

Although the sudden ruling took the rest of the school by surprise, Kekich indicated that sentiment for change had been growing among the coaches for quite a while.

"The old rule had been on the books for a long time and we thought it had to be modified to go along with the changing times and fashions," he said.

"However, no matter what I thought of the previous rule, I saw it as my duty to see that it was enforced while it was still in effect."

The prospect of freedom from that enforcement has made most athletes very optimistic about the move.

that the coaches realized that our value stems from our ability rather than our hair length."

"It will be good for team morale," said another, "because the athlete won't feel the resentment at having to get his hair cut."

However, if the statement of one coach proves to be the trend, it will put quite a damper on the athletes' initial enthusiasm.

"The ruling isn't going to make any difference as far as I'm concerned," he said. "No one with long hair is going to play for me."

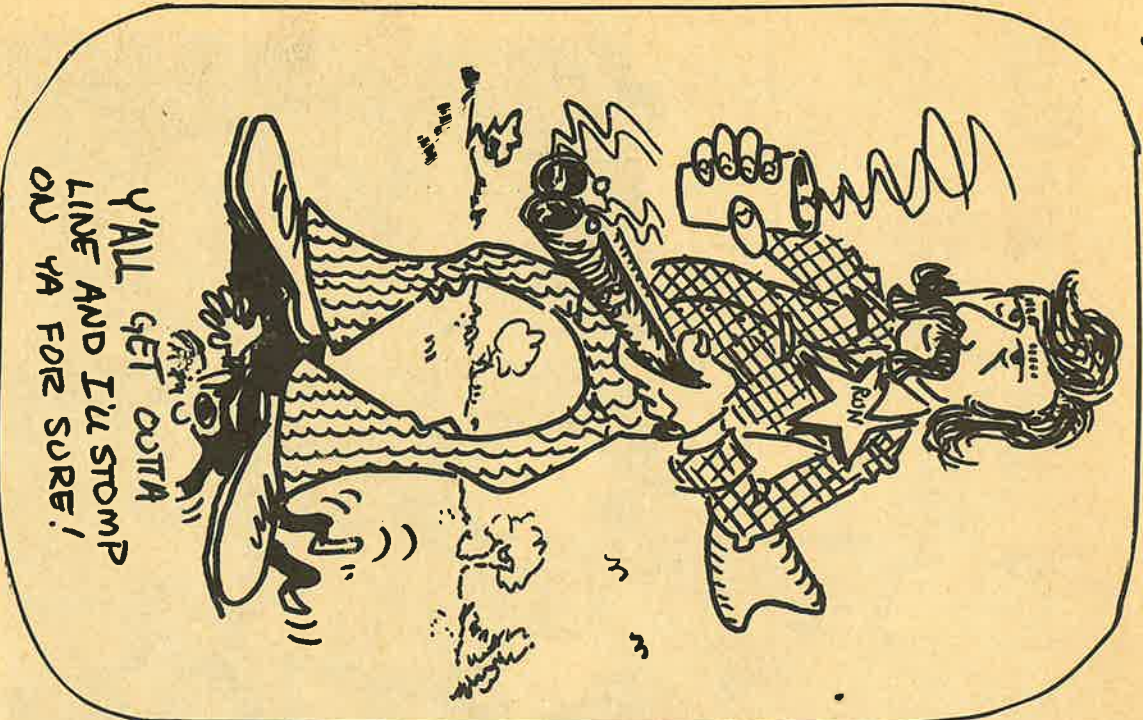
In spite of this attitude, Kekich feels that most of the coaches will relax the limits.

"I think we'll see quite a bit of change in some areas," he predicted. "I just hope that when the coaches make up the restrictions they are cognizant of the fact that the athletes will be representing Bellflower High."

When denying long hair proposals in the past, the athletic department argued that short hair relates directly to winning. Kekich is unsure about how the move will affect the quality of the BHS teams.

"We're going to have to wait and see if the ruling hurts our program because it's something that we've





# Students ensure futility of closed campus

by clay doyle

Even barbed wire, machine guns, a lookout and a fleet of sherman tanks probably couldn't fine 1800 students to this campus for an entire year.

Yet the administration, realizing the budget never allow such an elaborate security system attempting this feat with only a handful of teachers, a narc, and a pad of referrals.

Of course the results are no surprise; the sure are about effective as contraceptives third month. The only tangible result has been turn the teachers against closed campus.

The fact is, Bellflower High students themselves quite independent, are used to coming as they wish, and no matter what measures taken, they'll find a way to leave campus if really want to.

This is exemplified by the few students who that even if they have been stopped leaving campus they are "Just more carefull the next time."

Besides, what can be done to punish a student leaves campus---suspension seems to defeat the purpose.

On the other hand, who could persuade the administrators to accept an open campus?

The administration insists that closed campus essential in keeping nonstudents off campus preventing a lot of serious trouble.

Realistically then, it's not a question of versus open campus, but rather, one of degree.

A practical solution would be for the administration to use their authority only to keep outsiders away, abandoning their futile attempt regulating the student body.

Spot checks of student I.D.'s to screen potential non-students would eliminate the need for extensive measures covering students, while still providing minimum security.

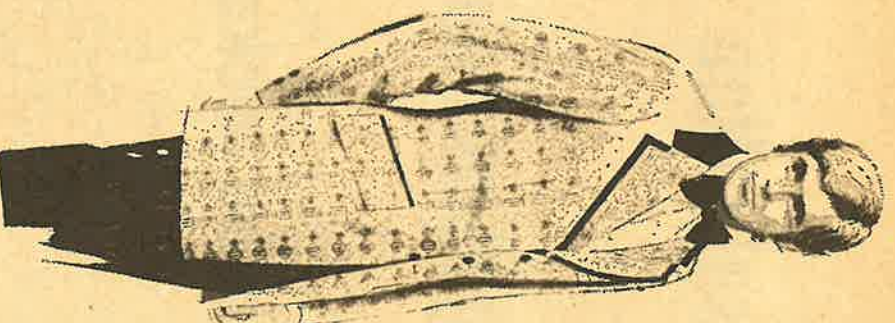
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# Streisand's newest: death by drabness

by leann park

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Recently movie makers have been attempting to prove that you don't need a plot to make a movie.

However, one of their most recent attempts, Barbara Streisand's new movie "Up the Sandbox" has turned out to be a miserable failure.

The film not only fails to tell a story, it doesn't even succeed in it's attempt at a social comment on Women's Lib

In a jumble of reality and fantasy, Streisand plays what appears to be a New York housewife with two young children who is disillusioned with the idea of subservient motherhood.

She claims to be unfulfilled with the mundane challenge of dirty diapers and cockroaches in her crowded west-side apartment.

However, it's hard to believe her life is as dull as she claims it is. After all it's not every day a young wife and mother floats through a deserted central park on a run-away gurney in the middle of an abortion, or dynamites the Statue of Liberty.

These adventures, although the only thing resembling excitement in the entire movie, are actually nothing more than miscellaneous daydreams, they are apparently thrown in an attempt to shake the audience out of the bored stupor the rest of the movie has put them in.

Even the scenery is dull. The idea of drab everydayness is so well conveyed through the dingy setting of west-side New York that it gives the film an over-all look of yawning boredom.

"Up the Sandbox" is a prime example of what a movie shouldn't be. People go to the movies to escape from their everyday routine, not to be reminded of it.

A film such as this, without a plot, without a message and without an ounce of entertainment is not only a waste of Barbara Streisand's talents, but a waste of movie-goers time.

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# Were those the days? Early times revealed

by mary kukiela

"Excelsior's Girls League is sponsoring a dance Friday night featuring Kampus King. The price is 15 cents for singles and 25 cents for couples. All Bellflower High students are invited."

"One month later Bellflower will have a dance and all Excelsior students are welcomed."

However, don't jump to the conclusion that the two rivals have made a sudden reconciliation, because these "warm invitations" were extended more than 20 years ago!

As the saying goes, a great deal can change in a short time. If you were

## 200 Bucs attend howdy doody hop

attending BHS in the 50's and early 60's "some of your best friends" were going to Excelsior.

Old issues of the Blade reveal that some of the established traditions and ways that were taken serious years ago, have become outmoded and have lost their significance.

When BHS was under construction, the administration announced that "there won't be a cafeteria, but an elaborate snack-bar."

In addition, it was rumored "in the years to follow, Bellflower High School

will have a swimming pool."

The finishing of the football stadium and bleachers stirred a lot of excitement. BHS would finally be playing its first home game (in 1957) and invitations were sent out for the dedication ceremonies.

Surprisingly enough, the choice of the "Buccaneers" was not unanimous. By a slim margin we almost became the "Bellflower Broncos." The other contestant, the "Bellflower Rockets" was the third possibility.

## Fags fog restrooms

Ironically, one thing hasn't changed over the years. Fags (then known as cigarettes) were a nuisance in the restrooms even then. The issue of getting the smokers out of the bathrooms was a major problem.

In 1957, Mayfair shared the BHS campus for a year while awaiting the finishing of their own school, so the students were on a double session.

Despite this, school spirit was still evident, with the Bucs chanting cheers similar to this one:

Chicka Lacka, Chicka Lacka,  
Chicka Lacka Chow!  
Boom Eracka, Boom Eracka,  
Boom Eracka Bow!  
Chicka Lacka Chow, Chow!  
Boom Eracka Bow Wow!  
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Of course, the dress code was strict-

by jockie weinberg

## Cruising students

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The 18,000 ton SS Universe Campus is well-equipped with a swimming pool, library, theater, laboratories, bookstore, barber and beauty shops, and

ter and fashions were much more conservative a few years back. Sandals were forbidden and fancy hairdos were discouraged. Beatniks and their ways were imitated and followed by the more daring students of that time.

## Toe nails banned hairspray taboo

Senior privileges were numerous. There was a senior parking lot and snack bar and senior square was sacred. But the most unusual tradition was probably the fact that the seniors would occupy the gym floor during an assembly. Consequently, the seniors became very outraged when it was decided that the freshmen would take that from them.

However, what will our campus seem like to someone looking back at us from the 1980's and 90's? Perhaps they will be confused at some of "the established traditions and ways that we take seriously."

For instance: . . . some guy named Joe walks around at the games dressed like a pirate . . . BHS is supposedly a closed campus but everyone is walking on and off . . . students spend their money buying food just so they can throw it at each other . . . guys have shag hair cuts and are wearing high-needed shoes . . . come to think of it, they probably will be laughing at us!

other facilities available for the many hours students will spend at sea. Classes are held daily while sailing but the doldrum of lectures, homework, and assignments seldom reaches a student because of the specialized in-port activities.

At such exotic ports as Honolulu, Singapore and Bombay, the campus is soon emptied as students scurry through special tours and seminars.

"It's one thing to read about a place but when you've seen it and met the people, you want to know more," explains another student.

BHS grad Jon Overocker, who sailed last fall agrees readily, "You can't help but become involved in other people's lives you're living right next to them for four whole months." Christa McCluggage, also a Bellflower alumni, is presently encountering her voyage around the world with great pleasure and excitement.

"World Campus Afloat provides a challenge for all involved," explains the dean of the ship, "and we hope they will become better human beings for having been participants."

## Smokers may choke in fumes of others

"I don't know about you, but I'd like to breathe."

"Smoke alert: restrooms." With these posters and a widely circulated petition, seven students plan to fight the problem of smoke-filled campus restrooms.

Scattered about the school, the brightly colored posters attract attention, but the petition has received more:

"We...support the program to eliminate use of tobacco in restrooms, and sign this petition of approval of DIRECT ACTION."

"We began passing those petitions around on March 23 and by that afternoon we had 500 signatures," related committee member Bobbie Hunsaker.

"Mr. Killen approves of the whole thing," continued. "He feels our campaigning and getting student support are great ideas and I'm really glad about that."

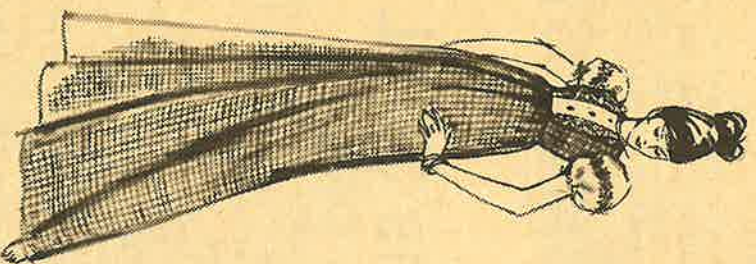
"Something just had to be done," added Karen Caldwell, originator of the idea. "No one can even go in a restroom without choking and tripping over people."

She went on to explain that the group wants all restrooms cleared but if necessary will settle for only three or four.

Presently the matter rests in Killen's hands, but if possible the group plans to attend the next school board meeting and start things moving.

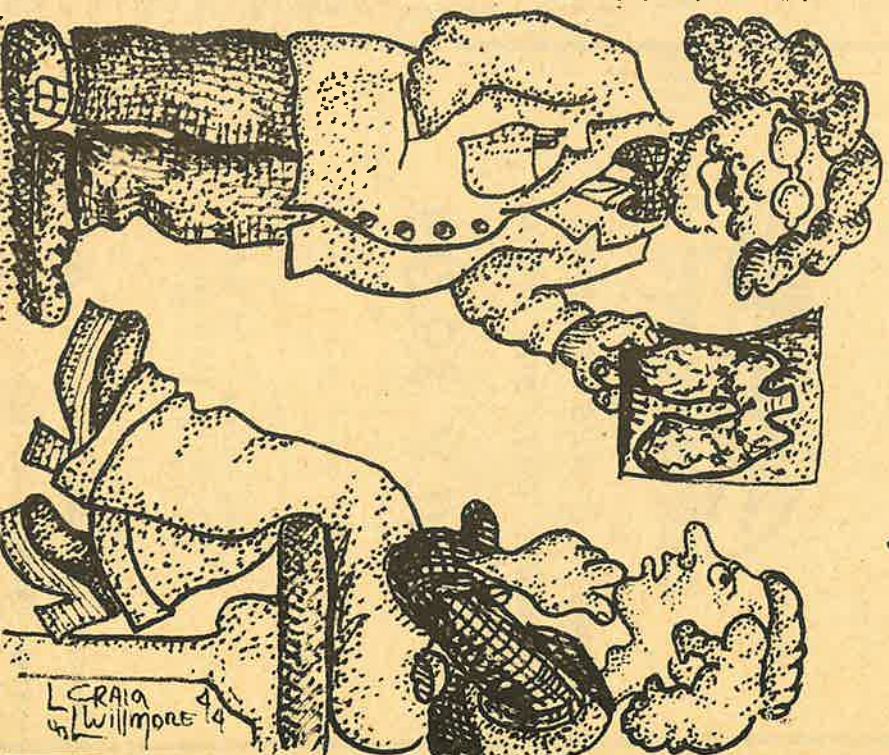
"We've got several suggestions as to how to make the thing work," Bobbie revealed. "Once we get things going we can start trying them out and use the best one. The important thing is to get some

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# Spikers down, but not out of SGVL title scramble

Lynwood High thwarted Bellflower's aspirations for an undefeated track season last week when it dropped the Bucs into second place with a 61-56 setback.

"A win over Lynwood would've just about wrapped up the title for us," admitted coach Roy Swett. "Now we have a must-win situation in all of our remaining meets."

The spikers hosted a tough Warren squad yesterday and, assuming they posted a victory over the Bears, still must hurdle threatening Downey Wednesday if they hope to snare the SGVL flag.

According to Swett, the tracksters must get clutch performances out of several key people if they plan to defeat the Vikings.

"High jumpers Steve Eades and Bob Wofford have to place well against Downey's two good jumpers and Dick Miersma must split their pole vaulters," he said. "We're also depending on soph-

omore sprinter Mark Rasile, who will be moved up to varsity for the rest of the season.

"A big sweep in the distance events is essential to offset their strength in the sprints," he continued, "but that shouldn't be hard if we just perform to our abilities."

Judging from the results of Bellflower's entries in Saturday's Hawthorne Distance Carnival, the Bucs' abilities are improving.

All 13 Bellflower participants recorded a personal best, highlighted by Bob O'Brien's meet records in the 880 (1:55.9) and mile (4:14.7).

O'Brien appears ready to crack two more school records. He is barely a half-second away from Larry Canova's 1959 best of 1:55.3 in the 880 and Swett has predicted a mile time of around 4:10 for the Arcadia Invitational April 14.

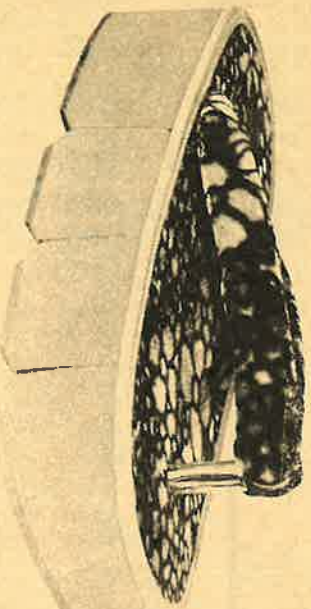
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## Bucs view tight race from cellar

Bellflower's baseball squad dropped a 3-0 decision to Norwalk last week, its fourth consecutive league setback, and gained a spot in the cellar from which to view the tight SGVL race.

After three games, league leaders Lynwood, Downey and Warren had all suffered one loss, illustrating the closeness of the race. All three went on to win last Friday.

"Right now the championship is up for grabs," commented Buc coach Mike Kekich. "Everybody's been knocking everyone else off."

Kekich was still highly optimistic about his team's chances prior to Friday's contest with the Lancers.

"The way everyone's been losing, we're still in this thing," he said. While the way everyone else is losing may be keeping the Bucs in contention, the way Bellflower has been losing is by the same ailments that plagued it during the pre-season: poor hitting and defensive lapses.



Senior Bill Kolkow exhibits the form that has made him the top discus thrower in Bellflower High School history. Earlier this year he exploded for a toss of 137'7", breaking the old school record by over two feet. The mark has thus far been unequalled by any San Gabriel Valley League opponent. Kolkow and the rest of the Buc Track team battle Downey next week in their quest of the league championship.

(photos by Jack Eyler)

Both were displayed in the loss to Norwalk when the Lancers scored two unearned runs in the first inning on errors by the catcher and the shortstop. Offensively, the Bucs could manage only two hits.

Pitching remained the only bright spot as Brian Hale brought the staff's earned run average to less than one and a half runs per game on the season. Aside from the first inning, Hale had only one other ragged spot, that in the fifth inning when he loaded the bases with no outs. He got out of the jam with only one run scoring (unearned) on one hit.

Steve Kekich pitched earlier this week against Lynwood, one of the circuits tougher teams, and Dan Jensen will make an appearance today at 3:15 against Excelsior.

The Bucs will close out the first round of league action Tuesday with Warren.

## Tennis team bludgeons SGVL

With three successive league victories, Bellflower's varsity tennis team opened its 1973 SGVL season as the favorite to repeat as circuit titlist for the eleventh straight year.

The netters, who turned back their strongest rival in Downey, 21-7, earlier this season, look unbeatable in their drive for the title. With the absence of Cal High from the SGVL, it appears that none of the remaining schools have the talent to stop the Bucs.

"Downey was supposed to be the toughest competition for us this season, but we just destroyed them," reported Joe Bott. "The way the team is playing, I'm almost sure that we'll win the championship again."

In Bellflower's other league matches this year, against La Mirada and Paramount, the defending champs have run up perfect 28-0 scores while winning every set on the varsity level.

moto are the leaders of the BHS squad, as both have easily overwhelmed their singles counterparts in every game they've contested.

"The whole team has been playing great," stated Bott, "especially our four seniors Rogers, Shimamoto, Scott Rozelle and Mike Digugilio. All of them are undefeated so far."

Rogers, the winner of the individual singles title for the past two seasons, appears to be the best tennis player in the SGVL while Shimamoto is a close second. The team of Rozelle and Digugilio is the top doubles tandem.

"We've also been getting some good play out of underclassmen Paul Digugilio, Rich Okimoto, Rocky Favorite and the Glotterman twins, Dale and Daryl," noted Bott. "If we can keep our play going good, we should be able to beat Lynwood and Warren, our only remaining obstacles to the champion-