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The Pep Rally marks the beginning of this year's fired up spirit.

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Speakers to highlight upcoming college night

"Advisement Night", scheduled for Thursday, October 18, at 7:30 P.M., heads the upcoming array of lectures, films, and discussions, which will all be entirely college oriented. Also upcoming are the first two Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) which will be held on Saturday, October 13 and Saturday, November 3.

During "Advisement Night", a group of representatives from colleges and universities throughout the United States, will be on hand to discuss the curriculum in their schools, and also to explain the various entrance requirements necessary. All students are invited to attend, and parents are also encouraged to accompany their son or daughter. To find out what rooms the different representatives will be in, check at the counselors office.

An assortment of recent films pertaining to college have arrived here at Taft and may be viewed in the Career Center, which is located in the old K building. Aside from "Advisement Night" there will be speakers in the Oral Arts room from the following colleges: Columbia University, (October 15, during lunch) Mills College, (Oct. 18 at 10:00 A.M.) U.C.L.A. representative will address the students on October 23, starting promptly at 12:15. Due to limited seating, students are reminded that they should arrive at these meetings as early as possible to assure seating.

While late registration has already closed for the SATs to be administered on October 13 and November 3, there is still time for all seniors to register for the December 1 test. The closing registration date for that test is October 25. Students applying to the state universities, will find it beneficial to take the November SAT, as it gives them the opportunity to re-

peat the test, if necessary, in December or January.

All interested juniors are encouraged to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), which will be given on October 27 here at Taft. The PSAT is the best indicator for a student's college potential and also help juniors decide what type of college they would do best to apply at. The cost for the SAT is \$6.50 while the PSAT is priced at \$3.75.

Scrip plan provides access to new and better materials

Supplementary instructional materials and supplies for Los Angeles school district classrooms are easily accessible this year without teachers incurring out-of-pocket expenses or purchases.

\$1,250,000 Allocated

Under a new "Teacher Scrip Plan", adopted by the City Board of Education, the more than 25,000 teachers in the district who spend 20 hours or more a week in the classroom have been provided \$50 in scrip for obtaining materials and supplies, some of which may not normally be assigned to classrooms.

The Scrip Plan, which does not affect the amount of funds allocated to individual schools for instructional materials, also simplifies ordering procedures and reduces the time period for receiving an order.

More Classroom Decision-Making

Superintendent of schools William J. Johnston described the plan "as part of our decentralization commitment to place decision-mak-

ing as close to the classroom as possible."

The plan began with the opening of the 1973-74 fall semester and some teachers have already obtained additional instructional materials for use in their classrooms.

The simplified procedures will permit classroom teachers to order any of more than 8,000 items available in the school district warehouse by filling out a requisition

form, attaching the appropriate amount of scrip to cover the cost and sending the order directly to the warehouse.

Direct From The Warehouse

Another feature of the plan will enable a classroom teacher to receive immediate service by taking requisition and the district's business division and pick up the needed materials and supplies.

Voters' registration urged for semester involvement

Voter registration is set to be held October 15 through November 9, organized by Marty Zinkow, Director of Special Services.

This semester's registration system will be the homeroom process or booths will be set up in the

lunch court. Last semester students registered in the homerooms. If registration is set up in the lunch court, the activity will be optional, however, if the students do not register, they cannot vote in any of the elections that will come up dur-

ing the semester.

The first elections, which will be for spring cheerleaders, will be held December 12th and 13th. Preceding the election, there will be an assembly to introduce the candidates on the 11th. Student body officers hopefully will have their assembly January 8th, with Primary Elections the 9th and 10th, and runoffs on the 11th and 12th.

Last spring the entire student body registered, but only one-third of them came to the polls. In the fall, close to 1400 students voted.

Marty wishes to stress the fact that more students should register and exercise their right to vote. "They should vote mainly because they should choose who they want to represent them; \$40,000 - \$50,000 will be spent this year for the Student Body, and they should have a say in how it is spent."

Marty is investigating computerized elections. Taft would hopefully use Pierce College's computer. It would supposedly save the election committee a lot of time.

Before the elections, there will be a poll to see the reaction of the students concerning registration.

Cabinet News

by Mari Schindler, Tribune Liaison

The Senior Class Recognition Assembly was held in the boy's gym last Tuesday to inform seniors of their new name, motto, mascot, color and prom location.

Student Cabinet submitted late last week recommendations regarding the parking situation here at Taft and the special lunch permits. Student cabinet recommended having gates built on Del Moreno and Santa Rita to help alleviate the crowded parking situation students have to face daily. Lunch permits hopefully will be given out to all students, regardless of their grade-point average, as long as they have their parents approval to leave the campus at noon.

Remember, your suggestions, comments or criticisms may be submitted to student cabinet. Just place them in one of the cabinet suggestion lockers located in the lower B and E buildings, and you will receive a prompt reply in answer to your submission.

Tonight, in concert will be the fantastic group Wells Drive at Taft Hall from 10:00 to 12:00. Tickets will be \$.50 at the Student Store and \$.75 at the door.

Remember, make use of Taft's Carpooling program.

College Advisement Night October 18th, 7:30 p.m.

Boost Better Spirit Week starts October 15th.

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Editorially Speaking

Drunk driving laws too weak

It is our opinion that results of the Judicial Council of California's six month study on new procedures involving second offenders of drunk driving, is very important and should receive much publicity. Arrests for drunkenness and for drunk driving constitute a large problem in the United States, but we feel the laws should be stiffer and not reduced. A second drunk driving offense within seven years carries a mandatory five day jail sentence. But if a second offender can get his first conviction set aside he gets away with a fine, and generally the fine is so small it serves as no real penalty. Because many prior convictions are currently being set aside on technicalities, the Judicial Council of California has just adopted a standard, recommending, that before a court can vacate or set aside a prior drunk driving conviction, it must follow certain procedures. A Judicial Council recommendation does not have the force of a statute or court rule, but a six month study is being undertaken to see how these new procedures will work out. It is shocking, but within the next six months between 6,000 and 9,000 of these cases are likely to come up and that's not number of drunk driving arrests. It means that more than 1,000 second offenders will seek to have their first conviction erased. And in most cases, they will have the cooperation of the judge before whom they appear. We feel that if the laws are loosened, the already serious problem of drunk driving will become even worse. For example, there are almost two million arrests for this offense each year, and they

account for 40-43 percent of the total arrests. Drunken arrests tend to be concentrated in cities, and particularly the larger ones. The rate of drunk driving in the cities is six times that of suburban and rural areas. There are several reasons for this, one, alcohol is more available in cities, and it has been pointed out that rates of drunks and drunk drivers are extremely higher in cities than in rural areas. Homeless teenagers often arrested for drunkenness tend to migrate to large cities. Actual drunk driving statistics indicate a lesser number than that of drunkenness, but a much more serious one. In recent years, a number of studies have appeared which detail the drinking practices of teenagers in the United States. For instance, the average age at which students have their first drink is 13-14 although they usually have tasted alcohol before this. First exposure to alcohol is usually at home with parents. The proportion of users of alcohol varies from city to city but in L.A. it is estimated that around every two out of three people drink. The proportion of users goes up with increasing age and by the time of high school graduation practically every teenager has experimented with one drink. Surprisingly, the majority of teenagers have parental permission to drink both at home and at parties away from home. Even more surprising is 45-55 percent of teenagers in the U.S. have been "plastered" more than once. Almost all states in the U.S. prohibit the sale of alcohol beverages to minors under the age of 21, although they do not necessarily prohibit the consumption of alcohol by minors.

Taft's radio station takes on new features this year

Mike Hutton, Student Cabinet's Director of Communication, has renovated Taft's radio station; beginning Monday, October 1st, during lunch. The station can be heard over the senior quad by approximately four to seven hundred students daily.

The purpose of the station's rebirth is to help increase Taft's

Student Body funds, through the selling of time to local merchants. Moreover, the station "will be much more liberal than in the past." Also DJ's will be allowed to vocalize; not just be a robot changing records. The music will contain, "everything from Alice Cooper to Spike Jones to Beethoven," said Hutton.

Mike has already begun sending out letters to many local businessmen, advertising air space. When asked about how much the station will bring in during the course of forty weeks, Mike said, "anywhere from 2100 to 2200 dollars". Also Mike feels this form of advertising will have many advantages.

Radicalism becomes an everyday happening

If an American citizen of 1965 was mysteriously transported to the present, there is no doubt that our society would shock him into dumbfoundness. What was radical and revolutionary eight short years ago, is quite commonplace and dull now. Human morals have changed so in this fractional time span, that it proves a striking contrast to ancient civilizations, when social changes occurred by the century, not by the year.

Our time traveler would have to look no further than a television set, to realize the changes in America's mood. Radicalism has become a fad. What was radical and unheard of as late as 1970 now infiltrates the television screen in the form of weekly series

Take for example, the situation comedy. Four years ago, *All in the Family* shocked America with its prejudiced and foul-mouthed characters. Now all of a sudden "..." and "..." are uttered in the house of every American family. But this radicalism caught the fancy of the nation and has led to programs such as *MASH* and *Lot's Luck*. The situation now, is that yesterday's radicalism is just or-

dinary, and Archie Bunker often becomes repetitive, dull and boring.

If this time traveler were to step outside, it would not take very long before he set eyes on another radicalism that is now an everyday occurrence. This is the area of fashions. In 1965 men wore flat-heeled shoes, straight legged pants, and, wouldn't ever let their hair get close to their ears. Women wore dresses that actually reached their knees, had hair reaching no farther than their shoulder and wouldn't be caught dead without their bra.

Just look around Taft's campus and see how greatly fashions have changed. Codes of dress have been completely obliterated in the mad rush to wear something radical. However fashions have reached a point where the only thing left

that can be considered radical would be to walk around completely naked. And believe me, one day people just might do that.

Today's society has a need for being set apart from the crowd, by acquiring ones individuality. The world is moving forward too fast, for what was unthinkable only eight years ago is so boringly commonplace today that no one thinks about it. Soon, we will reach the point where to be radical one must go back in time for ideas. Perhaps ten years from now kids will come to school with crew cuts, and wear straight legged pants (only in blue or black) with the cuffs rolled up. They will rush to get home so they can watch the *Ozzie and Harriet Revival Hour* and listen to *Rock Around the Clock* on their favorite radio station.

The eternal question: where is Shangri-la?

"Any condition, place, or situation of social or political perfection," is the definition given by the dictionary for Utopia. To simplify the definition, they mean a perfect Society. Look around you, is there any?

Let's be realistic, there's no Shangri-la, no enchanted South Sea isle or mountain retreat where man can live with man, in peace and harmony. In the once remote area of the world, where man may have been the closest to Utopiam, our troubled society is closing in and eating these places up.

The traditional Utopia, first formulated by Plato, hoped to curb all of man's sudden impulses and emotions. What they really were doing was suppressing individualism, a dangerous situation that today's society faces.

Many novels were written where the classic Utopia was described as a place of suppressed emotions and thinking. In one novel the author went so far as to have books of a "superfluous" nature burned.

As we came to the 20th century Stalin and Hitler turned the classic Utopia to their advantage, creating a totalitarianism society, and as a result, Anti-Utopian novels were created in hopes of warning people of the terror, that could be created from striving for perfection.

The man of today has stopped searching for the physical paradise and is discussing the possibility of a Utopia within himself. These new

utopians want to liberate their personality and reach his subconscious just the opposite from, the idea of the traditional perfect society. This new belief has brought on renewed interest in mysticism and such Eastern religions as Zen Buddhism.

Another way they believe of reaching this new "Inner Utopia" is through drugs. Aldous Huxley, the author of *Brave New World*, resorted to the use of drugs for his last novel *Island*, where everyone is constantly under drugs or hypnosis.

Sir Thomas Moore, the 15th century thinker, was the first to use the term "Utopia". His use of the Greek term meaning "No Place" was no exaggeration. Man's dreams are far from diminished. Though he's stopped trying to live in Utopia, all his actions on the social and political level point to the fact, that he still dreams of the perfect society.

Utopia will never become a reality, but will always stay as a blue-reality, but will stay as a blue-print for a better world.

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"Everything is fun if you have a little spirit, Everything is better, if you smile; Nothings bad if you give a little spirit, Try it now and you'll find it's worthwhile."

-Denise Steirwalt

This year's spirit week seems to have a lot of potential which is mainly due to a girl named Denise Steirwalt, Taft's Director of Spirit. Her ideas are only in the planning stages now, but they all have been approved. To look at the list for the week's activities, one would say, "Oh, the same old stuff as last year..." but those same ideas are valuable and very workable.

October 15 through 19 is what Taft usually refers to as "Boost Better Spirit Week." This is one week that everyone can run around and act crazy without being questioned (for some that's every week...). Each day, there will be a new activity for the students; one for every type of person. Denise is enthusiastic about all the activities. Her motto is "everything is fun if you have a little spirit." She believes that instead of complaining about what a drag school is, why not participate—its Boost Better Spirit Week!

Spirit Week begins with our own Dating Game in Olmstead Hall; contestants will be chosen at random. Those who want to participate can submit their name to the drawing. Denise's plans also consist of a mock marriage booth those wishing to marry will have the ceremony performed by a student "Justice of the Peace". This will be on Tuesday, and on that same day you can a few feet to enter the "jelly bean contest". Denise has especially high hopes for this, as she won the contest two years ago. She claims that this is fun, yet easy and exciting, all the guesser has to do is determine the amount of jellybeans in the jar; this has always been a successful event and should be

even more so this year, especially if you are participating. No, this is not being forced upon your young minds, just being mildly suggested.

One day of Spirit Week there will be a "Red, White and Gold" day, where everyone wears the school colors, it may seem strange but if enough people try it, then it ought to be a lot of fun. Further down in the week, the infamous "Slave Auction" occurs. All the lovesick guys and girls can get out there and bid on that foxy cheerleader, or the gorgeous yell leader that has been making his or her mouth water for weeks. This may be your big chance to meet them and as the name implies they're yours for the day. In other words, you will be waited on, hand and foot while they attend to your "every" desire.

Another motto of Denise's is "don't be embarrassed", it just won't do if you want to have fun in the next event, which is, the ever-popular "Powder Puff Football Game" (let's hear a big "rah! rah!"). This is, of course, the game in which girls take their places on the line and call the shots, while the guys are out there giggling and giggling in their always lovely cheerleader outfits. It is a highly known fact that during Spirit Week, some of the jerseys are a little more attractive on the players.

"Tee-shirt and Tennis Shoe Day" arrives on Friday. This includes a prize for the most original outfit (so now is the time to show all of that instinctive creativity, Tafters!). Friday is also the football game and a drawing men, hustle on out there and fight, for Activity Card prizes. So now, because it'll be the best week ever if you just 'have a little spirit.'

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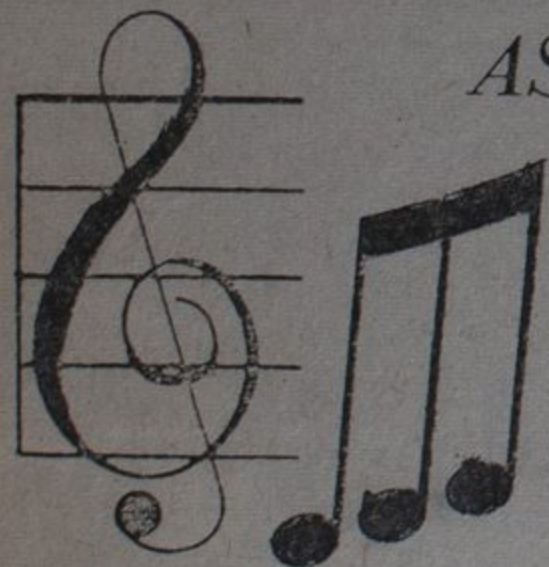


Boost Better Spirit Week is next week. In this period of time, many Taft students participate in fun activities provided by the Student Cabinet.

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This year's Boost Better Spirit Week is destined to be the best this year, because of the great student involvement. Denise Steirwalt, Spirit Director has helped this event tremendously. Photo by Pearlman



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Stars hurt in 21 to 20 loss

**By Dave Hinkel
Tribune Staff Writer**

The Toreador Varsity football team played two games last Thursday night against Washington. The first was in the first half when Taft scored 20 points and shut out the Generals' offense. But in the second half the affect of the unusual amount of injuries the Toreadors have sustained began to take its



Taft is pictured here against Washington. The game, played last Thursday, hurt Taft both in the standings and personnel as numerous injuries occured.

Photo by Pearlman

CC Varsity defeated JV's manage first win

Cross Country had its first practice meet of this year last Thursday, against the powerful spikes of Agoura High School. Tafts' varsity, JV, and 10th grade teams realized, that this year isn't going to be easy unless they start working out, "a lot harder."

Varsity fell short of their first win of the year, JV's showed them how to do it, by easily beating their opponents, and the 10th grade team really impressed the crowd by conquering their foe.

Varsity made an average showing with Steve Bitterly finishing fourth

with a time of 10:42, taking fifth was Greg Brown clocking in at 10:44, and Mark Morden following

Steve looked very good throughout the race, staying at the front of the pack almost all the way. However, running around the last turn, Steve had dropped from first to fourth, probably due to the fact that his summer layoff had finally caught up with him. He tried to increase his position on the final straightaway, but crossed the finish line right on the tail of the three Agoura runners.

Greg also amazed the crowd,

WVL grid action: ECR, CP each tie

This column will appear weekly and it will hopefully keep you, the reader, informed about the other West Valley teams during the course of the season. So you, the sportsfan, now has no excuse for not being up on oll of Taft's rivals

Last week Taft's arch-rivals El Camino battled to a 14 - 14 tie against the Sylmar Spartans in their second non-conference game. The Conquistador's quarter-back Jeff Duva had a fine night throwing as he completed 15 of 26 passes for 226 yards. For the Spartan's, back Stacy King rushed for a phe-

nominal 194 yards. Either team could have won except mistakes hurt them. ECR's non-league record now stands at 1-0-1.

The Cleveland Cavaliers trounced the Poly Parrots 26-0. Cleveland's rushers, led by Soph Rick Maddox, gained 218 yards. Maddox had 91 yards. He scored 2 touchdowns and 2 extra-points bringing his seasonal scoring total to 37. Cleveland is now 2-0-0.

Canoga Park was tied by Monroe 6-6. Monroe scored on a 54 yard bomb with only 1:59 remaining to tie the Hunters, Canoga is 1-0-1,

ed. Pat Visciglia and Ralph Haman suffered shoulder separations and Chris Roncone received a jaw injury after a play last Thursday, all three will miss tonight's Birmingham game. Lindon Crow and Brad Dexter are also doubtful for the encounter with the Braves. Dave Jackson, J. Domine, and Lew Demmerle have nagging sore spots but they should play. In all, ten starters have been hurt, two are lost for the year, three have to miss at least one game, two others probably will sit out the game tonight, and still three more are nagged by lesser pains. It just doesn't seem fair.

Fair or not, the Toreadors played impressive football for most of Thursday's contest. After dominating the play defensively in the first quarter, Taft got a big break. On a fourth down punting situation, the snap was high and sailed over James Lofton's head. The Toreadors recovered on Washington's four yard line, and Domine blasted in for the score from there. Kelly Paris missed the conversion, but Taft led 6-0.

Midway through the second per-

iod Taft scored twice in eight seconds. Jackson hit Bill Spooner for a 12 yard touchdown, Paris made the point after, and the Toreadors kicked off, up 13-0. Lofton dropped back to pass on first down. but Paris stepped in to pick it off and scamper 23 yards untouched to the end zone. Kelly also hit the PAT and Taft took a 20-0 lead into the half.

The third quarter was scoreless, however, Taft opened the stanza without the services of Visciglia, Roncone, and Haman. Their absence on defense was obvious. Early in the period Lofton was faced with a second and 28 on his own three yard line. He pulled off the impossible on the weakened Taft defense as he threw a 97 yard tackle eligible touchdown pass to George Benten. 20-6 Taft.

On Washington's next posession, Lofton rolled left on a keeper and cruised in for a 41 yard score. His extra point made it 20-13 and brought on nervous time.

A three yard touchdown pass to Bill Spooner apparently sewed it up for the Toreadors but it was called back on a holding penalty.

The drive stalled, and Washington started one of their own. It culminated on a 40 yard conversion of their first score, a tackle eligible touchdown pass to Benton. Lofton ran for the two point with just over a minute left.

Dave Jackson used an excellent kick off return by Tom Dasbach to engineer a last ditch effort. Teaming primarily with Spooner, Jackson passed Taft to the Generals' 12 with one second remaining. Coach Hal Lambert then called on Paris to attempt a winning 20 yard field goal. As the crowd stood on its feet and the stage was set, a wet ball caused a bad snap which foiled the try and sealed the Toreadors defeat, 21-20.

It was a heart-breaking loss, but it was only a practice game. League starts next Friday, and by then at least Crow and Dexter should be back. Through position changes and various maneuvers, Taft is acquiring the depth to get them through. So hopefully all is not lost, and barring any further injuries, this could be only the beginning.

Taft Bee's bruise Gens Young leads 30-8 romp

The Taft Bee offense displayed an explosive aerial attack, a grinding running game and a punishing defense last Thursday at Goetten field as they completely overwhelmed the Washington Generals 30-8.

Charlie Young led the offensive onslaught as he hit on 10 of 13 passes for 190 yards. Young had a hand in each of the 4 Taft TD's as

he passed for three and snuck in a fourth.

Washington was able to convert on only one of many breaks they received. Taft runners coughed up the football 6 times during the course of the game. The Generals recovered 4 of those fumbles but could turn only one into a TD. The Taft defense was awesomely tough as they seldom gave way to Washington runners.

The first play from scrimmage qualities. QB Young dropped back to pass at his own 20. He hit tight end Gary Kishimoto over the middle and it was off to the races for Kishi as he out-legged the entire General secondary. Unfortunately an offsidess penalty called back the 80 yard touchdown play. Taft was not able to sustain a drive so they were forced to punt.

Neither team could put together any sort of march until about midway through the second quarter when Taft took posession at their own 35 yard line.

In this drive Taft moved 65 yards in just 7 plays. The drive had momentarily stalled at the Washington 37 yardline where it was fourth down and 3 yards to go. Young faded way back to pass then flipped a little screen pass to runningback Jeff Blanks. Blanks eluded tacklers right and left as he went in for the score.

The defense then added their two bits to the shellacing. On first down after the kickoff, Washington lost 12 yards on a broken play. On second they tried a quick kick but the snap from center went astray and rolled out of the endzone for a safety.



The Taft Cross-Country teams momentarily stumbled in defense of their city crown against the Agoura Chargers and Hueneme last Thursday at Pierce College.

Photo by Rosenblatt