



So long cheerleaders of 1973; Thanks alot to our friends Linda, Jona, Nancy, Val, Bonnie, Lisa, Carrie, Lori, Kelly and Laurie Photo by Tribune

All good things do end sometime

By Bob Woodlock
Tribune Editor

Have you ever wondered why Taft does so well in sports? Sure, most of our success comes from the players and runners, but, a lot has to do with spirit. And the majority of Taft's spirit comes from our cheerleaders. Without them, the football fans wouldn't know when to start cheering, the cross country spectators wouldn't have anyone to watch or listen to while the runners are on the other side of the hills, and the soccer team owes a great deal of their support to them.

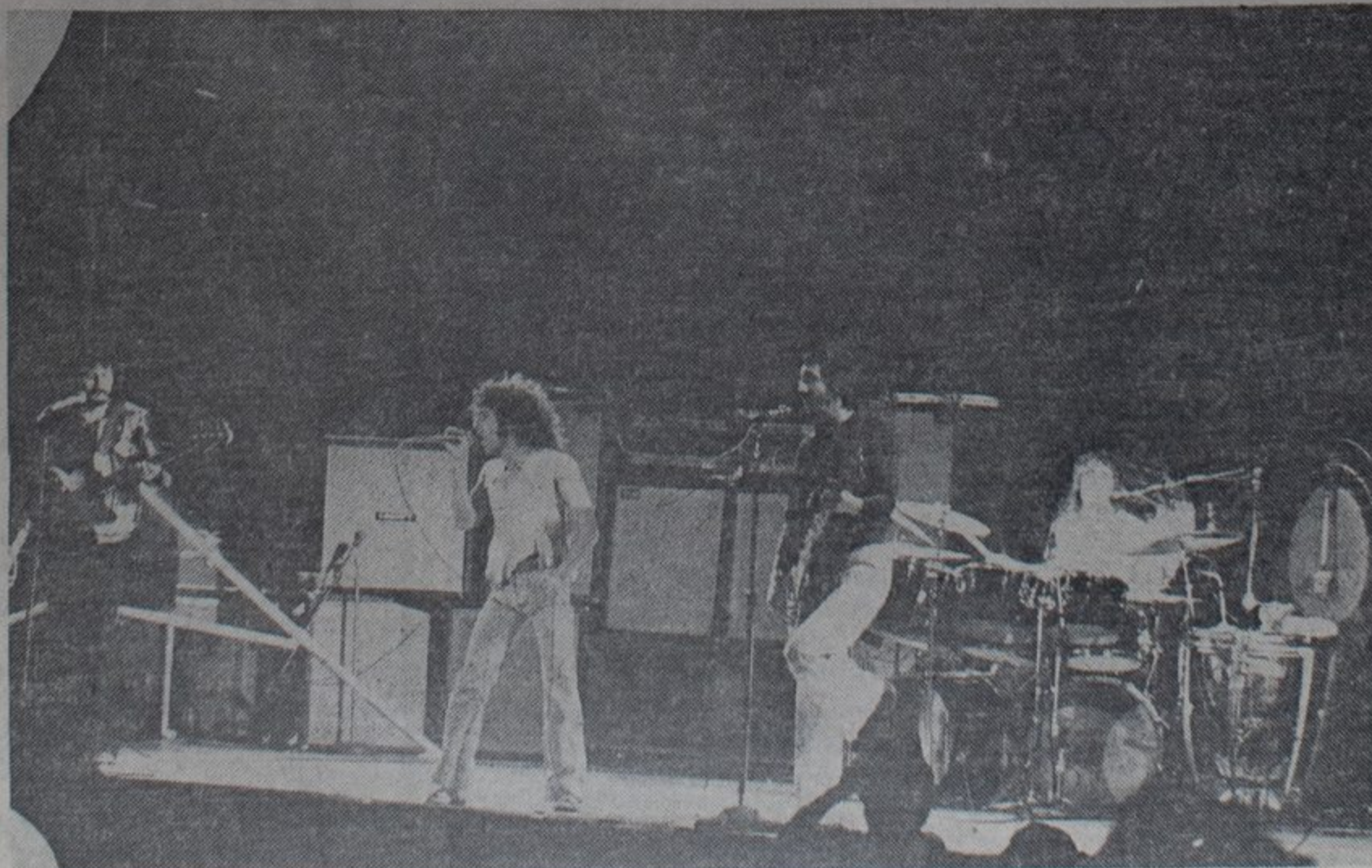
This year's squad consisted of ten very hard working girls. They are Valerie Bennett, Lisa Colgin, Lori Crawley, Laurie Dunlap, Bonnie Grossblatt, Jona Kretzu, Nancy Maltin, Linda Neff, Cari Saffell, and Kelly Snyder. Kelly was elected this year's homecoming queen. Since tryouts for the spring semester were held last Tuesday, the girls will soon be replaced.

All the girls have enjoyed every minute of cheering, and are sorry it has to end so soon. They found that there were many advantages by being a cheerleader, such as meeting and making new friends, getting involved with all the teams, and promoting school spirit. Most of all it gave them something to look forward to, instead of the everyday boredom. But they did find that there were some disadvantages. Before even starting cheerleading, each of them had to pay a large sum of money for uniforms and accessories, and giving up a lot of their summer by working and practicing 2 hours a night, three nights a week on their cheers. Still, the advantages far overcame the disadvantages, by giving the girl the strong and personal fulfillment she wanted.

The girls have had many unusual experiences they

will probably never forget. Like losing a skirt and having to wear last year's model, afraid to enter a varsity football player's room at four o'clock in the morning, when she had to kidnap him for the Varsity Breakfast, being embarrassed for forgetting to wear those little red trunks, and when she goes up the stairs.

Besides leading the school in spirit, the cheerleaders gave a lot more to the teams than just their time, such as giant cakes congratulating the B football team for their success, fish cookies to the Varsity football players, and staying up all night to bake cup cakes for the Cross country teams.



The Who Concert was one of this year's most impressive. With the artistry of their performers, the concert came off as "completely, the greatest concert ever". The L.A. concert sported Peter Moon

who was abruptly stricken with illness in San Francisco and was replaced by a new and exciting young drummer.

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Music department presents 'Glori'-ous holiday program

This year's annual "Holiday Program", three productions performed by the Music Department, is scheduled for December 13 and 14 in Taft Hall. The only night performance will begin at 8 o'clock in the evening on the 13th of December, while two performances are also offered during lunch periods December 13 and 14, beginning promptly at 12:30.

The agenda entails a joint effort on the parts of both Vocal (under the direction of Chairman, Mr. George Turner) and Instrumental

(director, Mr. Kenneth Kamp) divisions. Together, Choir and Orchestra will present the complete text of Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria", better known as "Gloria in excelsis". This text contains twelve different selections, accompanied by and linked together with orchestration.

Four of these selections are written as solos or duets. The first of these "Laudamus te", is a duet to be performed by either Buff Jones and Sue Hedrick, or Kim Burton and Kris Lofdhall. Selection number 6, "Domine Deus", will be sung

by Loretta Abdun-nur or Beth Surdin. Selection number 8, "Domine Deus, Agnus Dei", is to be sung by Peggy Hester or Lora Freed. And finally, selection number 10, performed by Dave Michaelson or Betty Kaufman is titled, "Qui sedes ad dexteram".

Ensemble will sing four selections, among them a French carol, a religious piece entitled "Hodie Christus Natus Est", and an original arrangement of "Deck the Halls", by Hugo Cole. Katherine Howell accompanies on the piano.

Chorus, too, is included in the program. The presentation will reveal more traditional pieces, such as "Hannukah Holiday", and an arrangement of "Jingle Bells", by Ray Charles. The third number, "A Carol", includes both flute and piano accompaniments. These, by Larry Kaplan on flute and Vince Ham on piano, who also accompanies the Chorus.

In keeping with the Holiday Spirit, no entrance fee is required at any of the performances.

Cabinet News

Cabinet assembly staged; Club merger now unlikely

A Student Cabinet Information Assembly was recently held in the Oral Arts room, where Student Body President Dennis Mitchell spoke with concerned students about the goals for this year's Student Cabinet. He also talked about the citywide Student Affair Council and what it's doing. Mitchell asked what the students' views were on the possibility of the present UC requirements being changed. The assembly was very informative, and the students who attended greatly benefited from it.

Student Cabinet early in the semester made a recommendation to the administration suggesting

that all Service Clubs merge into one, with the exception of the Key Club. However, a letter was sent to cabinet to leave the service clubs as they stand, instead of merging them.

Sue Olshansky, the sophomore president, moved to change the existing By Laws so that tenth graders can try out to be cheerleaders or yell leaders in the spring semester of their tenth grade year. The motion was discussed by Cabinet members and was decided the Cabinet should not vote on the matter until an Open Cabinet meeting was held so that the students could have a chance to voice their opinions about the matter.

Open Cabinet meetings are one of the best ways for students to voice an opinion. Hearing many different views on a subject could possibly change one's opinion, someone who previously might have been unsure how to vote.

Cabinet members will soon be visiting the different homerooms in hopes that students can give them some suggestions. If students have questions regarding Cabinet, this will be an excellent time to get the answers. Students' opinions are not worthless.

Winning more prizes at the Fall Drama Festival recently than any of the seventy-nine other competing schools, Taft's renowned play production class has now concentrated all of their efforts towards their upcoming musical comedy version of "Once Upon a Mattress", to be performed in early January. This semester play production will give two performances after school for the benefit of those people who are unable to attend one of the four night shows.

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Watergate- a civil war?

Daniel Webster gave us the idea of our United States as an entity, a living thing, never to be dissolved. From 1830 to 1850 he spoke for "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable." He confronted a nation aligned North against South, torn by slave states against free states, talking of secession. In the nation, he alone spoke for the preservation of the Union. During the fifteen years before the Civil War, his words were embedded in the fiber of the country and in the mind of young Abraham Lincoln who took up the cause.

Watergate scandals today are causing another break in the Union. The branches of government are acting as North against South, pitting the strength of Congress against the executive, and losing the faith of the public to be governed by either branch. Watergate symbolizes all that is currently wrong in government and in society.

A recent Gallup poll uncovered a deep pessimism among Americans regarding the future. Confidence in the way the nation is governed has dropped 11% in the latest survey. 67% of those polled cite Watergate as the major factor in reducing confidence in the federal government.

The mud of Watergate seeps further into democratic processes. Another survey showed that two people out of three believe there are congressmen who won elections by using "unethical and illegal methods in their campaigns."

Daniel Webster, lived through schisms rendering our union in sectional division. But he was not pessimistic. He did not allow our country's ills to stagnate in the waters of helplessness. He emblazoned in our consciousness the idea of Federal Government: 'the people's government, made by the people, answerable to the people.'

Daniel Webster foresaw that our institutions, under the Union are sound. Our Union can exist while our leaders fall-as Agnew did. Our Union is still a living entity that can change electoral campaign processes. Our Union can hold congressional hearings and enact laws to correct campaign abuses. Our Union can respond to what is needed to move forward.

Daniel Webster looked beyond his time. And he was right.

STATE WASTING GAS

Millions of gallons of gasoline could be saved every year simply by having the state and federal agencies on a reorder basis obtain smaller vehicles.

With the talk of gasoline rationing and the banning of driving on Sundays now going on, why is the Dodge Polara still used by most police departments in the country? It only yields 8.3 miles per gallon which is approximately 735 gallons of gas a year, while a small car such as a Fiat will give twenty to thirty miles per gallon or less than four hundred gallons of gasoline a year.

On a local level, pertaining to the School District's driver training program, would be the elimination of the Oldsmobile Cutlass and Plymouth Fury III's which give between 7 and 9 miles per gallon. Not only would these small cars be less thirsty with gasoline, but they also cause less air pollution, require repairs and are easier for the student to handle and park. Many of these economy cars seat the same number of people as the oversized cars which are being used at the present.

So before the federal government issues any regulations on the usage of gasoline, they should make the change over to small cars and/or use more motorcycles which give even greater mileage. In Europe, the police drive Fiats, and believe it or not, in Onnisberg, Germany, most of the police cars are Volkswagens,

New theory says weather may affect people's mood

Have you ever noticed that on a dark and dreary day, you feel dark and dreary (unhappy with your disposition, so to speak)? How about when it's bright and sunny, brimming with everlasting life; are you, too?

It is known that Biometeorology, the science of weather and health, is significant in all our lives. From substantial observations, results reveal that crime and discipline problems increase as temperature and humidity levels rise.

The average person's mental capacity isn't reached when there is a large quantity of moisture in the air; as a result, he tends to become easily frustrated or sluggish. But as the storm front passes, all will fall back into place.

Based upon scientific studies, the mind is more productive when the air reaches 65 degrees, so students should bear in mind when working out class schedules that during the fall and winter months the more laborious classes should be tackled, while those that are more leisurely might be reserved for the spring semesters.

Person murdering Taft wildlife

In our modern day society, scientists say that man is the most intelligent of all the animals. This is true, but there are still many cruel, ignorant and down right sick people, and one of them is here in Woodland Hills. Since last summer, Taft High's agriculture department has been losing animals, mostly rabbits and chickens. These innocent creatures have been shot, hung, or beaten to death by a person who comes in at night and commits these murders.

Since last summer 45 rabbits and chickens have been brutally killed. This "person" comes in the agriculture area, opens cages, lets the animals out and shoots them like moving targets. The agriculture department now has no rabbits left. Chickens are becoming scarce also, but there are a few left due to Taft High security and the L.A. Police helicopters and patrol cars.

Why does a human kill helpless animals? We know this "person" is sick; and if this "person" kills animals for kicks and thinks it's funny, he's got a sick idea of what fun is. As of now, neither Mr. Hill, head of the agriculture department or the L. A. Police department have any idea who this "person" is. The police have now taken security measures, and insure that if the "killer" strikes again they will get him. We hope so for the sake of the animals.

Even as the most intelligent animal on earth, man still has his mutations, and this "person" who is killing these animals is a real discredit to the human race.

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Unusually enough, those with high mentalities are noted for being extremely sensitive to heat, cold and atmospheric turmoil. Generally everybody's nervous systems are affected by the course of the wind, humidity, and barometric pressure.

In the springtime, a normal person's thyroid gland reaches its highest peak in activity, which gradually declines in the fall and winter.

During the spring, new romances blossom, while physical and mental enthusiasm arouses. At the same time, though, physiological changes occur in the body which motivate the despondent individual to take to criminal acts, including shoplifting and committing murders and suicides. Psychiatric nurses feel that spring is the most crucial season by way of mental patients, for they become uneasy and often dangerous.

Scientists have recently begun to research man's vulnerability to the changes in the weather, yet pre-storm ailments, such as increased asthma attacks, insom-

nia, headaches and mysterious crying spells have long been recognized by doctors. What is believed to happen, is that the body's unusual behavior is caused by ions, which are minute electrical particles in the air of which some are negatively charged, while others are positively charged. The negative ions are partly composed of oxygen which can be a stimulant, while the positive ions contain carbon dioxide which can be injurious.

It is suggested that the air just before a storm is filled with positive ions. As the storm breaks, the balance tilts in the other direction, expelling negative ions in the air. At this point, there returns a feeling of stimulation.

Body function are modified by the weather condition. Just before a storm passes the blood has a tendency to clot more rapidly, endocrine glands and blood sugar levels change as your regulatory system adjusts to atmospheric disturbances.

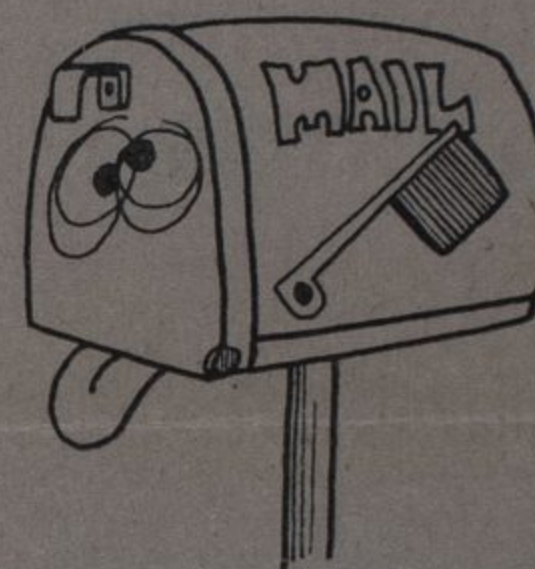
In general, you cannot mold the weather to your life patterns, so you must mold your life patterns in with the weather.

--Letters to the Editor--

Dear Editor;

Our lunch-time situation is distressing. Once the brave student manages to squeeze into the hall-

ways and crawl towards the cafeteria, he is greeted by mile-long lines. Like the respectable student he is, he starts his long wait at the end of the line. Ten minutes later we still find him standing in the same spot although he is no longer at the end. As we near the end of lunch our hero is nearing the front. The person who was previously in front of him lets twenty students take cuts (behind him)! Once he does reach the window he is informed that only Vanilla malts and non-fat milk are left. He buys these and leaves, dejectedly. Later we find our hero writing the angry story of his adventures to the Editor of the Tribune. M.K.



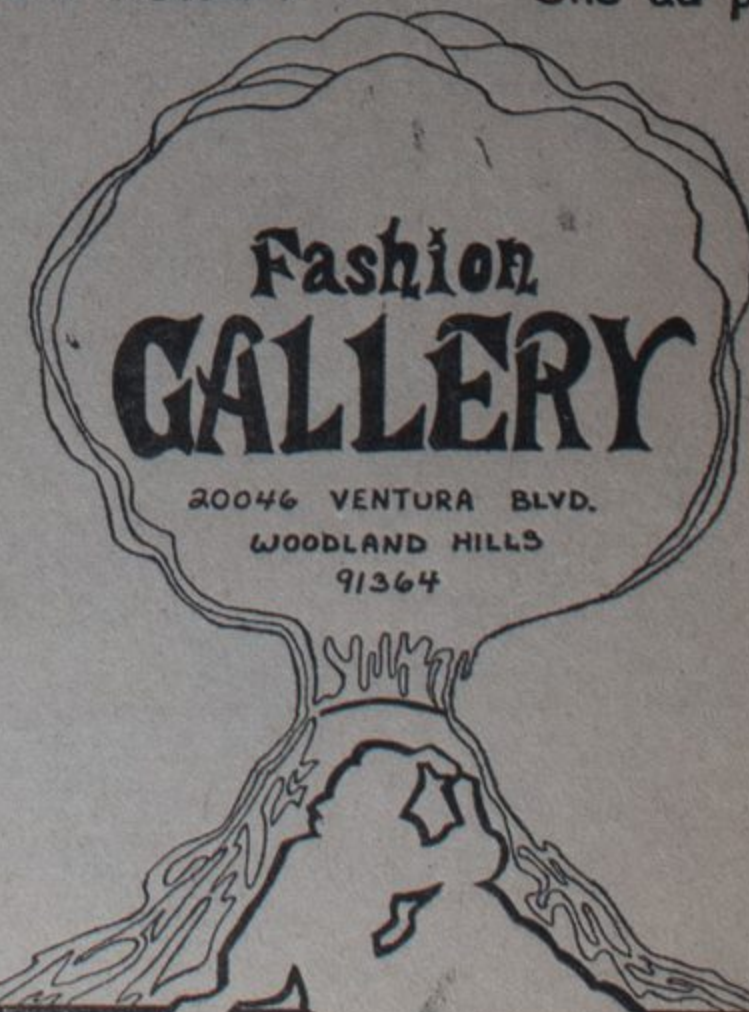
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Nixon poses cutbacks

Because of the near chaos our fair country is in, President Nixon has had to find some other way to keep the public's interest while he is gracefully being crucified by Watergate. The energy crisis has become the greatest escape in history of the United States since Aaron Burr fled in terror from the arms of conviction after his supposed duel with Alexander Hamilton.

Watergate Woes

As in the case of Watergate, Mr. Nixon is coming on weak to clarify the matter of the shortage of oil, electricity, and gasoline. But once again, the public triumphed and the President addressed it. He delivered the speech with, as the late L.B.J. would say, "a heavy heart." This is not to insult the President, as he is in the market to keep the country safe and sound in his own little way. His speech began and brought about the curiosity of the viewing public, until he began to identify his desires as far as the tightening of belts he expected from the beaming members of these United States.

"In order to minimize disruptions in our economy, I asked on November 7 that all Americans adopt certain energy conservation measures to help meet the challenge of reduced energy supplies. These steps include reduction in home heating, reductions in driving speeds and elimination of unnecessary lighting. The American people have been responding to this challenge with the spirit of sacrifice which has made this a great nation."

American Interest

In effect, what Mr. Nixon said was true, but the American people haven't been trying hard enough; they seem to ignore the idea of any kind of shortage occurring in the "great nation" and because of that, their disbelief continues. There is a shortage and only last week, did the American people find out how really great it is. The shortage of gas is growing and more and more service stations propose to close down and take business from ten in the morning to two in the afternoon, or close down shop completely.

"As we reduce gasoline supplies, we must act to insure that

is widely used, and conserved to the remaining gasoline available the fullest extent. Therefore as a second step, I am asking that all gasoline filling stations close down their pumps between 9 a.m. Saturday morning and midnight Sunday every weekend beginning December 1. We are requesting that this step be taken voluntarily now. Upon passage of the emergency energy legislation before the Congress, gas stations will be required to close during these hours. This step should not result in any serious hardship for any American family. It will, however, discourage long-distance driving during weekends. This savings alone is only a small part of what we have to conserve to meet total gasoline shortage."

Publics View

With the supposition of this occurring, the American public may finally begin to give science a little more credit, as they will be calling to the laboratories to come up with new and different means of fueling their means of transportation. In times like these, everyone is alert

of the fact there will be less, so being normal red-blooded Americans, they hoard and in that, show the lust and greed described by one of the prominent cast members of *Planet of the Apes*.

New Evolution

In time, the human race may evolve once more to God only knows what. With all the supposed intelligence in the world, it's too bad that now we have to think about conserving gas and oil, instead of having extra because someone planned ahead ten years ago. Or, isn't it a pity that families

have to think about not going on vacation, and the worst is with the lack of lighting, the increase in air pollution (although that may diminish with the advent of non pollution factors, such as an extreme shortage of automobiles) and the increase in the rate of that always beautiful brown horizon which stretches over the garbage dump oceans which Columbus wrote of as so pure. As time goes by, so do our chances of correcting the ills of our nation which should have been thought of before, so that President Nixon wouldn't have so many things on his mind.

Tracy Mac Donald

The 'Birds' of the Bees

In the past few years, professional football has come up in popularity because of the basic fact of more and more people deciding to get into it. Unfortunately, the popularity seems to diminish after college teams have all been decided. Hardly any attention is paid to high school football and in a sense, that's really too bad.

People are slowly reverting to the idea of the old Varsity Team and the excitement that occurred when the star quarterback jogged over to the sidelines for a conference with the coach. In that, signs of illuminated enthusiasm begin to sprout among different areas of the crowd and football season a-la high school begins.

It has already been made known that I am a firm believer in football, and I always seem to choose the best team, no matter what their previous record has been. In this case, the mighty To-readers came under that heading; not particularly the best record, but the best team. I had the privilege of taking statistics for the number one Bee Team and it evolved into something that I had no particular forwarding against. By the beginning of the first game I was nervous enough to have smoked a whole pack of cigarettes, chewed twelve packs of gum and bitten off the longest of fingernails. Then it happened, the end of the first half; the score blazed upon the scoreboard and twenty five minutes had passed out of my life before I knew it. The only thing to keep me half-way into the picture were two pages of stats scribbled in some kind of order and the manager of the team, Paul Cummings nervously awaiting my answer as to whether or not I had missed any plays, or if I had run into any kind of trouble. Much to his dismay, all was well and the rest was history.

My co-workers were two girls, one a veteran from last year, and the other, a product of Paul's History class. Fortunately, in my frequent times of confusion, my partner came to the rescue and we finally would make some kind of meaning out of my hieroglyphics. The best part of the season was the team itself; all the members of the New Breed who seemed to fly, as a bird with the cool night air at their backs and the idea of surrealistic wings which sometimes carried them with such great amounts of speed that the awestruck teammates on the sidelines confusedly began mental ping-pong with the dialogue which occurred.

"Did you see that?"

"Who's that girl running down the sidelines with Thomas?"

"C'mon you guys, let's go!"

"Oh, that's Tracy."

"No. I meant Thomas' run"

"Not you, Fischer. That girl's name is Tracy."

"What's she doing here?"

"Stats."

"Oh. I hope she knows what she's doing."

Sometimes I'm not sure whether or not it was just the sheer insanity of spirit that the team reeked with, or the game against Reseda, where the rain made it a bitter battle with Nature so that Paul, and the coaches might have some idea of the turnovers in the game, who scored, how many yards they ran, and the best defensive plays that made me decide I wanted to take stats again next year.

Taft came out as a League champion, but what is really nice to know is that the spirit at the Bee games is really up and getting better: the stands are fuller and the enthusiasm higher than ever. Maybe the students are finally realizing that the Varsity team isn't the only squad who has winged speedsters to race around the defense and score. It isn't really that hard to imagine, I suppose. Check the Varsity squad and if the facts of football hold true, they were Bees once too.

L.A. Board member proposes change in current curriculum

Mr. J.C. Chambers, a Los Angeles Board of Education member, met with Cabinet November 27. During this appearance, most of the discussion was centered around curriculum, which entailed a three semester plan, a two, two, and two year plan, and grade requirements for the entrance to the California Universities.

A three semester school year would consist of three semesters of fifteen weeks each. The purpose of this kind of program would be to lessen the amount of students attending school at one time. Students would attend school two out of three semesters, which would lighten the pupil load by one-third. The advantage is that classes of a smaller size could be created, and a more effective way of teaching could be taught. Students would be able to utilize

school facilities such as shop machinery and departmental study centers. More availability will be given to study materials, such as texts and audio visual equipment.

The three semesters plan would cost slightly more to operate in the schools, but it is hopeful that its value would be worth the change. Students would enjoy a longer term break, since the term would be thirty weeks rather than twenty.

The two, two, and two year plan includes two years of junior high, and the final two years to be spent in job or college preparation for those planning to attend college. For those who are unsure of post high school plans, the time can be applied to a general kind of program. Some students could participate in skill or trade classes and start to work, attending a college

later, or they may choose to get a job upon graduation.

This kind of curriculum has been discussed with the consideration that public schools do not provide enough specialization courses for high school students. The two, two, and two would permit students, who have chosen their fields, to delve more deeply into them before college. Those, who do not plan on college or are unsure, will have an opportunity to discover their fields of interest.

Mr. Chambers talked with Cabinet over entrance requirements to UC schools. He pointed out that the requirements have remained unchanged for the past fifty years. "We haven't tailored our requirements to our needs," said Mr. Chambers. Mr. Chambers expressed hope that the curriculum could be altered to the present social demands.

The Who: all excitement concert to 'Quadrophonia'

By Maryjane Levee

Last Friday was a day that seemed as though it was just meant to go bad. I had wanted to go skiing but had found that there wasn't enough snow, and worse, I had wanted to go to the Who Concert and found there were no tickets. But suddenly in this state of depression, a miracle occurred; a friend and I were given two fantastic free tickets to the concert, courtesy of the production manager and lighting engineer of the group whom we had met that afternoon.

Numb from excitement and still in disbelief I sat watching Roger Daltrey and the group begin with "I Can't Explain". Through "My Generation" and "Summer Blues" I could really feel excitement in the audience; the group was in perfect form after their two year's absence.

When Pete Townshend introduced his masterpiece "Quadrophonia", which was presented in quadrophonic, the audience responded with wild enthusiasm to the new material, but the song that caused the most audience participation was "We're Not Gonna Take it" (See Me, Feel Me) from "Tommy". The house lights were turned on and everyone in the audience began clapping and singing. The concert was in full swing. Roger Daltrey's enthusiasm and

happy personality put the whole audience in a good mood throughout the entire concert, which included "My Wife" and "Won't Get Fooled Again" from "Who's Next", "Pinball Wizard" from "Tommy" and a rousing version of "Magic Bus." The members of the group were always talking and joking and you could tell they were enjoying themselves as much as the people were.

Although they didn't come back on stage for an encore, I felt that the performance was practically faultless, especially the response of the audience during "Quadrophonia", "Summertime Blues" and the songs from "Tommy".

I've never seen a more spirited audience or group than at the Who concert, '73.

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Taft's Cross Country run in City

By Dave Rich
Tribune Staff Writer

All three of Taft's Cross Country teams moved one step closer to the city finals by defeating other schools bidding for a playoff berth.

Though many schools competed, the Hunters of Canoga Park seemed to be giving Taft most of the trouble. There always seemed to be a green shirt inching up on every Taft runner.

The Varsity team got off to a slow start, being pinned in the middle of the pack with no hope for advancement in sight.

Coming off the first switchback Bitterly broke out on top with Brown and Morden following Steve's example. Other Taft runners were also moving up through the pack.

At the foot of 'Melvins Mountain' Bitterly, Brown, and Morden started to widen the gap, and when the three runners came off "Melvins" that was all she wrote.

Climbing "Parker's Peak" took little effort for the trio who seemed to just be out trying to improve their times. It looked as though they had forgotten about the race

and were out for an afternoon jog.

At the finish line it was Steve Bitterly in first with an amazing 10:05, in second place was Hunter Ken Hammer in at 10:08, and in third it was Mark Morden with a time of 10:14, taking fourth was Greg Brown chalking up a 10:17.

Fine performances were turned in by Brian Donahue, Andy York, Dave High, and the rest of the Varsity team.

J.V. Hit The Skids

The J.V. team almost slipped beneath the waves as they narrowly defeated their foe in a hard

fought battle 34 to 36.

Rich Weiner broke out from the start and just kept on going Ben Hunnicutt was also out of the starting gate quickly and filled the number two spot for Taft.

All through the course Weiner seemed to hold a steady grip on the lead, but there were several bids for the second, and fourth spots.

At the end it was Rick Weiner in first with a 10:48, in fourth was Bob Matlock in at 10:57, placing sixth with an 11:07 was Ben Hunnicutt.

The 10th grade team also performed well by crunching their opponents 41 to 58.

They were led by John Simenz Llew Phelan and Todd Farris. Simenz ran the course in 10:47 which was good enough for second place. Llew Phelan finished in at 10:59 that earned him number four spot. Todd Farris came in at 11:18 to give him a lock on sixth.

One member of the J.V. team was heard to say "these teams may not run well but they have some cute cheer leaders".

Crenshaw rolls Taft torn 84-63

By Dan Turner
Tribune Sports Editor

It is unfortunate that any team should have to open their season against the defending City champion Crenshaw Cougars. Taft found themselves in that unenviable position last Friday night at Crenshaw. The outcome, as one would expect in Crenshaw's favor. Although the Toreadors lost by 21, 84-63, they looked to have the potential to be contenders. And if not for a couple of costly turnovers and a few easy shots missed, the Taft team might have pulled off the impossible.

John impressive

Cougar Gregory John led the assault on Taft. The big center, a returning letterman from coach Willie Wise's championship team of a year ago, led all game scorers with 19 points.

The first quarter was almost a dead toss-up. Taft came out hustling, running up a quick lead before Cougars could get on the board. The first play of the game showed that the hungry Cougars could were not going to let Taft get away with any easy shots. Taft center Dave Furlong went up for the shot, but Crenshaw's Horace Monroe came flying through the air to knock the ball off the rim.

Taft's Roger Wilson led Taft in that first quarter with inspired play on both ends of the court. At the end of one quarter Taft was trailing by one point at 14-13.

Cougars run in second

Crenshaw literally ran their lead to 8 points in the second quarter. They were able to penetrate into the key while in turn they were collasing in on Taft on defense, not allowing Taft the inside. The turning point in the quarter had to be when Crenshaw threw in 8 unanswered points to take a 7 point lead at 21-28. From there the two teams traded baskets untill quarter's end when the score read 34-26 in favor of the Cougars.

In the third Taft lost three more points to Crenshaw. On several occasions the Toreadors pulled to within 6 but on each occasion they promptly dropped 6 to 8 straight points. Taft could have conceivably pulled even with the Cougars that period except for some frigid shooting on the team's behalf.

The fourth quarter was Taft's demise as the Crenshaw team rolled up the highest single quarter point total of 27 points. Coach Wise used all his players in that final quarter and every one of them preformed admirably. A rash of turnovers early in the period allowed the Cougars to pull away. And if not for a final mniute spurt by Taft, the score would have been even more embarrassing.

Every Toreador scores

Every Taft player scored in the contest. Paul Rigetti led scorers with 10 points. Next came Roger Wilson with 9. Dave Furlong added 8, Kelly Paris 7, Greg Brown, Steve Furlong, Robert Watkin and Rick Howerton each had 6. Scott Hergott tallied 3 while Bill Spooner had 2.

JV's drop opener also

The JV were dumped by the Cougars too, 76-49. A horrendous second quarter killed the Toreadors. In that quarter, Taft was out scored 31-2. The JV's simply lost their tempo or rythm or what ever. They just were not setting up, that is, when they were able to cross mid-court before they lost the ball.

Despite the poor second quarter, Taft had a few fine preformers. Dave Brown had a tremendous final quarter and he finished the game with 13 points to lead Taft scorers. George McKeehan was the most cosistant performer as he scored in every quarter. He totalled 9 overall. Center Brian Lane rebound well and added 6 points to the cause.



The Varsity team is pictured here. The team has high hopes this year, but will be matched against power-

ful ECR and talent laden Chatsworth.

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Cougars cooked B's and C's win

Whenever the Crenshaw Cougars visit Taft one can usually expect a well-disciplined ballclub, laden with talent, speed, and agility. But last Friday afternoon, the Cougars' Bee and Cee teams each ran into a Toreador team that committed just a few less turnovers than they did, resulting in a 68-63 win for the Bees and a 62-54 triumph for the Cees.

The Taft teams were guilty of a hefty share of turnovers themselves. After opening up a 6-2 lead,

the Cees became a little lazy with their passing as the Cougars proceeded to roll up thirteen unanswered points and a seven-point first quarter lead.

In the first half of the Bee game, easy layups by Paul Murphy and Jon Lee, along with several outside tosses by Bill Leonard threatened to blow the Cougars and their fanfare out of the gym, but unnecessary mistakes allowed the Cougars to take a slim 31-28 lead at the half.

However, the Bees were a patient ballclub against Crenshaw as the second half began. With 3:09 to play in the third quarter, Mark Zelman scored as Taft went ahead to stay. Monte Machit, Don Smith, and Lee also connected as Taft forged to nine-point bulge and a 50-41 third quarter lead. The Cougars fought back desperately, but couldn't put together a half-way decent rally in the closing stanza. Bill Leonard led Taft scorers with sixteen points, Lee had 12, and Von Gremp, Zelman, and Machit all ended up with eight.

Cees impressive

The Cees settled down after a horrendous first quarter, as Scott Milne and Chirs Merigian, both impressive in the first half led the Toreadors. With only 4:23 left to play in the second period, Milne hit two of his seven halftime points as Taft went ahead for good, 19-18. Another Milne jumper with fifteen seconds to play in the third quarter swelled the Taft lead to 14 points, the largest of the game.

But as quickly as the scoring surge began, it came to a quicker end, and as the fourth period opened, the Cougars ran off eight consecutive points.

V Footmen trample ECR

The Taft Varsity soccer squad enjoyed the fruits of an undefeated week last week as they recorded both a win and a tie. The win came over cross-town rival El Camino Real Conquistadors 3-0, after a tough fought contest. The tie came in a confrontation with a tough Sylmar team.

The soccer man of the week award would have to go to Junior Zeff Morantz. Zeff played an excellently in both contests in addition to talling goals in both games. His goal against Sylmar was the only one his team could muster in the 1-1 deadlock.

Armando Ortega played well in both games too. Armando seems to be emerging as the man to fill the spot vacated by the graduation of last year's captain Eddie Greenup.

Kilfoil Thwarts opponents

This year's goaltending chores are being done by junior Dave Kilfoil. Dave has done an admirable job so far this season.

The win and the tie gives the Toreadors a league record of one win, one loss and a tie. Taft has an overall record of 3-1-1, recording wins over Grant, Agoura and El Camino Real. The loss was suffered at the hands of the San Fernando Tigers.

The soccer JV team, in its first year of existence, has played well this season also.

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