Senior Week bidding farewell to graduates

As a fitting climax for their high school years, a fun filled, memorable week is planned for the seniors. "I think Senior Week will be the best week we've ever spent together as a class," remarked ASB Vice President Alice Hergonson.

The week of activities will begin with the sophomore-hosted Tea on Sunday in the cafeteria. Following the Tea, Baccalaureate will be held in the

omore-mosted lea on Sunday in the Cafeteria. Following the Tea, Baccalaureate will be held in the football stadium.

"I'm sure that Baccalaureate will be really great," explained Senior Class President Mike Lemen. "It won't be like church; it'll be much more inspirational. We've got a great speaker (Tom Stiffe) from Calvary Chapel and a fantastic band (The way) for the last real scrious meeting before graduation." A Protestant minister a Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest will represent the three major denominations. The Senior Breakfast will be held Monday at Kings Testaurant in La Palma at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday is Senior Pitch Pay at Busch Gardens. The chaperones are really excited about joing because they know that they can get free beer," said Lemen. "We expect to have about 150 to 200 people participating in Pitch Pay."

Commencement ceremonies will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the BHS stadium. The Choir will perform and diplomas will be given out. According to Lemen, over 475 seniors will graduate.

The last activity for Senior Week will be Grad Night (an all night party) at Pisneyland immediately following graduation.

Although no one is required to attend Senior Week activities, Lemen pointed out that "the few elected to office have worked their tails off to make the week really successful. I just hope, with all the time we've put into it, that our efforts won't be for nothing."

BY BACCALAUREATE. TEA FOLLOWED The Busy Week...Sunday June 15 To June 19 TUESDAY, DITCH-DAY! COMMENCEMENT, ALL-NITE AND THE PARTY



Bellflower

Vocal groups to offer twilight entertainment

CUB REPORTER

For the first time in Bell-flower's music history, the audience won't just hear the Spring Concert but will see and feel its setting when the choral groups perform outdoors to-

The concert, featuring every 3H% vocal group including Ensemble who'll perform at the Hollywood Bowl later this month, is the final performance

of the year and fittingly will be held on the lawn north of the music wing. Admission is free.

"Being outside will highlight the evening," explained Music Director Tom Dustman. "The elaborate stage and performance with solos and duets will provide enjoyment for all those who come.

who come.

"The people should bring blankets and supper," Dustman emphasized. "Chairs will be provided farther back for those

who con't want to participate."

The Spring Concert will be the last time Ensemble will perform before competing with other high schools at the Hollywood bowl June 20. Featuring "Pinball Wizard" from TOMMY, Ensemble is singing there for the second consecutive year.

"We entered a preliminary competition with other schools and were chosen," enthused Dustman. "You have to be good to go to the Bowl; you have to earn your way."

Like last year, a guest conductor will work with all the groups participating in the Hollywood Bowl. The BHS Ensemble will sing one song with the conductor and two songs alone. Duke Ellington's son did the honors last June, and this year's guest conductor will be Pichard Carpenter.

According to Dustman, tickets to the Hollywood Bowl are on sale in the music room: \$4 for box seats and \$2 for general admission.

lop scholars honored

BY JANE HASHIMOTO CUB NEWS EDITOR

Having perfect grade point averages, Heather Mahood and Judy Swaim share the valedictorian title for the graduating class of 1975.

Mahood is also the second consecutive girl to receive the Scholar of the Year award, given annually to a senior whom the faculty has selected as being the most academically outstanding student in the

"I was surprised and pleased," replied Mahood after receiving the award, "because it's hard maintaining a 4.0 GPA. There's been a lot of pressure put on me, and I've built up an image that's hard to get rid of."

Besides being Most Valuable Staffer and Best Writer of the Blade, Heather has also served in various campus clubs. President of the Poli-Sci Club, vice president of CSF and Biology Club along with participation in GAA Varsity Tennis, Archery and Badminton are just a few of her school activities. The Blade Editor plans on attending UCLA in the fall to major in political science.

Swaim, the Senior Class Representative, plans to attend Cerritos College for two years before transferring to Loma Linda University to major in dental

attributes her success to competition and good lors. "The teachers at Bellflower have really me out a lot." she confided.

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des being a member of the Band and 'president Band Council, Judy has held offices in several clubs. As Biology Club president, vice presof Chemistry Club and an active member of CSF th Club, she also represented BHS as a "Chalk at the Occidental Math Field Day.



Heather Mahood



Suburban League Bucs' home for 1976-77 season

have only 1650 other schools enrollment of is 2200. average We

In a game of ifs and maybe's and switches and reshwflings, the CIF releaguing committee announced last month that Bellflower, Norwalk and Paramount will join Mayfair, Neff. Glenn, Artesia and Excelsior to comprise a new Suburban League in two years—that is IF all the possibilities and maybe's work out.

One of the possibilities, according to BHS Principal George Prince, is that the new Suburban League would become a CIF 2-A group, somewhat less competitive than the 3-A SGVL, which would be made up—maybe—with Downey, warren, Lynwood, Gahr, Cerritos, and nominguez. La Mirada is currently attempting to jump the 3-A classed league and join a 4-A group.

Meanwhile, next season's competition for BHS will be with the same SGVL teams as this year, except that Cerritos and Excelsior will exchange leagues.

"I asked the committee that we be "I asked the committee that we be given consideration in the possiblity of releaguing into schools that might be more our size," Prince said. "They, in turn, came up with the reshuffling of the smaller sized schools in the SGVL and the largest schools in the Suburban League. The past couple of years hasn't hurt us, but we feel it will in the future."

Bellflower, however, may already be feeiing the squeeze. The major sports (football, basketball and baseball) have been anything but impressive the last couple of years. Every team in these sports, in the last two years. has had losing records. Athletic Director Mike Kekich explained. "As school enrollment declined, we did not have the depth and caliber of athletes of schools with larger enrollments."

Both Prince and Kekich agreed that to have a successful athletic program, the school must have winners in the major sports. Kekich added, "when you have a winner, you have school support, community support.

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"We like to win,

bigger financial gains at the gate and a chance of getting into the CIF play-offs, which brings money into the student body."

when the Bucs move into the Suburban League, they will be with schools their own size. The average enrollment of the SGVL campuses next year will be over 2,100, compared to Bellflower's 1,650. With Excelsior moving to the Suburban League next year, Bellflower will have the smallest enrollment of any SGVL school."

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Prince commented, "No matter how you slice it, if a school has that many more people out for athlet-ics. We like to win, and we don't like to be put in the situation where we don't have a chance of winning." The estimated average enrollment of the schools in the Suburban League for 1976 is 1,750. more in accordance with Bellflower's size.

Although size of schools was the major reason for the change, there were other factors involved. Prince confirmed that the releaguing committee also checked for the quality of the schools programs, their compatibility and their proximity.

Examples of this would be Paramount and Artesia. Although they both have around 2,100 students and have been successful in some sports, they were placed in the new Suburban League because the over-all quality of their athletic programs is not on a parrollment.

Head football coach Clay Odell said he was willing to give the move to the Suburban League a try and see what happens. Varsity basketball coach Jim Breenfield said the move made no difference to him. Kekich, who doubles as varsity baseball coach in addition to being athletic director. Said "Our chances will definitly be improved by the move."

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The late great football coach Vince Lombardi probably said it best about win streaks.

"Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing." That was the appraisal Lombardi gave about the need to win in sports today, but it just as easily describes the nature of a win streak in sports, of which there have been a few that have bordered on the phenominal.

The New York Giants of Major League basebail won 26 regular season games between Sept. 7 and Sept. 30 in 1916

The Oklahoma sooners won 47 snsecutive games under the

coaching of B college footbal

Seventeen regular season wins in a row were captured by the Chicago Bears of the National Football League in 1933-34.

The Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association won 33 consecutive games from 1971 until the string was broken in Milwaukee on Jan. 9, 1972. Joe Louis made 25 successful defenses of his boxing title for the heavyweight championship between 1837 and 1949.

Probably the most amazing streak os all is THE STREAK--recorded by the U.C.L.A. Bruins

in college basketball. The Bruins won 88 games, covering almost three years without losing a game before being defeated in South Bend. Indiana by Notre Dame University on Jan. 23, 1971, by one point, 71-70.

come Buc

Although not achieved at as high a level of competition as those mentioned, the Buc tennis team holds a record which it can be just as proud of.

According to varsity tennis coach Jim Greenfield, the varsity netters have won 54 straight regular season matches since 1970. Six teams under Greenfield and former coach Joe

Since 1963, the tennis team has compiled a won-lost record of 157-3 in regular season play. Ex-coaches Robert Foerster and Bott boast records of 103-2 and 42-1, respectively, while Greenfield's record stands at 12-0.

So, with 54 consecutive wins down and 34 to go to equal THE STREAK, the netters have, according to Greenfield, a 50'50 chance of continuing their string. If it does go on, sometime near the end of the 1978 tennis season could mark the breaking of the UCLA streak by the '78 Buc varsity. Lombardi would have loved-it.

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To the average BHS student. the Olympic Games are something interesting to watch on T.V. He probably feels that they are important for international relations and are exciting because they showcase the world's best

Swimmer looks 5 Olympics

By DUANE KUMAGAE STAFF WRITER

athletes.
To SH3 student Nancy Deano, however, the Olympics are something very different. She IS one of those best athletes, and the 1976 summer Olympics at Montreal has molded her lifestyle.
The slight, 16-year-old Filipino swimmer will represent her home country in the 100 and 200 meter breastroke and in possibly one or more of the freestyle events next summer.
She's competed in eight foreign countries so far and will remain here training until that last leg of the

been Japan, for its beauty, and the U.S. "I like my home best. Gat I like it here, too, because it's so easy to make new friends," she said.

But life on the road to the games isn't all pleasure, either. Pinching for time along with Nancy's full academic schedule (in which she maintains a high G.P.A.), are two daily training sessions. The morning session at LBCC includes an hour of weight training and two hours swimming. The afternoon session at the Lakewood Aquatic Club begins with an hour of exercises and is followed by another two-hour

"School and practicing take so much time sometimes I don't even have enough time for homework, so there's no time for any other interests or hobbies," says Nancy, a little regretfully. But she realizes that, to her, all this time and effort is well worth the excitement, honor and glory of this



Stan Leinberg, Gary Ficcociello, Rick Schaefer (front row) Park Belt, Chris Robinson, Elden, Kelly Bruton, Like Lemen and Park Rasile (not fictured are Scott Ruffner, Parius Pichau, Phil Pavis, Tim Coleman and Sam Turner), stemmed several happenings, including the recent planting of the yucca tree in Senior Square. or Square. (photo by steve knight)

> Block heads' Square

Elden no dummy

By ALICE HERGONSON STAFF WRITER

Sitting in Senior Square surrounded by the outgoing, charismatic Senior Block Club members, all talking at once: I decided to take another sip of my Cr. Pepper and try to start the whole interview over

let's jet this straight." I calmly screamed ne din. "How did you juys start the Senior

"Pemember it started when we were cheerleaders fo

"Are you kidding? It started when we used to get a bunch of us to stand by Senior Square and make people go around us. You know, doing stuff like arm wrestling, interviews and we even lost Stan's contact lens." "No way it started before that when we..."

After a few laughs and punches. I asked them about their latest contribution, the yucca tree planted in

"That was Schaefer's idea. The yucca tree that was here was scrawny so we did the witchdoctor bit with chants and sprinkling baby powder on it and then that night we planted a new one."

I was just about to ask my next question when another member drove up in his car. extracted a stuffed dummy from the trunk and propped it under the newly acquired yucca tree.

"This is Elden...he's the brains of the group."
Then the bell rang and the interview was all over and I was left alone with Elden. Sighing, I pulled out my paper and pen. "Now Elden let me get this straight..."

Linda Bouman will "lead the pack" as Editor-in-Chief of next year's Blade Staff. an elite group of student journalists with new and diverse talents.

Bouman to head

She will resume the responsibilities of Heather Mahood. who was voted the Blade's Most Valuable Staffer as well as Best Writer. On Bouman's editorial board will be Cheryl Dana. an award winner at the recent Cerritos College Writing Contest, as News Editor: Jame Hashimoto. promoted to the post of Editorial Editor directly from the journalism Class: Lori Spangler. also an honor recipient in the CCWC. as returning Feature Editor: and Blade Pookie of the Year Con Wielenga as veteran Sports Editor.

Linda. this year's News and rdi-torial Editor, collected four a-wards in the frwn. Honors in news, feature, column and page design reflect her versatility, Blade Ad-visor Skip McDowell pointed out.

"I'm confident that the staff will yield some caliber writers and capable editors who'll contribute their share to keep the 3lade one of the best newspapers in the area." Rouman confided. ""e've won many top honors this year. such as the CCWC Sweepstakes and Best Newspaper. I'd like to continue that tradition."

Heading the technical side of the operation will be Tammy Pavis, who'll replace Cheryl 3aker. the Blade's special Pecognition recipient. as Production Supervisor. Advertising will continue to be handled by Ad and Business Manager Shelly Arnall.

Peturning reporters Dawn Fwart, Puane Kumagae and Kathy Zarp. varitypists Peggy Kick and Sue Webb and pasteup artist 3eth Furukawa will be joined on staff by journalism students Fva 3autista. Janet Conner, Jeannie Griffith. Kurt Hansen, Kurt Herbst, Curtis Herron, Frank Janes, Steve Knight. Bill McKee, Joy Pascua, Tom Ramm. Beoff Ries and Jane Stallings.

gets MV staffer Blade; Mahood

Vice principal leaving

indley to resume new post

A veteran of school administration, Assistant Principal Rogers Lindley will bid BHS farewell and embark upon his new role as principal of the Bellflower Unified School District Adult School in

"The reason I accepted the new job is because I am interested in the challenge of adult education," the graduate of North Texas University and UCLA related. "My new position deals primarily with adults continuing or finishing their education, which is great because education is necessary for everyone," Lindley held the same post five years ago.

The administrator first came to to the school district in 1959 as a teacher-coach here at Bellflower. As coach of the "C" football team and later—the freshmen baseball team and later—the led both teams to and later—the freshmen baseb: team, Lindley led both teams S3VL crowns.

He then transferred to the district main office where he was an attendance consultant and head of the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

His present job as assistant evaluating guidance personnel, principal includes supervising and establishing and maintaining the policy of student discipline and making guidelines for work experience and career guidance programs.

"I really enjoyed working with the people here," Lindley related.
"Even though I went through numerous unpleasant experiences like calling the police to have a few students arrested for felonies. I really liked my job."

"I don't think that my leaving will have any great effect on the campus or the student body because 99 per cent of the students do not need to be supervised; it is just the other one per cent that does." he concluded.

"The reason I chose education to go into is because I like working working with people," Lindley ended. However, Lindley, who has held various posts within the BUSD the last 16 years, will no longer perform these specific duties. He will be moved up a notch in the field of education, the field he pursued "because I like working"

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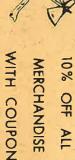
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