



Seniors expedite the course of activities for the '73-'74 school year. The Senior Recognition Assembly, held October 2, opened this semester's spirit.
Photo by Pearlman

Board Member Ferraro speaks at Cabinet meeting

By Lenny Lieberman

Mr. Richard E. Ferraro, a member of the seven-man Board of Education spoke to Student Cabinet 5th period, Oct. 4th, and listened to possible suggestions on ways to use the financial allotments that may be granted to Taft from the Board.

As a result of Senate Bill 90, passed earlier in the year, the Los Angeles City School System finds itself in a relatively favorable financial position for the fall semester. Student Cabinet hopes that their suggestions for new entrances off of Del Moreno and Santa Rita, air-conditioning in several buildings throughout the school, and doors to allow for private chambers in the boys' bathrooms will be given careful consideration by Mr. Ferraro and the Board of Education, and that the money will be appropriated for the improvements.

Besides listening to Student Cabinet, Mr. Ferraro distributed pamphlets concerning the different ways that parents and students in the community can get involved in

improving and recommending new ideas for the school.

To begin with, there is the SCAC, or the School Community Advisory Council. The Council acts in an advisory capacity towards the principal about matters pertaining to Taft. If necessary, the principal can take issues to the Board that need district approval. The Council is composed of elected parents, residents, and teachers from the community. This year, elections for ten places on the council will take place on the 24th of October.

Parents will have had a chance to express their views to the public on Candidates Night, October 15th.

There are many other ways for parents to voice their opinions, too. The Board of Education holds public sessions every Monday and Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the administrative offices on No. Grand in Los Angeles. Ferraro and the Board encourages parents who have complaints to state their feelings at these meetings. If this is not possible, the principal or vice-principal can be helpful in seeking information or resolving problems.

Lunch permit proposal data entails correction

Due to the requests, **The Tribune** would like to make corrections to the inaccurate article published October 5th, concerning the lunch permit proposal.

The article stated that the parent approval lunch-permit would allow the student a legal one-day absence without having to bring a parent authorized note. The fact is that this permit would only allow the student to leave campus during lunch. The article also claimed that Student Cabinet is working toward an open campus, whereas they are aiming towards giving the student more responsibility by allowing off-campus lunch.

The article made the statement that the new lunch permit and the recognition card would basically offer the same privileges as the recognition card. Their singular common factor is that both offer an off-campus lunch pass. To obtain a recognition card, a student must have certain grade requirement, such as no F's, no more than one U, and a minimum of six E's on the past two final report cards. To secure a parent-approval lunch permit, a student would not have to fulfill the latter requirements.

The Junior and Senior Recognition cards, in addition, provide other allowances which the parent-approval lunch permit would not, such as being able to enter the library during class time if the space is available and being readmitted to school after one day of legal absence without a note from a parent.

Cabinet did not mention as to whether the three-year validity held true.

The new lunch permit is still in primary developments, but if passed will be available to seniors, juniors and sophomores.

Cabinet News

By Mari Schindler
Tribune Liaison

A student submitted a suggestion to Cabinet in reference to the chain near the C and A buildings by the service road. The chain acted as a barrier so that students would not walk on the grass. After investigating the situation, it was found that the chain would be taken down as long as no more grass was destroyed.

The recommendation that Student Cabinet gave to the administration regarding the possibility of having entrance gates on Del Moreno and Santa Rita is being considered. The administration is contacting the L.A. School Board contractors to look at the location and feasibility of having the gates.

There was a motion to recommend to Mr. Coleman and the administration that the stage crew's salary be reestablished.

The Faculty Steering Committee and the PTA have approved the Parent Approval Lunch Permits. The final approval will be from the Advisory Council.

Last week, Cabinet passed the motion to allot \$500 for the American Field Service program so that next year a foreign exchange student will be able to attend Taft.

Cabinet also approved the Student Body Budget. This year's budget seems to be a very practical one.

There has been a \$.50 raise in the price of the Atinians. With this extra money the Atinian will contain about thirty more pages which will allow for greater variety. The Atinian will still be in a lower price range as compared to other high schools.

A presentation dealing with the Black Mesa area and the Hopi Indians will be delivered by Paul Wrangell and shown in the Oral Arts room during lunch on October 25th.

Environmental Assembly in Taft Hall at lunch on October 24th.

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Agriculture reaps victory ranks high in Pomona Fair

Taft's agriculture department ranked with the best of forty-three schools that competed at the Pomona Fair, on October 6. Taft entered in four fields, poultry, livestock, dairy stock and horticulture. Taft poultry took a ninth place, with other fields coming in with impressive showings. Keen competition was prevalent at the event with such large scale involvement.

Highly Advanced Departments

High schools participating in the fair represented most of Southern Calif. which has the most highly advanced agriculture departments in the United States.

With the completion of contests and judging, students were free to scout the fairgrounds. Taft representatives included Blair Summey,

Holly Drew, Victoria Harrison, Lori Karp, Paul Marks, Jan McKelvey, Alains Nemeth, Denise Ponel, Tanya Ratkovith, Salley Robins, Tim Sepielli, Joel Silber, Sandy Wilde, Joy Miller, Cliff Clark, Karl Vandervort, Heidi Huchen, and Mr. Sydney Hill, agriculture department head.

4-H Competition

Taft previously attended a 4-H FFA exhibit on Sept. 29. Livestock, horses, and dairy stock were the day's highlights. Other exhibits of interest, including a pinto show, were also featured at the fairgrounds.

The Greenhand Barbecue is scheduled for October 30th, for all new members of FFA. The new FFA queen will be elected.

Pumpkin Festival Involvement

Agriculture is also planning involvement in the Calabasas Pumpkin Festival, October 13, 14, 20, 21, 23, and 29 selling buttons, Tim Sepielli, FFA president, is in command of this activity.

Tim is very active in planning FFA activities. Within upcoming months, agriculture is anticipating a Mammoth snow trip.

High Expectations

Mr. Hill expects this semester's agriculture to be one of the best.

The Pomona Fair competition has the agriculture department in gear for all upcoming competition this semester. They are now aware of their strengths and weaknesses, and the rivalry with other schools.

Student Extras

Many of Mr. Hill's students are very involved in the agriculture field. A few are working in nur-

series and one student is involved in teaching an agriculture enrichment class at Woodland Hills Elementary, for first and second graders.



Taft outcome in the Pomona Fair competition ranked among the highest of forty-three schools and 800 students. Southern California boasts the farthest advanced agriculture department in the United States.
Photo by Rosenblatt

On November 3rd, the California Junior State will be sponsoring a conference, "When the Cheering Stops". It will be held at the County Hall of Administration and the County Court House in Los Angeles. The price is \$3.50, which includes the conference manual, and the participants choice of lunch. The conference will be open to all high school students, and members of the public. Transportation is not provided.

Veterans' Day is moved up from the traditional November 11 to October 22 this year. This is because as a national holiday Veterans' Day conflicted with Thanksgiving Vacation, also falling in November.

President Woodrow Wilson, in honor of the women and men who had served in the Armed Services during World War I proclaimed November 11 Armistice Day in 1919 in recognition of the end of World War I. Recently it was changed to Veterans' Day, honoring all veterans.

October 22 falls coincidentally on a Monday, providing the nation with a 3-day weekend. There will be the traditional Veterans' Day ceremony held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia as well as parades and speeches.

Most of the major European countries still celebrate Armistice Day on November 11.

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-LETTERS TO THE EDITOR-

Dear Tribune,

Your first issue contained numerous misquotes, inconsistencies, and pure fabrications.

For instance, on the new lunch permit card, you repeatedly state that the new card will have the exact same benefits as the old one, including the right to use the card as a legal excuse for a one day absence. It does not, it's a lunch permit only.

You also said that the card is the first step towards an open cam-

lone plan it.

We on Cabinet sincerely appreciate and thank you for your helping publicizing and reviewing events. But such mistakes as the one which occurred in your first issue are ridiculous and unnecessary.

Thank you,
Brad I. Golstien
Sr. Class President

By Tribune Staff Writer

Should a scholar summon up his courage and proceed to venture in a trip of exploration through the halls and should he start at the end of the great Hall "E", passing through the lands of the Chemists and the Biologists, the Maths and the Histories, climbing to the very bottom of the great Staircase, through the lands of the Englishes and Businesses, he will eventually come upon a tiny room where the clatter of typewriters fill the air with the sights and sounds of creation. This is the land of the Staff, domain of Tribune, ruled by the Master Pearl.

We of the Tribune welcome you at the beginning of a exciting new season of sports, news, features, and the usual controversy. With the start of a new season we wish to welcome back to Taft all of our faithful readers, who have not yet graduated, and have survived the rigors of summer vacation and opening days. We also wish to take this moment to welcome the new crop of Tribune readers.

As the weeks come and go, we anxiously await the deluge of correspondence which will indicate to us that our public shows a contin-

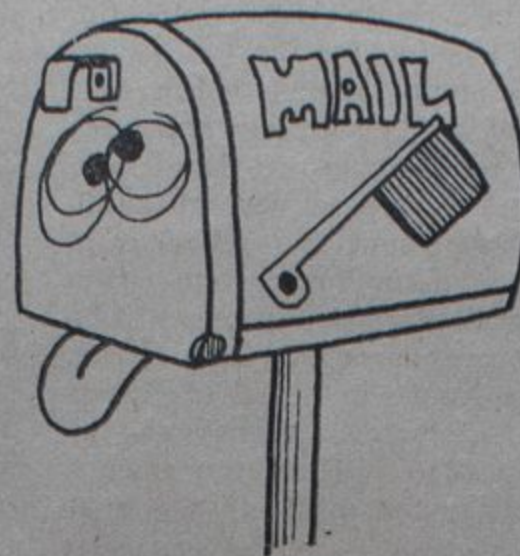
ued trust in the Tribune's excellence and that someone has taken notice of those funny yellow boxes which dramatically appear on campus each Friday, and contain marvelous bookcovers.

All that can be said is that each week we open the gold painted Tribune mailbox with great expectation, and read each letter with a controlled nonchalance. Each editorial letter, each news letter, each critic letter, each complaint letter, and each poison pen letter is given the special treatment due it, that is, each message, each note, is carefully labeled and filed in the editor's box or placed in a special custodial file distinctive from all others, if only by its contents.

So if you should ever feel that our work is not what is to be expected of genius, our editorials off the track, or even if you just like everything about the TRIBUNE, drop us a line. Write and be assured yours will be received with open minds.

Needless to say, a newspaper can only become as good as the people who read it, because to keep them informed, a newspaper must meet them at their own level.

We of the TRIBUNE believe that the students of Taft should be able to openly present their ideas, observations, and opinions. A "Letters to the Editor" column which provides a space where each teacher and student can openly speak out was formed to meet this ideal. It is our hope that this column will be used in a constructive, purposeful manner by every Taft student.



pus. It has never been intended as such, nor desired as such.

In the article about the Senior Class, you quoted me as saying that Senior Cabinet might be planning a bike-a-thon. Senior cabinet has never even heard of it, let a-

Prep sports: modified war?

By Woody Kalmenson

High School sports are a great institution here in Los Angeles. For many, athletics means access to a professional career. For an athlete, success could bring about a possible exit from his impoverished home environment. And for others, most prep-school competition represents a great source of self-confidence.

Despite the vast benefits of High School athletics, sports in L.A. City Schools lies in a precarious situation. The threatened existence of extramural competition is due to the escalation of violent incidents at football games and other sport activities. This problem was first brought to the attention of the public at the 1970 City Championship football game, featuring San Fernando and Granada Hills High Schools. The racial tension coup-

led with the high fever of competition erupted into violence following the contest. Now many schools play their football games in the afternoon to avoid possible violence. This is a tragedy, since the schools are deprived of the additional income brought in through gate receipts at the night games.

As a reporter I must commend the Taft Student Body for their appropriate behavior at the Washington Football game.

Although there were unfortunate incidents at the game I feel that the elimination of competition between inter-city and outer-city schools is inappropriate. This in itself will only increase the friction that already exists.

In the last few years violent incidents have decreased. Hopefully this trend will continue to exist and violence will come to a halt.

TV: Execs vs Viewers?

Mongolia has its Gobi Desert, Algeria its Sahara, Bechuanaland its Kalahari, and America, has its Boob Tube - better known as television. For the most part, television is a vast wasteland barren of originality and ingenuity.

Present network programming appeals to about as many diversified interests as a treatise on the Pythagorean Theorem. Television seems to be trapped in an endless syndrome of police-mystery-medical miasma, vapid "variety" shows and situation comedies which are, for the most part, a comedy of errors. There are some oases in this desert: Allstar Cooke's "America" series; The National Geographic specials; the wide-screen movies brought to the 20-inch tube such as "Funny Girl", "Planet of the Apes", and "Tora Tora, Tora". Like the genuine articles, however, these are few and far between.

Probably the main reason for the creative draught is that the network executives are affecting an ivory-tower attitude towards the needs and desires of the viewing public. They do not seem to realize, or want to realize that the intelligence of the average American is on a higher level than the insanity he is forced to watch on his T.V. set. Season after season a multi-

tude of new shows are presented that the execs more or less admit will not survive the rating storms of winter. If the hierarchy knows that these programs are mediocre and worse, then why are they on the airwaves? Do the execs honestly believe that the public is dull enough to accept inferior work? Despite viewer protest, many a good program has been shelved

and replaced with an inferior one; many a bomb has been replaced with one equally mediocre or more so. Obviously, relations between the network executives and the public must improve in order to rehabilitate the media. With mutual cooperation, the desert of the "idiot box" can bloom into a garden of intellectually enriching entertainment.



No Help In The Desert

Physician finds mod dress codes repulsive

Reprinted from the Voice of Nazarene

by Dr. William Orr

How did this near madness in clothes, or the lack of clothes, come to be? What evil influence has stealthily appeared and put hooks in our women's noses, leading them around like monkeys? What demonic pied piper has danced into our land only to rob us of that greatly desirable modesty and womanly delicacy which formerly characterized our wives and daughters? Please tell me.

You ask what's wrong with mini clothes? We answer you, first of all, they're not becoming; they're almost ugly. They unfortunately emphasize parts of the anatomy which ought to be covered. They fail to do anything for the wearer which clothes ought to do. They're tight, uncomfortable, immodest, inadequate. The wearer is never at ease. There's always tugging, stretching, pulling, changing positions, uncertain of what's visible. Actually, everything's wrong with them.

In the lovely Garden of Eden there was no need for clothing. The first pair were sinless. But when sin crept in and God was forced to send them from the Garden, the first thing which God did was to clothe them. Clothing is normal. Mankind was never intended to go naked....

...The deep-down charm of a woman is in her "mystery". In the makeup of men there is a God-imparted reaction to this inner quality. Girls are different, not only in their bodies, and that is important and right, but in their spirit within that inner charm....

...Proper clothing aids in this "mystery". Bareness and nudity, or carelessness in modesty, destroys

it. The charm is gone. The girl is shown to be flesh...or shall we say avoirdupois. This is a great let-down.

Take the length of the skirt, for example. I, for one, do not think that skirts should be so long as to sweep the ground. To my mind there is a normal place for the hemline. It is a few inches below the knee.

But if the covering of the knees were the only problem, it wouldn't be so tragic. But the sin of mini skirts goes far beyond the knees. This problem is the utter inability of such tight and short skirts to cover the other subjects involved. It's a problem of inadequacy. If the skirts are above the knees when you stand up, where can they go when you sit down?

There may be in our world some women so vile and degraded, that, they seek to sinfully exhibit their body with evil intentions. For these we have the deepest pity. But we wonder if the average mini-skirted girl or woman realizes that there is a very definite tie-in between abbreviated clothing and moral sin.

Proper clothing has always been a deterrent to sin. And, conversely, undue exposure stimulates sinful thought and action. We must remember, it was the Lord Himself who pointed out that adultery was not only the act of wrong sex, but wrong thinking was adultery as well. How careful here our woman and our girls should be!

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New Tribune staff focuses on an improved newspaper

This semester is going to be a long one as far as the **Tribune** Staff is concerned. We work almost around the clock to put out a better paper for the students of Taft. Working against time and deadlines, our staff strives for perfection in every way. This semester we have more support from the Student Cabinet and a greater sense of responsibility so that more of the news students are interested in. We sincerely hope all the students of Taft enjoy the **Tribune** this year.

Bob Woodlock

Having been selected to be the Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper this year, I plan to make sure of your receiving the best high school paper in the valley every Friday. This year we have many new ideas, such as a special Student Cabinet column to inform the students of what's happening to and around campus; also, we are accepting letters to the editor expressing students' views, and making sure of better coverage on girl's athletic contributions. Since the

Tribune is published for the enjoyment of everyone on the campus, I would appreciate that if you have any opinions of the **Tribune**, please feel free to come in and express your views.

Denise Pasetta

Acting as this year's News Editor, I am working towards more news articles on student achievement. As an apprentice to the I formulate all the copy into interesting articles for student enjoyment. As an apprentice to the News Editor last year, I learned from experience when deadlines had to be met and what it was like to work against the clock. Most of my articles come from the students, and involvement like that is what makes the **Tribune** what it is.

Dan Biers

As this year's editorial editor, I can assure the student body of Taft that this year's second page will be voicing your opinions. I have been on **Tribune** staff for two semesters, mainly concentrating my writings

on editorials and features. All articles that will be published on the second page will be of the finest quality. Your satisfaction is guaranteed, as this year's staff of editorial writers is a group with outstanding abilities. Writings on the second page will be on an intellectual and interesting nature. I'd just like to stress the fact that the best way for your opinion to be heard is to write Letters to the Editors.

Tracy MacDonald

As feature editor of the **Tribune**, I am to run articles on many of the students at Taft who have achieved merit in some field of endeavor. The feature page also contains humorous and satirical articles on the Administration, clubs and occasionally some of the fine athletes at Taft. This being my second year on the **Tribune** staff, I have noticed a definite lift in the morale of the staff and the quality of the newspaper also. There seems to be a greater sense of involvement this year in Cabinet and in the Student Body itself toward the **Tribune**. Thanks folks, we work hard here, but we need your help too.

Dan Turner

Dan Turner's the name and I am the Sports Editor this year. Last year I was the right hand man under Dan LaGorio, and with the graduation of LaGorio I am filling the number one shoes of the Sports Department. This semester I am fortunate to have a dedicated and admirable staff to serve me. Dave Hinkel a veteran **Tribune** man works with me to take care of all the necessary football duties this fall. Covering the City Champion Cross Country Team is an inexperienced, but promising young reporter named Dave "the Kingfish" Rich. The odd man on the Sports Staff is Steve Lane. Lane has a column of his own, dealing with the goings-on in the W. V. League. This type of column is a first in **Tribune** history. This year, the **Tribune** will also try to give more credit to girl's sports and their accomplishments throughout the school year.



This semester's **Tribune** Staff is ready to go and hot on the trail of Taft news. From L to R: Denise Pasetta, Tracy MacDonald, Bob Woodlock, Dan Biers, and Dan Turner. Photo by Pearlman

Tracy Mac Donald

Not just Chocolate

Being a connoisseur of fine films, I thoroughly enjoy traveling with my father to different locales, to see how certain movies are put together and watching the shooting of many scenes. Recently, he traveled to San Francisco to work on the film entitled "Magnum Force" which stars Clint Eastwood and is the sequel to the one-and-only Dirty Harry. While I was there I happened to notice just how many films, documentaries and television shows are shot there.

The idea of San Francisco usually illustrates some aspect of Ghirardelli Square, the cable cars or the "one-on-one" situation of housing in many parts of the city. But noticing some of the people that live there, vacation there, and work there kind of disrupted that illusion. Many of the vacationers have been there before, and only go there to relax; the natives go about their daily duties, some of them wishing the tourists would go home, and the tourists roam around looking for Michael Douglas, hoping they may get a glimpse of *The Streets of San Francisco* in action.

In essence, the clientele of San Francisco has changed tremendously. Memories of my mother saying San Francisco was a dirty town full of all kinds of bad people run circles around my brain, and a giggle emerges from my mouth as I think about the way it is now. A sad existence is led by many of the Los Angeles inhabitants who have to survive in the city. Compared to the city of San Francisco, we have a rather boring metropolis. Along the streets there, an array of trees and bushes cover the roadside, here, the plastic flower business is booming as we witness the outlining section of Wilshire blooming daisies in the middle of winter.

Living in Woodland Hills, I can't fully appreciate the idea of the city life, but I have to respect the people who live there. It takes some kind of courage to fight one's way into the fast moving lane of the freeway, which isn't moving anyway, and I suppose some kind of valor is involved in trying to survive in the smog life and plexiglas world of Los Angeles. It seems that Los Angeles is trying to catch up in a way to San Francisco. We have a famous city. Although it isn't famous for chocolate or wandering minstrels, it is quite famous. Ghirardelli Square is fine for San Francisco, but what's fine for L.A.? Our mayor is, but he may only be here for a few years; our Philharmonic Orchestra is great, and is known throughout many areas, but what is Los Angeles?

I've been trying to visualize my home in the hills being crammed into a little space with no back yard to speak of, and fifteen other houses blocking my view of the early-morning smog, and it doesn't work. My mother thinks I'm crazy, my father is in the motion picture business so nothing's crazy to him, he's even suggested that I write a script, but what would I write about? We have no chocolate.

Season dedicated to the slopehappy

Since this is the time of the year for beginners to learn something about skiing, (if you plan to ski this winter) you should acquire some useful hints so that you will have a good time.

First off, you may be emotionally ready to ski, but what about your body? It probably needs to get ready for the task you will put it through. Before you even start you should get yourself in the best possible condition. Many areas of the body are important while you are skiing. If your calves, thighs, back hips, waist, arms or your shoulders are not very strong, your skiing will definitely show it and you will really feel it the next day. Because your body is in good condition, you will later on be able to ski longer do more interesting maneuvers, and rough falls won't shake you up as much.

After you've gotten your body in shape, it's time to keep it warm. The ski clothing that you decide upon might not make a difference on how well you ski. But knowing that several layers of lightweight items are warmer than one bulky item, will certainly keep you warmer. Oddly enough, if you suffer from cold feet and fingers, you may solve your problem by wearing a warm hat. That's because the heart always makes sure the brain gets the warmest supply of blood. If you are not wearing a hat, a great deal of your precious body heat will escape out the top, so to speak.

The equipment is next in line, that means your goggles, skis, boots, poles, and bindings. All of which are very important and necessary for skiing. If you are a beginner it is suggested that the first few times out, that the equipment is rented. After this you will have the idea of how things fit and what to look for, also the things to try to avoid. Skiing equipment is very expensive, compared to the equipment of other sports. Since it is, you should rely on help from knowledgeable friends and reputable ski shops to see that everything is just right.

Now after making sure that you are warm, in condition and have proper equipment, we see how awkward you look. You feel strange when trying to coordinate the movements of your arms, which are holding onto fifty-inch poles, with the movements of your feet, which seem to be tethered to seventy-two inch planks. Another problem is the extra weight of the clothes and the equipment.

Falling seems to be the thing that happens around now. It usually occurs at the most embarrassing of moments, or otherwise it would not be so bad (except if you don't like cold wet hard snow). So that you don't have to sit in the snow, get up by following these easy directions:

1. Make sure your skis are lower than your seat, if you are on a slight slope.

2. Get your skis together, so that they will not slide forward or backward once you try to stand up.

Case drama experience on summer theater tour

How would you like to spend about six weeks in London, Paris, or Edinburgh; going to a different theatrical performance every night and studying the art of mime? Sounds exciting, doesn't it?

Well, Mrs. Louise Cabral, head of the drama department, had the opportunity this summer along with 12 drama students from various valley high schools; to go on the **European Drama Studies Tour**. The first ten days were spent in London. Among the plays seen were "Private Lives" by Noel Coward and "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat", it was done by the same team that wrote "Jesus Christ Superstar". The second play is based on the stories taken from the Bible about Jacob and his sons.

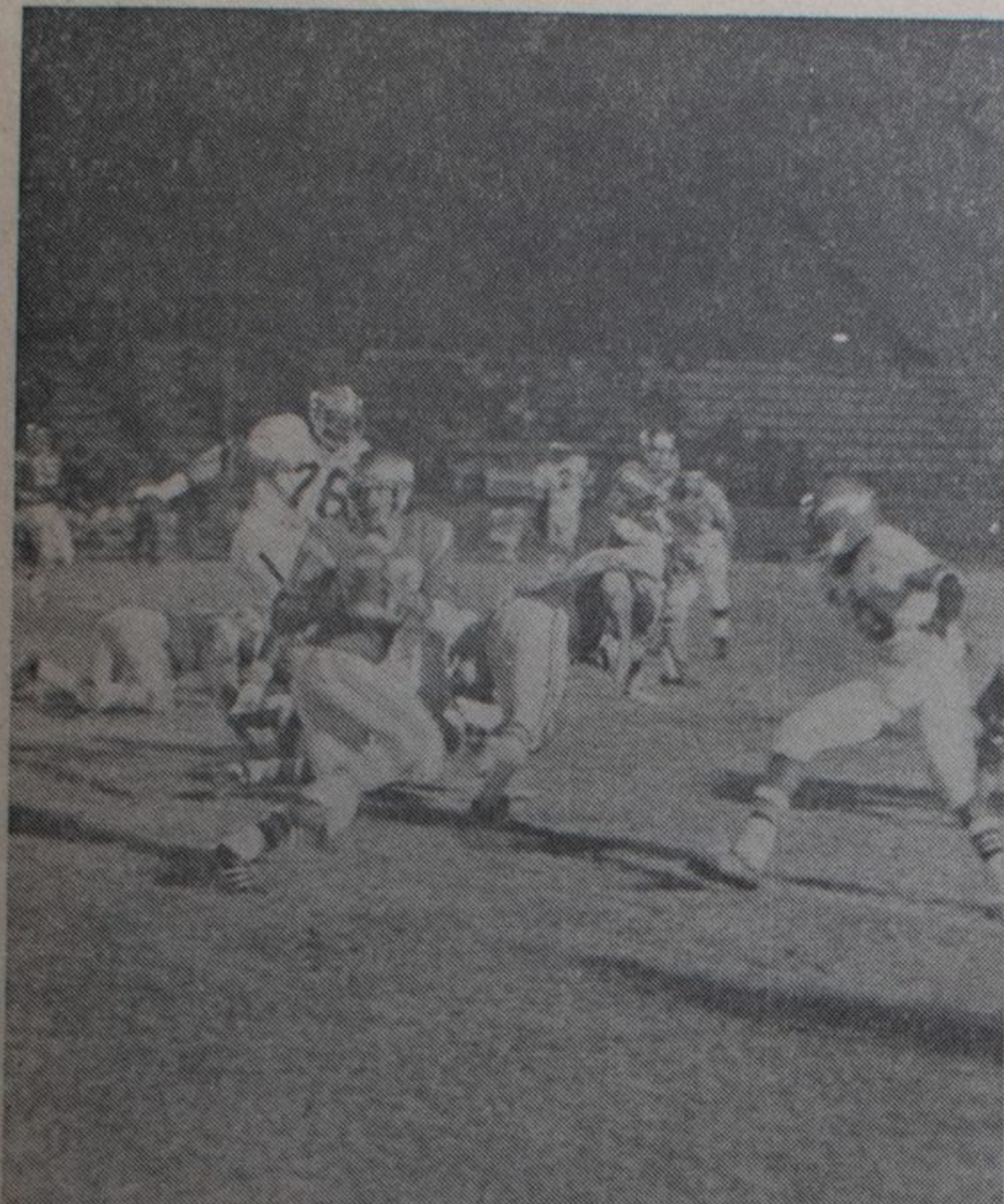
From London they traveled north to Stratford on Avon, Shakespeare country. The royal Shakespearean Company presented the modern treatment of *As You Like It*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Loves Labours Lost* by either wearing Victorian or modern clothes.

Since they didn't come during

the theater season in Paris, they spent their evenings viewing the city's highlights, and their days weren't spent sleeping, but studying the art of pantomime with Claude St. Dennis, who had studied under the same teacher as Marcelle Marceau did.

Back in Britain, the students were able to attend the Edinburgh Drama Festival. Their ten days were spent seeing the official productions of the festival and the fringe plays were put on by various schools from all over Britain and the world. They saw a little known Shakespearean play, *Pericles of Tyre* and *Don Juan in Love*, a reading of poems and monologues about love.

The tour ended in London with the British National theaters production of *Long Days Journey into Night* starring Sir Laurence Olivier. After the performance the students went back stage and met the cast. They were also given a thorough tour of the theater and the adjoining factory where all the scenery, costumes and props are made for the company.



Action Jackson in trouble. Varsity quarterback Dave Jackson pitches out against Washington. Jackson leads the offense that hopes to be in good health for the league opener against Chatsworth tonight.

Photo by Pearlman

No joy in Wigwam-Toreadors rout Braves

It was one of those games that the crowd didn't seem sure of.

A hash of injuries and bad luck the week before presented a Taft Varsity football team that nobody really knew about. The capacity home crowd at Goetten Field jammed in to see the Milk Bowl game against ancient rival Birmingham, hoping for a win, but not knowing what to expect. Indeed, they got the unexpected as the Toreadors romped to a 31-6 victory.

While Taft's offense did rack up 31 points, the real story was the Big Red's unyielding defense. Birmingham gained 147 net yards, completed only two passes, threw three interceptions, and lost three fumbles. Overall, the Toreadors turn in a valiant effort. Many of them were playing new positions, and most were playing both offense and defense. Quite a large part of it was psychological, as Taft seemed to have something to prove. They made believers of the Braves.

The Toreadors struck quickly. Early in the first quarter quarter-

back Dave Jackson hit Bill Spooner at the Braves' 12 yard line. Spooner tossed a lateral to running back Kelly Paris who shot in for the score. Tony Fernandes' extra point attempt was wide, but Taft led, 6-0.

Midway through the second period Jackson engineered a ball central drive, cashing in on a six yard seering shot to Spooner. The PAT missed, sending Taft into halftime with a 12-0 lead.

The second half brought on turnover time on the Braves' part, with all six of their giveaways coming in the third quarter. Birmingham lost possession the first four times they got the ball. Taft took advantage of the first one, following Paris' interception of a Mark Searpai aerial which he returned 11 yards from Birmingham's 22. Paris carried three times before lineman to fullback convert Marc Honsberger bucked into the endzone from two yards out. 18-0 Taft.

Later in the period the Taft defensive team forced another turnover, as Steve Cates pressured quarterback second string Rick Sung into Doug Bevins-Vance Skarsted interception collaboration. It took three plays for the Toreadors to cover the 15 yards to the goal line, the finale being an 11 yard strike to Bill Spooner for the touchdown.

Early in the final stanza Jackson led another time consuming drive, this time capping it off himself with a sneak from one yard out.

Near the end of the game as the fans started thinking of what they were doing afterwards, Sung connected with Tom Dorfman for a 30 yard score to break Taft's shutout.

However, the Toreadors had no difficulty in holding on to the win, chalking up an inspiring 31-6 victory.

Jackson continued his role of the offensive instigator, making good on 11 of 21 pass attempts for 131 yards and three touchdowns. Dave also added one score himself to tally a total of one yard, a big one, rushing. More impressiveness was the Toreadors as a team. In a very unenviable position they pulled together to win at a time when loss was almost expected by many of the public.

Next up is Chatsworth, as Taft opens the league season there tonight. This is the first of two away games in a row, after playing all three practice games at home. The Chancellors have had a great pre-season winning all three of their contests. You will see many of the same Chatsworth players tonight that you may have seen last year when Taft defeated them here. On the other hand the Toreadors should regain the services of Lindon Crow, Brad Dexter, Pat Visciglia tonight to counteract the veteran Chatsworth team. The West Valley League is considered by most to be the toughest league in the city this year, and nobody should be able to run away with the title. Taft likes to think they will be very much in the running.

WVL in action Chancellors win ECR Tops Wilson

by Steve Lane
Tribune Staff Reporter

Last week in the West Valley League five of six teams won including our own Taft team, 31-6. So let's get to the action.

Highly rated Chatsworth Chancellors defeated the Polytechnic Parrots, 28-13. Quarterback Brian Colman connected with wide receiver Jo Conron five times for 176 yards. The Chancellors scored easily on the Parrot defense, which was missing five starters because of injuries. The Chancellors' record is now 3-0.

El Camino Real's defense picked off seven passes from three Wilson quarterbacks to win 35-7. The El Camino offense never had to drive over 48 yards to score. It was strictly a night in which El Camino defense had a field day, with eight turnovers to their credit. El Camino closes out the pre-season with a 2-0-1 record.

The Cleveland Cavaliers showed off their tremendous running attack once again as they crushed Van Nuys High, 34-6. After a tough first half, that ended in a 6-6 tie, the Cavaliers started to roll and scored four times. The Cavaliers gained 337 yards on the ground. The yardage was spread fairly even between four backs, Darrin Randall, Don Otis, Ricky Maddox, and Matt McBurney. The Cavaliers record is now 3-0.

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Bees nip Birmingham 3-0 on Tom Grimes field goal

By Dan Turner
Tribune Sports Editor

In a game highlighted by an awe inspiring five yard field goal, the Taft Bee's kept their non-league record perfect by skunking Birmingham 3-0. The Braves offense found the going rough inside the Taft 30, they never penetrated inside that point. The Taft offense held the opposition scoreless for the second time this year.

Defense Makes Big Play

The game's big play came in the third quarter with Taft leading by the margin of victor 3-0. Birmingham had started a drive on their own 10 yard line after Taft QB Charlie Young had the ball jarred loose to cut short a Taft march. The Brave's used 10 runs, 2 passes and 2 penalties to cover 62 yards.

On third down from the Taft 34 the Toreadors seemingly had Birmingham's Bob Esswien stopped for little yardage, but Esswien slipped loose for an extra 5 yards. This set up fourth and 18 inches to go for a first down.

Birmingham Bee coach Wayne Sink sent his bull back Ron Carr into the line in search of the 18 inches but defensive backs Jeff Fischer and Jon Mills teamed to crush the Brave at the line for no gain. Taft took over on downs.

Big Taft score

The only score of the game came in the second quarter. Taft rolled 57 yards to the 5 yardline where they stalled. Jon Mills carried 7 times in this drive as he raked up 27 yards. Mills rushed for 72 yards on the day as he deftly stepped through the gaping holes opened by Bill Babcock, Dave Gunn, Steve Lane, Jay Currin and Larry Levoff.

Tom Grimes kicked the winning score from the 5 after Taft had first and goal from the Birmingham 8. Three running plays picked up a mere 3 yards so coach Rolfe Rawl decided to go for the sure 3 points.

Birmingham Unsuccessful Again

Birmingham threatened the last time late in the fourth quarter. A 58 yard drive by the Braves was aided by numerous penalties but when the going got tough the tough

got going as the tenacious Taft defense shut the door.

Taft Threat in Third

Taft mounted a threat in the third quarter. They took the ball over at the Birmingham 50. Nine running plays yielded 40 yards.

But on second and 8 from the Birmingham 12 Charlie Young lost control of the ball when he was hit when he rolled out.

Jeff Fischer starred on both offense and defense as he picked off two passes, ran for 61 yards and caught one pass for 15 yards.

Cross Country: a sport and usually not a punishment

By Dave Rich
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One of the most exciting sport spectacles in America today is the cross-country run. Such meets or amateur contests are between individuals who represent high schools and colleges.

The origin of the cross-country goes far back into the history of man. In early times man had to run to protect himself from wild beasts. Later he regarded these activities as sports and means of showing off his physical prowess.

The first organized cross-country meets were the Olympian games of ancient Greece. These contests consisted of many different events, but, the cross-country run was always a great crowd pleaser.

The Romans adopted the Olympian games from the Greeks and continued to hold them every four years until A.D. 394. Cross-country meets died out from then, until about the 1800's when there was a great resurgence of interest in foot races in England. The first track meet held in the U.S.A took place in New York City.

In 1876 the Intercollegiate Association Of Amateur Athletes Of America (I.C.A.A.A.) was formed to govern Cross-country meets between eastern schools. In the same year the National Collegiate Athletic Association (N.C.A.A.) was also founded. This organization includes colleges in all sections of the country.

The modern Olympics were revived in 1896. Competition is controlled by the International Olym-

pic Committee.

Some of the great champions of our time are Glen Cunningham and Ben Eastman who were tops in their field' the 400 meter run.

Carrying the banner on for Taft are the Varsity team who ran past the Hueneme Viking to capture the win in Saturday's meet at Cal Lutheran College by a score of 29-47. Outstanding performances by Greg Brown who placed fourth

and Steve Bitterly who came in seventh sparked the Toreadors to victory.

J.V.'s displayed a fine performance by taking third behind a powerful Heuneme squad. Fine form was shown by Brad Turek finishing fourth and Wayne O'Byrne in thirteenth spot.

Tenth grade runners finished third with a superb effort turned in by Phelan and Simmons.

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