



Smiles come quickly when you're among friends and the Salvation Army, just one of more than 250 United Crusade funded agencies, provides a setting

where youngsters of all backgrounds have an opportunity to learn to live and play together. Photo courtesy of Jay Silverman, Reseda High.

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Mime performance on tap for Centurion assembly

Pantomimist Flip Reade will perform in the Centurion sponsored assembly Friday, November 9th in Taft Hall. Mr. Reade works completely alone, without any props or sets during his presentation. Performing in a different style than world famous mimist, Marcel Marceau, Mr. Reade is able to do many unusual pantomimes. Through complete body control he is able to convey emotions much more clearly to his audience.

Mr. Reade's appearance here will be more of a demonstration than a performance as he will show many different techniques and explain them as he performs. Also, there will be a question and answer period when he finishes.

This is not Mr. Reade's first appearance here at Taft. Four weeks ago he talked to the drama classes, explaining the art of mime and pantomime, and the differences between the two. Several senior steering committee members viewed this performance and decided it would be interesting to the rest of the student body.

Mr. Reade now teaches courses in pantomime and in gymnastics at Pierce College. He has also taught karate and judo, which help him keep in shape for his pantomimes. Mr. Reade has been practicing mime since he was fourteen and has studied seriously for seven years. A native of the Los Angeles area, he performs frequently in southern California.

As to upcoming senior class activities, following this assembly is senior week, November 12th to the 16th. During this time seniors are given recognition by the rest of the school. The senior steering committee has several new ideas in the planning stages, but doesn't want to reveal them until things are more definite.

One thing is planned already, a concert with Little Elmo on Wednesday, November 14th during lunch. Last year's senior week included activities like playing "Truth or Consequences", "Beat the Clock" and the ever popular sack races. This year promises to

be even more exciting with the Centurions turned loose on campus.

The seniors will top off the week with homecoming and the selection of the queen. All in all it promises to be one of the most interesting weeks of the school year.

Forecast indicates L.A. district deficit

A possible deficit of \$24 million to \$30 million has been forecast for the 1974-75 Los Angeles school district budget.

In a report to the City Board of Education last week, George McMullen, budget director for the school district, said requirements for the general purpose portion of the budget could range from \$735 million to \$741 million.

At the same time, McMullen pointed out that Senate Bill 90, the tax reform school finance measure, and its trailer legislation, Assembly Bill 1267, along with other general purpose revenue, will provide the district with \$711.8 million.

Commenting on the possible deficit, Superintendent of Schools William J. Johnson noted that "Senate Bill 90 is not the final answer to financing public school education in the state."

The anticipated base line budget for 1974-75 will come to just over \$689 million dollars. However, inflation factors, which are projected to range from six per cent to 6.8 per cent, could increase that figure by \$42 million to \$48 million.

Another five million dollars allocated for program expansion would bring the total general requirements as high as the \$741 million figure.

Taft participation urged in Crusade

This years' United Crusade campaign at Taft, takes place on the week of November 5 thru 9, and Crusade director Cathy Rogoway hopes that the money taken in will greatly surpass last year's total.

Cathy, who is the director of welfare on the Student Cabinet, remarks that it will take a total effort on the part of everyone in the school, to break last years total of \$3,713.15.

"I want the whole school to get involed in this drive," says Cathy. "It's a chance for everyone to show that they really care."

While there are only two fund raising drives a year at Taft, the United Crusade has become a fixture within the last few years, during the fall semester. "This," explains Cathy, "is because while our Spring drive only goes towards one particular organization, the United Crusade money is distributed to all worthy organizations."

During "Crusade Week", the money will be collected daily in all homerooms. The top five homerooms which collect the most amount of money, will be honorably cited and awarded prizes.

There will also be various activities slated through out the week, which will help to raise money. On Monday, November 5, short comedy films of W.C. Fields and the Marx Brothers will be shown in Taft Hall. Admission at the door will be only \$.10. Also included during the week will be bake sales in the upper lunch area and also the opportunity to buy dill pickles and Orange Julius.

Served during the week in the cafeteria will be different meals with international flavor. Cathy credits this idea to Mr. Robert St. John, of the math department. "I've really worked closely with him and he has given me a lot of ideas." Also in the planning

stage is a frozen banana stand, which will be sponsored by the senior class.

Cathy claims that if every student donates just \$1.00, her goal of topping last years total will be obtained. "You've got what it takes," says Cathy. "Give your share!"

Cabinet News

By Mari Schindler
Tribune Liaison

The Student Body budget should be a great concern to you, as a student of Taft High School, for it is your money which is being received and expanded. The question, which is inevitably asked by most students, pertains to where the Student Body funds go. Before we answer this question, we feel it is necessary to answer a question less frequently asked, how much money is taken in, and where does it come from.

The student body gains revenue from 15 different sources, (excluding athletics), and, when added together, gives an anticipated profit of \$17,910. To find out specifically where the money comes from, see the community bulletin board, in the lower lunch court, where the budget is posted. Athletics has an anticipated profit of \$19,300, and this year, it's receiving \$5,000 from the Board of Education.

The Student Body has an anticipated expense of \$17,716, excluding athletics. Athletics has an anticipated expense of \$24,915. For a breakdown of the expenditures for both athletics and the Student Body funds, see the community bulletin board.

Presently, the Student Body has \$6,000 in the treasury and \$5,000 in reserve. If you have any suggestions for the allocation of these funds, please see the Student Body Treasurer, Jeff Fried, any cabinet member, or drop a note in one of the suggestion lockers.

Due to Cabinet's decision, this years Creation Fair director will be chosen by the members of last years Creation Fair Committee and Mr. Rowen and Mrs. Krieger.

Student Cabinet will be visiting with the cabinet of Crenshaw High School to compare ideas and to discuss any problems either schools may have.

Cabinet has sent letters to high schools inviting them to visit with our Student Cabinet. By having discussions with different cabinets, communications will be a lot stronger and more new ideas will develop.

The Board of Education meets Mondays and Thursdays at 4:00. The location of these meetings is at 450 North Grand Ave. in Los Angeles. There has been a Board of Education Committee formed on Cabinet. The Board of Education recently bought their own television station (channel 58), which will include a student news show.

Homecoming elections will be held in the same procedure as Student Body elections were held. Elections will not take place in homerooms.

A voting record of all Student Cabinet members will be posted in the community bulletin board. This record will show the major motions brought up by Cabinet and how your representatives voted on certain motions.

Cabinet allotted up to \$10.00 for an Athletic Recognition Trophy.

Gil Barzeli, Taft graduate in 1971 was killed in action at the Golan Heights on October 14. He was 20. He came to the United States from Israel four years ago with his family. He was a close friend of Johnathan Freed, whom he met at Taft. Freed remarked that "Gily loved life. He was warm, friendly and honest; to know him was to be his friend. He was a devoted friend." After Gil's graduation in 1971, he attended Pierce Jr. College and also California State University at Northridge, until his return to Israel in 1972. He loved Israel; he left the U.S. to volunteer for the Army. Gil had an interest in aviation and wanted to be a paratrooper, but after a ski accident which resulted in a knee injury, he joined a dangerous ground unit, Sayeret Shiryon. In his last letter to the Freeds, he said "I know it's dangerous, but it's what I have to do." Gil is survived by his father, Mordechai, his mother, Shoshana and his sister, Ruthie. His many friends are saddened by the news, and the Tribune extends it's deepest sympathy to his family.

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UFOs fact or fiction; Is anybody up there?

Reports from Mississippi tell of two shipyard workers, who have seen three reddish creatures with wrinkled skin and clawlike hands. They were escorted by these humanoids into a UFO, where they were examined and then released.

Sounds like something from a science fiction novel? Well, unless newspapers have started to use fiction for their news this really happened.

The Mississippi area has been the victim of a rash of UFO reports these past few weeks. The reports have been so numerous and unusual, that the people are near hysterics. With this unexpected opportunity, pranksters have gone out dressed as martians scaring little towns, and sending up balloons which raised havoc around the countryside. Yet, with all these pranks, they are still the unexplained UFOs which have been seen. Just what are these blue and green flashing things in the sky?

Long History

UFOs have been with man since the beginning of recorded history and probably long before that. In many cultures around the world, one will find references to flying

objects.

In India for example, the Book of Dzya, a chronicle of their nation's history, tells of beings that came to Earth in metal ships. After having ruled for many years these beings left, tired of the trouble, and went "Home". There is the possibility that this could have been an attempt by beings from outer space to colonize Earth.

In Europe during the 13th century, monks wrote about fiery discs hovering above their monastery for long periods of time.

As you can see, from these two stories, UFOs haven't changed. They're still metal, sometimes seem fiery and are often hovering for long periods of time.

Air Force Study

In 1967, the Air Force ended a 21 year study of 12,097 sightings. They concluded that for the most part, there's no concrete evidence proving the existence of UFOs.

Scientists can relate 90% of all UFO sightings to planes, satellites, balloons, various natural phenomena (meteors etc.), and pranks. In the recent rash of UFOs, some of the incidents have been related to the reflections of a distorted Mars. How does one explain the three creatures in the introduction and the remaining 10% of sightings that have't been explained?

During the night of August 13, 1952, 68 UFO's were sighted roaming the skies over Washington DC. For several minutes they hovered over the Capital building and then

disappeared. To this day the incident has never been explained.

In Russia, radio stations have received signals from space that have never been heard of or used on earth. The scientists have thought of natural causes but still the possibility of other worlds hasn't been entirely ruled out.

Short Humanoids

Similarity is probably the strongest evidence in favor of UFOs. It's interesting to note, that within a few years of each other, reports came in from the US, Europe, South America, and Australia relating meetings with little men from outer space. All accounts agreed that these humanoids were no taller than three and a half feet tall, they wore shiny metal suits and had hairy claw-like hands. You may quickly point out that after hearing just one report, the sightings that followed used it to enliven their own stories. This may be true, but what about the Aborigines in Australia who had little or no contact with the outside world? Where could they have gotten that description unless they really had seen something?

Now the next time you see a UFO, there is the possibility of thinking and doing two things: 1. You might just think it's a meteor and go on about your business or 2. you just might be seeing a UFO. In that case all that can be recommended is to find a safe place under your bed, and stay there until the thing is gone.

Public voice proves powerful

Last week, after five months of court battle, President Richard Nixon decided to hand over the presidential tapes to District Court Judge John Sirica. If Mr. Nixon could have avoided this move, he most assuredly would have done so. Once again, the pressure of public opinion has determined the Presidents actions.

By firing special Watergate prosecutor, Archibald Cox, Mr. Nixon had a nationwide sentiment against his handling of the Watergate affairs. Congressional leaders were inundated with mail, demanding the Presidents resignation or impeachment. The public opinion was vehement, and the White House was completely taken off guard.

Without the public's voice, it is also probable that the Watergate Tapes would still be in the possession of Mr. Nixon, never to be revealed to the millions of wondering Americans.

However, when the American citizens from coast to coast united in a cry for reason and fairness from Mr. Nixon, he could do nothing but back down and release his tapes.

This recent occurrence should portray to the public, that their opinion is valuable and does mold national policy. A nation without the voice of public opinion is a worthless nation. That's why we are disgusted to hear that approximately 40% of the eligible American voters do not show up at the polls on voting day. This mass of apathy is appalling and is a show of ignorance in the American system.

The Archibald Cox - Watergate incident is a clear indication that the executive branch of government is not on its own. It can only do what the American people allow, so long as the American people are willing to speak out and be heard.

Melee not necessary in Taft Halls

Whoever said that the days of the great cattle drives are over has obviously never witnessed the daily melee at Taft. The seem-

ingly endless hordes of people attempting to squeeze through a rat's maze of halls and corridors here have an uncanny resemblance to a

drove of cattle headed for the stock yards. You almost expect to see John Wayne, with his lariat and branding irons, riding herd.

This school is so overcrowded that it is impossible to even exhale without bumping into somebody. Taft may gain notoriety not only from its high academic standards, but also from the high number of claustrophobics it sends to the headshrinker's couch.

With a little imagination, the excruciating process of getting from one class to another could be made into a game, titled "Passing Period Peril," or "Hallway Havoc." Approximately 600 players are crammed into a corridor only ten feet wide. The object is to get through the passageway and reach class in seven minutes without being elbowed in the mouth, kneed in the stomach, knocked unconscious, or trampled to death while picking up all the papers that fell out of your notebook. The winners (survivors?) are those who reach their classes within the time limit, and with the same amount of clothing, hair, and skin that they started with.



The Taft Cattle Drive

He Glides Thru Air With Help of Breeze

by Woody Kalmenson

Since the dawn of time, man has dreamed of flying under his own power.

The realization of these dreams have finally arrived. With the blossoming of American's newest and fastest growing sport, Hang gliding thousands of Americans are experiencing the miracle of flight, in its purest form.

In order to hang glide, the aviator must have a kite or hang glider. One can obtain a glider through the purchase of a kit, plans, or as in most cases a ready made kite. Once the prospective hang-glider has a kite, he needs a hill or if you're experienced with guts, a cliff with a brisk wind. With these elements one can fly.

I became interested in hang-gliding during the summer. Pursuing my interest, I discovered the Southern Calif. Hanggliding Assoc. Immediately I applied for membership, I recieved a flashy I.D. card and a year subscription of their official publication, 'Ground Skimmer'. Also I attended the Association meeting in September, where films of the worlds best known gliders were making spectacular flights on their kites, for over eight hours at a time.

At the meeting, I investigated the various makes of kites displayed and I decided to buy the only portable glider in existence. The cost of a ready made kite ranges between 400-700 dollars. It is called the Rogallo Type Kite which when assembled looks much like a flying boys kite but much larger. This type is the most popular; however

Biplane and Monoplane ultra lights are popular also.

With the purchase of a glider you'll recieve free limited instructions. Finally, the day arrived when I was to fly. After assembling the bird, I stood perched atop a fairly steep 35 foot ridge, overlooking the white sand extending into the blue Pacific. Suddenly the wind inflated my blue and red 208 sq. foot dacron sail. One-two-three steps, I was air born. Supported by the wind, I remained aloft for about ten seconds. Suddenly, I pushed forward on my triangular control bar and the kite rose and then gently parachuted to the ground. I only got about eight feet from the ground. But I found a new love - Hang-gliding. From then on it was all down hill (catch that pun)

There are many areas to glide. For example off of Imperial Highway at the beach, one can see numerous kites in action. Also nearby Sylmar is a popular flying area.

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Families hit by high prices

By Wendie Fischer

Among the countless number of people who have grown up during the forties, many have given us the stories about how 'it used to' cost a dime to the Saturday matinee and a nickel to buy their favorite double scoop cone at the ice cream parlor.

There storytellers may or may not be stretching the truth, but no matter how you look at it, the cost of living, from snacks to homes has been immensely sky-rocketing. In, just last August, says the Chief of the Southern California Office of the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, consumer prices have risen 1.4 per cent.

"Monthly Increase" Raise

The "over-the-month increase" pushed all items up 6.6 per cent; in other words, what used to cost us a dollar in 1966 now cost us \$1.31. "So what", a lot of us may ask. Well, by putting the increase in other situations, we can see that

there is a difference; every ten dollars' purchase in 1967 now costs \$13.10, as for every one hundred dollar purchase in 1967, we pay \$131! It can be plainly observed that purchasing products are deducting slightly more than pennies from our trusty piggy banks.

All items in general have boosted in price during August for all chief 'categories of family spending' not counting transportation costs, which have decreased during the month.

Highest Margin Since 1951

The most substantial annual increment in the Los Angeles margin since December 1951 when it was also at this level, was from August 1972 and August 1973 when a six percent increase occurred. The monthly "step-up" was the top-most since the 1.4% climb in September of 1970. Consumer prices have ascended 5.2% from January 1973 to September 1973, as compared with increases of 2.2% and 2.3% in 1971 and 1972.

Food Costs on the UP

In the mood to spurge? The prices of food have jumped 4.3% in August, and were 17.1% above last year's level. This was the most ample annual gain in local food costs since June of 1947 when expenses averaged 25.0% above their June 1946 levels. In August prices of food bought for home meals went up 5.6% to a level that was 19.8% higher than last year's levels. Meals and snacks, eaten out, went up 5% during the month and up 9.3% above August of 1972 levels.

The cost of clothing, jewelry and other apparel items are only 8% higher since last August and 3.8% above last year's, so we might treat ourselves to a new outfit before the prices are really unreasonable. A .29% rise in August and a 3.8% rise since 1972 are the increase on health and recreational items. Reading and recreation expenses remained basically the same, while other materials and services rose .2% reflecting higher prices for beer at, and away from home.

Housing Costs Rising

Significantly higher mortgage

interse rates and other costs associated with home investments were mainly responsible for a 1.2 per cent jump in cost of housing during August. The "over the month increase", the highest since May 1971 brought housing costs to a level 3.7 per cent above that, record last year. Home ownership prices increased 2.2 per cent during August while utilities and fuel rose, a meager .2 per cent.

Decreasing costs for using cars and tires resulted to a .5 per cent drop in local transportation which were observed 5.1 per cent above last year's levels. Public Transit fee remained the same during the month.

After reading this simplified review on the increase in prices at the present time, many of us can agree that there isn't much we can do about it. What we must realize, is that most prices, while they are increasing, are going about it in relation to everything else.

Waste of Money

To make our money stretch, most of us can eliminate needless items from our budgets, such as extra

food (which will reduce the pot belly while increasing the money pot), consider second thoughts about buying fad-type articles which will be of no use months from now and by planning carpools and walking whenever possible to cut the cost of car upkeep.

As the largest group of consumers in the United States, students contribute to the economy of the country and the amount of time and money they, as a group put in deserves some kind of recognition. It is plain to see that because they are students, the price raise hits them closer to home, with home improvement ideas for their dull and dreary little dorm rooms or their hole-in-the-wall apartments; with the cost of books and supplies for school and transportation costs, whatever they are.

Students are in for a hip-pocket pain, even more of one than they have seen recently, for as the morale of the country goes down, the prices go up, and finally students feel pain. It could only happen in America—so when else did a pair of tennis shoes (good ol' P.E. Gliders) cost \$20?

Tracy Mac Donald

Tales of the Great Pumpkin

In all the years of my somewhat dreary existence in Woodland Hills, there has never been a more exciting event in my latest phase of adolescence than this year's Pumpkin Festival. Each year, the little old western town of Calabasas, sports the Pumpkin Festival; Calabasas is the ideal memory of what the San Fernando Valley area was like, before the idea of progress came through in the form of a lightbulb named Ford.

I suppose that the reason of my complete enjoyment is because I'm a little older and a little more aware of the way I want to have fun. Last year and the year before, I found the Festival a bore, there was nothing there for me, and I didn't miss out because, for me, there was no reason to. This year, I received letters from a variety of people notifying me of the dates and also what would be in store for the always-monsterous crowd. For some reason, the idea of the Festival seemed brighter this year than last and I really didn't even mind the thought of going. A group of friends decided that it might be fun to go if we all got together and came in attire of the "hippie" clientele of craftsmen and buyers that flooded the small roads of Calabasas every Festival season.

By the end of the Festival's existence, I had gone every day, and every day had been fantastic. There was always a group there to entertain until the next group arrived, and the craftsmen eagerly awaited the arrival of a prosperous young man or woman to come and do cartwheels over their wares. It usually didn't occur, but they had a good time anyway. I discovered that for a total party atmosphere, there is no better place to go than to the Pumpkin Festival. The people are in line for miles, already enjoying the beer and wine made available to them by the various stands from which their friends would come and quench their thirst and their anticipation of the "over 21" excitement of the fair.

In comparison to the Renaissance Faire, the Festival has many of its own qualities, which set it apart from all the other gatherings that take place throughout the year in any other part of the state. The prices of admission and food are slowly rising to Faire potential, but still remain reasonable for one to go each day and not be at a loss of funds. It has come to my attention, however that this, was the last year of the Calabasas Festival. It seems as if, a new lightbulb is on its way through, and a road is to be in the place of the once famous Calabasas, and the Festival will come to an end.

There probably is an alternative to this, but soon, I am sure, it will be taken care of. The alternative is, that we, in fact must discover a new sight for the Festival, for the idea is not dead. I am in agreement with the many faces who exhibit sadness for the death of the Festival, as it is a sigh of something lost. At the Festival, everyone is friendly, the craftsmen, the buyers and the people who are just there to party and look around. In the society we live in, this is a dying idea, friendliness seems to be going down the tubes, but at Festival time, there seems to be a new light spread over the area and no longer is there any fear of saying "hi" to a complete stranger. While I was there, I happened to notice a friend of mine, who is very much down on the Police force. We happened to stop and talk for awhile and then walked into the Festival. On the way a policeman passed us by and happened to glance our way, and as I casually looked over at him my friend said "Good morning, officer." Amazing. It brought back my faith in the human race, and in the idea of the Festival.

Does the Taft Tribune deserve to be thrown on the ground? Think about it. Don't litter.

Taft Ecology Club (TECO)



The Aboriginal Studies Tour of the Emerson Gallery in Tarzana, was a complete success as far as the students who were involved were concerned. Mr.

Errol Jacobs was the catalyst of this trip and regarded it as a highly influential experience.

Photo by Rosenblatt

Field trip helps students study Aboriginal cultures

Tuesday, October 15th proved to be an exciting day for Taft's Primitive Art and Mythology class taught by Mr. Errol Jacobs and Mrs. Midge Read.

The ancient tribal music of aborigine Australia droned in the background as the students strolled from artifact to artifact. At the Emerson Gallery in Tarzana. What they were exclaiming over with delight and awe was the Aboriginal Art of Australia and Primitive Art of New Guinea Show. The exhibit is just a small portion of Mr. Jerome Goulds collection that he has spent many years gathering.

After being given a chance to study some of the objects, the students were invited to watch a ten minute film of the aborigine artist, Yirrkalla. The film showed him in his surroundings at work creating the bark paintings he and

his ancestors have become famous for. It described the importance of art in these people's lives-how they have used it as a form of communication a record of their and their daily life.

At the conclusion of the film Mr. LaCom, director of the gallery answered the group's questions about the artifacts on display. During the conversation it was sadly pointed out that the missionaries have had a drastic effect on the aborigine work. The tribal ceremonies and legends are being forgotten in favor of depicting their everyday life.

The Emerson Gallery was the first of several field trips planned this semester for the class. Among those tentatively planned are trips to the Museum of Natural History, the Otis Art Institution, the Southwest Museum and to UCLA to

view an exhibit of primitive art.

Mr. Jacobs and Mrs. Read both hope that the students will enjoy the class while learning about themselves and their own cultures. The course will give the students the opportunity to learn about religious beliefs and ceremonies myths, the variety of tribes in this world, and to be able to use the different "primitive" art mediums that exist.

The class is relaxed but the students are expected to work. It's not as rigid as a regular academic course but more geared to the spontaneity of discussion and the urge to discover on one's own.

During the semester they will be working with batik, weaving, sculpture, and maybe trying their hand at bark paintings, using materials similar to those used by the Aborigine artists.

ECR topples Toreadors 39-33 on last minute interception

By Dave Hinkel
Tribune Staff Writer

Oh well. It was just another one of those games that have become far too common this year. The Taft Varsity football team took the field against arch-rival El Camino last Friday night at Chatsworth, in what was billed as a "do or die" effort for the Toreadors. They came into the game with a record of 2-2 but 0-1 in league play, having lost a heart breaker to Chatsworth the week before. As a result, Taft was sky-high as they entered into the clash with Camino, and for a while they appeared to have turned the trend around.

Early in the first period Dave Jackson opened the scoring for Taft as he shot into the line on a quarterback keeper and sprinted 68 yards for a touchdown. Tony Fernandes' extra point gave the Toreadors an early 7-0 lead. The defensive play of Jeff Domine set

up that score as his fumble recovery was the key. However, Jeff injured his ankle on Taft's next series, a loss that would prove to be costly as the game progressed.

Taft got possession deep in their own territory, but they weren't there for long. On third down from his own 38, Jackson spotted tight end Lou Demmerle who was wide open in the Camino secondary and threw to him for a 62-yard tally. Fernandes hit the PAT again and Taft led 14-0.

The second quarter brought on more fireworks, as Jackson capped off a drive with a 5-yard touchdown which, coupled with Fernandes' point after, gave the Toreadors a seemingly commanding 21 point lead. But something went wrong. After getting the ball back again, the Toreadors drove to within Camino's 30-yard line when a series of mistakes stalled the drive. Later, this would prove to be the turning point of the

entire contest. The Conquistadors proceeded to break a long scoring pass that was called back on a penalty, but then managed to score in the following two plays, capping it off with a 42-yard pass from QB Jeff Duva to halfback Marty Bell. Later in the period some more long El Camino running plays set up a 13-yard pass from Duva to Mark Carvaretta that pulled them to within nine points at half-time, 21-12.

El Camino drew even closer at the outset of the second half when Bell, who gained 92 yards for the evening, scored for the second time on a 30-yard run. The Conquistadors went ahead for the first time on their next possession, by way of a 36-yard run by Duva. ECR's first conversion of the night made it 25-21.

Taft then stopped Camino's scoring streak which had reached four, as they pulled off a score of their own. Jackson collaborated

with Lindon Crow on a 62-yard scoring bomb. Jackson and Crow were tied as Taft's leading ground gainers for the night, each piling up 79 yards, and Crow was named as M.V.P. of the game by Taft's coaches. The score was back in Taft's favor, 27-25. But not for long.

Duva, who passed for 214 yards, went back to the air, hitting Mike Gray for a 53-yard touchdown. El Camino's fifth score in two quarters ran the total to 32-27 as the final stanza began.

The fourth quarter became a defensive one, strangely silent as compared to the first three. The Toreadors broke the silence midway through the period when they drove to El Camino's one. Marc Honsberger bulled into the end zone from there. The PAT missed, but Taft had the lead back at 33-32. With over six minutes left, the Toreador defense came to the task of protecting that precious one point, by way of Kelly Paris' clutch interception giving the ball back to the offense with just less than two minutes to go.

Unfortunately, the Toreadors couldn't move the ball. On third down deep in their own territory, Taft seemed content to set up a fourth down punt, and stick it out for the final minute. The call was a fairly safe screen pass, but it turned into disaster. Under a heavy rush, Jackson tossed a soft lob that was picked off by Camino's Ron Klamecki, who returned it to Taft's six. On third and goal with 43 seconds left, Duva followed his center in for the clincher, and El Camino had prevailed, 39-33.

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WVL grid action Chats over Cleve CP downs Reseda

by Steve Lane
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Last week in the West Valley League, both Chatsworth and Canoga registered wins.

Chatsworth, unbeaten in league play, beat a tough Cleveland team 17-14. Mark Reed, whose toe beat Taft by the identical score, was again the hero of the game as he accounted for 11 of the 17 points. Reed scored a touchdown, field-goal and 2 conversions. Chatsworth led 17-0 at half, but then had to hang on for the win. Chatsworth is now 2 and 0 while Cleveland is 1 and 1.

Canoga scored twice in the closing minutes to break a 13-13 tie with Reseda. The hapless Regents would have been blown out of the stadium except for the 2 kickoff returns for 83 and 84 yards. In league play Canoga Park is now 1 and 1 while the lowly Regents haven't looked good and they are 0 and 2.

ECR hands B's first loss 19-13 Late Taft surge 4 yards short

By Dan Turner
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One thing coach Rolfe Raul really wanted was to beat El Camino. The B's were unable to grant him that wish although, as they went down to defeat at the hands of the Conquistadors 19-13. Last Friday at Chatsworth.

The defense, which prior to this game held the opposition to a mere 8 points, was shredded by the powerful ECR ground game. The two Camino backs, Joe Siracusa and Rusty Cook, combined for close to 180 yards rushing.

Taft gets early break

After their first possession failed to gain a first down, ECR was forced to punt. But the Taft rush was too tremendous as the punter was trapped for a 9 yard loss.

This gave Taft the ball first and goal from the ECR 7. On the first two plays Jeff Fisher gained only 1 yard. On third down a pitch to Jon Mills was bad and he was thrown for a 10 yard loss. In came Tom Grimes who easily booted a 16 yarder to give Taft an early lead at 3-0.

After a towering 11 yard ECR punt, Taft took control at their own 45. The run was not clicking so Charlie Young went to the air. First to John Allen, playing in the place of Gary Kishimoto, who did not start. The pass picked up 13 yards. After another fruitless run, Young tossed a 21 yard strike to John Yaldezian. This gave Taft a 10-0 lead at the ECR 20.

Three running plays came up short by inches. On fourth down

Young snuck for the necessary yardage to keep the drive alive. A pass and 2 runs picked up only 3 yards so Taft was faced with yet another fourth down situation. This time Grimes came on to add an additional 3 points.

ECR begins surge

This is where the ECR backs began their show. The Conquistadors rambled 72 yards in 10 runs for the score. Brad Cicotti added the extra-point to put ECR in the lead for good 7-6.

The Toreadors recieved the second half kickoff, but there, they had a 36 yard drive cut short when Young's pass was picked off by middle line backer Frank Benelli, who straight armed his way to the Taft 3, before Jay Currin ground him into the turf. From there Cook burst for another 6 points to make the score 13-6.

Another turn over later in the quarter sealed the Toreadors fate. On a first down play from their own 20, Taft fumbled and ECR covered the ball.

The Conquistadors ground the 20 yards in seven plays. Siracusa scored on a five yard run and Taft found themselves at the short end of a 19-6 score.

Toreadors rally

In the fourth quarter, Taft began to roll. Starting from their own 46, the Toreadors put on a touchdown drive of their own. In 11 plays, they narrowed the margin to 19-13. The key play of the drive was a 21 yard pass to Yaldezian on third and 20 play.

But when the chips were down the defense was unable to stop the crunching ECR backs, Cook and Siracusa. The two alternated to grind down the clock before Jon Mills pulled the ball loose from Cook at the Taft 22.

With his last chance with the ball, Young went to the air and very nearly pulled the game out of the fire. Passes to Kishimoto, Fisher, Yaldezian and a run by Young put the ball at the ECR 12 but a fourth down pass failed to click andwell that's all she wrote.

CC excellent in WVL opener Taft sweeps Chatsworth

By Dave Rich
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Varsity, J. V., and 10th grade Cross Country teams all started off the 1973 season with victorious decisions over the flat footed Chancellors of Chatsworth.

Varsity made their 73 debut, by just edging over the Chancellors 24 to 31.

At the start of the race, all Taft runners seemed to be in shape, by staying in the front of the pack. Half way through the second switch back, the pack started to thin out, and by the time Hernia Hill had to be climbed, there was only one representative from each school trying to make a bid for first place.

Greg Brown was struggling to keep up with Chatsworth's Don Hoppe. Coming down Hernia Hill, Greg pulled out in front and never looked back. Hoppe made a futile attempt but Brown was out to stay.

Three Toreadors finished in the top three spots. They were: Greg Brown winning with a time of 10:28, Mark Morden finishing third with a time of 10:37, Steve Bitterly eight clocking a time at 10:38.

The J.V. team had a fine outing blasting their rivals 20 to 37. It looks as though the J.V. team is for real this year, having rolled up four consecutive wins.

After crossing the finish line in first place Rick Weiner, with a time of 11:13, was flanked by running mates Brad Turek, who placed second with the time of 11:23. Taking third, stopping to tie both of his shoes, was Ben Hunnicutt clocking in at 11:25.

The 10th grade had no trouble

disposing of their foe and when what little dust there was cleared, the Toreadors found themselves on the skinny but winning end. The final score was 19 to 37. Llew

Phelan, John Simenz, and Tod Faris all ran well in the onslaught. Phelan, has really come on strong by placing first in his last three races.



Ram runningback Jim Bertelson, one of the NFL's top runners, will try to lead the Rams back to their winning style against the Falcons Sunday. Photo courtesy of LA Rams

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