

Carpenters drive horses down the stretch

by bonita kato

Screaming saws and sanders combine with pounding hammers to create a deafening din that fills the woodshop.

There's a sudden flurry of sawdust, as a student is instructed in the use of a power saw. The teacher, Arthur Brevick, tries to communicate with a kind of sign language.

It seems remarkable that anyone can concentrate on anything with all the comotion. However, the basic Wood 1 students have almost completed their special first project--rocking horses.



Woodshop 1 student, Bob Budigas, smooths the rough edges on his first quarter project.

The horses are not special because they involve any intricate skill, nor because it was a novel idea to make them this year. (In fact, this is the 13th year that they have been built.) They are unique because, the horses are given to underprivileged children.

"I can't think of a better way to involve learning and the chance to give something to someone in need, and not expect something in return," expressed Brevick.

Brevick said that each boy makes his own horse and pays for all the materials himself. The \$2 worth of wood and nails is cut, assembled, painted and decorated by the student.

"So many of the toys on the market are produced with a built-in obsolescence. These horses are built to last," stated Brevick. He went on to say that the rocking horses were comparable to those found in stores priced around \$27.

"All that's left to do on these," Brevick began, as he gestured to the 40 white rocking horses on the top of the closet, "is the painting, decorating and the enamel finishing."

When this is done, the hobby horses will be distributed to children through organizations such as the Salvation Army and community groups. "And," Brevick added, "an Indian organization in Arizona is interested."

Throughout the years the basic pattern for the horses hasn't changed. Within the 13 year span, 1200 rocking horses have been constructed.



Meanwhile, Tyler Haack does some smoothing of his own.

(photos by cesar baldemor)

Fancy tongue work earns speakers fame

by mickey stokely

After collecting 12 awards this year, members of the BHS speech team are optimistically eyeing their long-range goal--the 1973 State Speech Tournament at UCLA.

"We've got a great team this year," boasted speech coach Ron Albertsen. "I'm sure several will qualify for the State Tourney."

First, however, they must face smaller meets--such as the recent junior varsity tourney at Alhambra High and the upcoming varsity tourney. These meets should be a cinch, according to Albertsen.

He explained, "We have some really great speakers this year. Some are returning from last year. We have some really terrific frosh and sophomores--mainly sophs--and a couple of experienced juniors."

"Terry Garrett is one of our best speakers. Lately she's done quite well in dramatic interpretation. And of course there's Bryan Larson."

Larson, who took first place at a recent meet in impromptu speaking, is president of the National Forensic League. In addition to his solo speaking, Albertsen pointed out that Bryan and Martin Katz have formed a rather successful debate team.

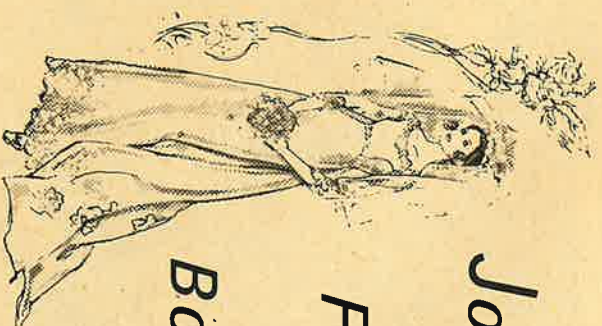
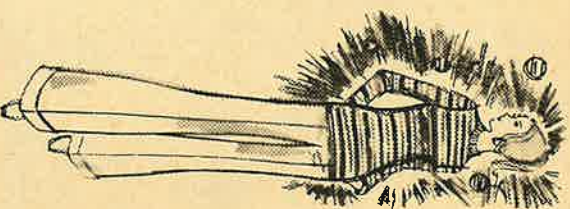
"I'm especially proud of the team this year," Albertsen related, "because we're competing and placing in more meets. Last year we were able to send large groups of people to a few meets. Now district budget cuts have taken away our transportation, so the large groups are out. Instead, we're taking a few students to a meet via private transportation. But this way, we can enter more meets."

"There are approximately 50 active students," he continued, "so we have to be rather selective in who are sincerely interested and really good speakers."

But all in all, this is a good thing because it improves the quality of the entire team.

"I'm extremely enthusiastic about our team this year," Albertsen exclaimed. "We're off to a good start and I think we'll continue that way all year long."

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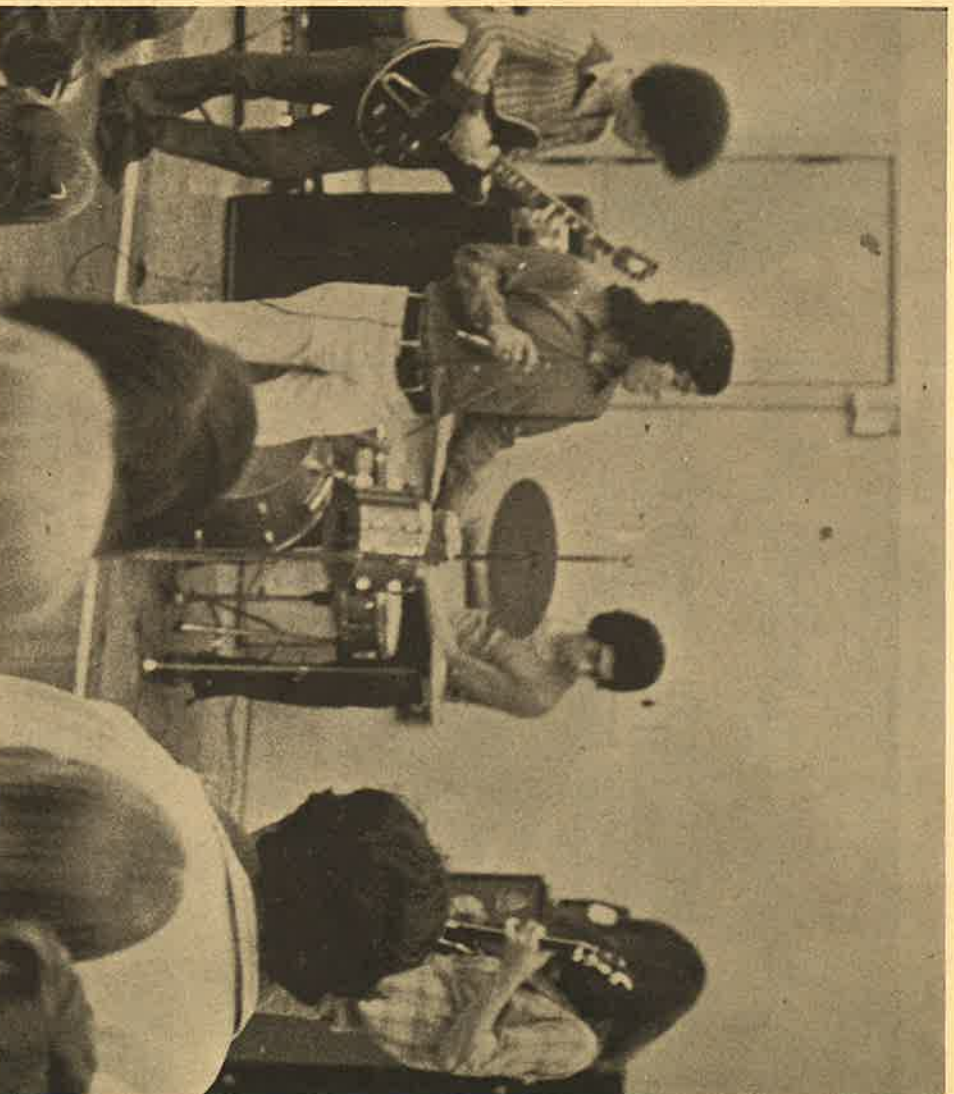
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Scheduled around the unexpected bouts of rain, Homecoming Week activities were promised on the theme "Those were the days." Starting off with a first time slave sale and an Old Flicks night, the week also included the traditional pie-eating contest and pizza hoot. With flappers and bobby-soxers in attendance, a reminiscent box-lunch auction at snack on Wednesday preceded the lunch-time performance of the "Full-Time Drive" (below right). However, thoughts of slaves, pies, pizza and imperial lunches faded at Friday's assembly when students presented their view of the Homecoming Court. Shown in a provocative pose above is Princess Cheryl Sexytrunk. The competition began to intensify as a lovely Linda Pederdaughter and escort sauntered across the gym floor (right).



Homecoming crowns season end as Vickie Roberts emerges queen



Despite the rain and sludge of the preceding week, Homecoming night was culminated by the crowning of Queen Vickie Roberts on the field at halftime by ASB President Scott Rozelle. The moment was accentuated by the traditional burst of fireworks that followed. Last year's queen, Becky Alt, (above) offered congratulations to her successor. The court was made up of Princess Shirley Judy and escort Paul Ward, Princess Linda Pederson and her escort Howard Prouty, Queen Vickie Roberts and Craig Shea, Princess Cheryl Sistrunk and her escort Wade Calmer, and Cheryl White escorted by Gary Downey. The crowning highlighted the final football game of the season in which Bellflower defeated La Mirada 7-0. In the parade preceding the game, the Senior float (not pictured) took the sweepstakes award, followed by the second place Junior float with the Sophomore entry in third place.

(photos by sam nunn)





Quarterback Dan Castillo is confronted by a horde of bloodthirsty tacklers, a familiar sight in all of the Bucs games this year. What can't be shown on film is the uncanny way Castillo managed to free himself from such hazardous situations and then proceed to lead Bellflower to another score.

(photo by cesar baldemor)

Gridders fall short of crown

Despite an exciting, record-setting and winning varsity football season, "disappointing" best summarizes the feelings of Buc players, coaches and fans as the team was nipped in a bid for its third CIF appearance in the past four years.

"We had a successful season," coach Clay Odell observed, pointing to Bellflower's fine 6-2 mark after tripping Norwalk, 27-21. "But it's disappointing that we missed an undefeated season by only four points."

Those four points were the combination of a heartbreaking 14-13 loss to Excelsior and a narrow 21-18 defeat inflicted by Lynwood which destroyed the Bucs' perfect record, No.2 ranking and hopes for an SGVL flag.

Why Bellflower lost is a matter open to discussion. Odell feels that the

schedule is partly to blame.

"We had to play the good teams too early and didn't mature until later in the season."

Tailback-quarterback Don Kerr ventured a different opinion.

"Most of the guys weren't close because few of the juniors and seniors had played on the same teams before. The seniors grew up with the guys who graduated last year and it took awhile for us to become a real team."

Of course, it didn't help to have Dan Castillo injured during two crucial mid-season contests. When the senior star finally returned against Warren, his dazzling footwork resulted in a 40-7 victory and against Norwalk he galloped for touchdowns of 18 and 70 yards while passing to Mark Hardwick for another.

dave wielenga

SGVL becoming Pilot punching b

While only two years ago Bellflower was gr nearly every league crown in sight, it now a that Excelsior has assumed the role of slapping its SGVL opponents.

As of November 17 the Pilots had wrapped up second successive cross country title and se shoo-in to nab football honors as well.

In addition, the school seems to be forming sentative basketball, wrestling and baseball and is favored to snatch the track flag also.

Well, at least there won't be anymore after fights.

Although boys' varsity teams have experienced ble securing league titles, the athletes on the side of the gym have been quite successful.

GAA's tennis squad, undefeated after five ma earned a CIF berth behind the strength of fo beaten singles performers and an equal number o feet doubles combinations.

Coach Barbara Douglas attributes her team's to early-morning practices and a collection of but talented players. She remarked that whi competition hasn't been too hard, she antic that it will get a lot tougher.

Adding to the laurels of the department is th leyball team's first place finish in the recen Cities Tournament, the fourth consecutive year Bellflower has won the trophy.

Participation in the tourney was expanded from to 12 schools but it didn't stop BHS from ro Excelsior and Mayfair before outlasting a rugge walk team 15-13, 15-0 in the finals.

Three former Buc stars are distinguishing them in the junior college ranks, leading Cerritos C to its first football crown in the South Coast ference.

Rick Bethke, who for two years owned the quart slot here, has steered a Falcon attack that it in the circuit while offensive lineman Louie has performed a key role by fending off invadi fenders.

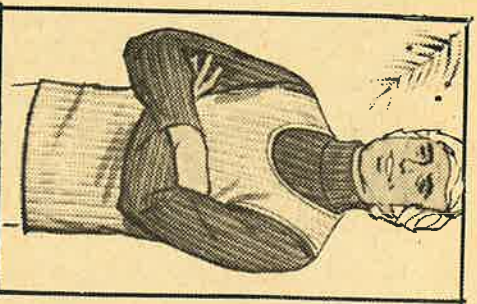
On the other side of the line, safety Jack Ga has been picking off enemy passes with surpr regularity making him an essential cog in the ference's leading defense.

Bellflower's freshmen team was deprived o league title Thursday when it lost a hard-f 7-0 decision to La Mirada on a muddy, treach field.

Both squads entered the game undefeated and had through three scoreless quarters before th defense was tagged with a 15-yard penalty tha the ball to the Bellflower 10. From there the adores notched the only points of the ga The squad concluded the season with an o record of 7-2 and yielded only 19 points to SG ponents, both worthy of respect.

"We were building every week," Winokur said, just too bad we couldn't take the champions

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Striders close year short of CIF hopes

by fred budig
Following last week's easy 15-40 conquest of La Mirada, Bellflower's varsity cross country team wound up its 1972 season with a disappointing SGVL mark of 3-4, well off the hopes of a season with a possible CIF berth.

Despite the mediocre finish, coach Roy Swett isn't disappointed in his squad's performance.

"In reality, I think we did a pretty good job for the whole year," believes Swett, pointing to an overall record of 7-4 for the varsity. "Our times constantly improved from meet to meet."

As to the future, Swett believes next year will be a building year, due to the loss of six of the top nine runners to graduation.

"Looking ahead, we're probably two year's away from another good team," states Swett, anticipating the development of the talents of varsity striders Steve Moran and Rick Larmen along with underclassmen Paul

