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Student Cab. stressing involvement while new officers work on ideas

The results of last months student body elections saw twenty-two new electees assume various posts on this semester's Student Cabinet. The first computerized election in Taft's history, resulted in Marty Zinkow being selected as student body president, while Dave Jackson became the new Vice President. The class Presidents are

as follows: Senior-- Brad I. Goldstein; Junior-- Darell Krasnoff and Sophomore-- Paul Wolff.

Marty is stressing "student involvement" during his administration and will use a variety of activities to see that his goal is accomplished.

"Student involvement is possible through communication," relates

Marty. "I plan on having assemblies and clubs where students can speak out and work together. There is also going to be a week during the semester where speakers and debaters will discuss such current events as the Energy Crisis and the deterioration of the political system. The student body will be able to question these speakers and take part in the seminars." Marty is also proposing the abolition of the daily "Pledge of Allegiance" and replacing it with a quote from various figures that the students can better relate to.

Dave Hinkel, the newly elected Director of Communications, hopes to give the P.A.'s a looser format by changing its style and making it more contemporary and humor-

ous. "Instead of using straight news, I'd like to add a little entertainment so people will listen. I also feel that the student body should make better use of the suggestion locker. Instead of using it as a trash can, the students should drop in suggestions on how the Cabinet could help to improve the school. We'll take action if we do get some serious replies."

This semester's Tribune Liaison will be Tracy MacDonald and she emphatically states that she is seeking better rapport between the Cabinet and the Tribune. "We plan to work together continually which I hope will result in the improvement of articles concerning the Cabinet. I'll strive to get the latest Cabinet happenings out to the Tribune as quick as possible, and I'm sure that by working together, we'll all be good buddies."

High caliber sophomore wins rifle contest

Sheri Lewellen, a tenth grade Taft student, won first place in the Los Angeles City Schools' sponsored marksmanship competition. Her brother Bill, also a Taft student, took second place. They both received their trophy in Mr. Frazer's office on Monday, February 11.

Sheri's score was the highest

among both boys and girls. The three divisions of competition, in which she excelled, were the standing, kneeling and prone positions. The contest was held at four different schools. It culminated at Franklin High's indoor range. Sheri used a .22 rifle in the 50 foot range.

Second Straight Victory

Mr. Coleman, Taft's Youth Services Director, was very pleased about the Lewellen family winning the city championship for the second straight year. Bill came in first place last year. Mr. Coleman, also said "It was very surprising for a school that doesn't sponsor an R.O.T.C. to do so well, especially since many of the schools competing did have R.O.T.C. units. Mr. Frazer was also very pleased with Bill and Sheri's performance."

Cabinet News

By Tracy MacDonald
Tribune Liaison

Lunch Assembly

Assemblies Director, Cathy Maron announced that on February 28 a group of actors called The Covenant Players will be performing in Olmstead Hall at lunch. Admission will be free.

Centennial Activities

All Area L schools will participate in the Centennial ceremonies at 11:00 today. This is the occasion where the 650 red, white and blue balloons will be let off to commemorate the birthday of George Washington.

Boost Better Spirit Week

Boost Better Spirit Week will be coming up the week of March 18. Bess Motter, this semester's Spirit Director is confident of a highly successful turn-out at all the activities. Last year such activities included T-shirt and tennis shoe day, the Jelly Bean Contest, The Slave Auction and the Marriage Booth.

National Health Week

Reminder that National Health Week is also the week of March 18.

Probable dates slated for Senior events

Activities planned for this year's Senior class by the Steering committee, led by Brad I. Goldstein, look exciting. After months of scheduling, a tentative calendar has been proposed.

The Centurions will be opening their final semester of activities as Toreadors with the Senior-Faculty

Volleyball game next Wednesday. The seniors are hoping to avenge the defeat suffered against the faculty in the basketball game.

Budget Cards Recommended

On March 4th, the senior budget cards will go on sale for approximately 10 or twelve dollars. The card covers the rental of a cap and gown, the Senior breakfast picnic, the cost of graduation and the senior class gift. Purchase of the card is highly recommended, instead of buying each item separately.

Movie night has been scheduled for March 22. At this time, the Steering committee has not yet determined what the movie will be or its exact location. If at Taft, the movie will be free and if at a local theatre, it will be at discount prices.

Senior Week

The week of March 25th has been designated as Senior Week. Details concerning this have yet to be released.

Announced last semester, the prom has been slated for May 4th at the new Marriot Hotel.

New press arrives

Taft High School received its new printing press, two weeks ago, after a long wait. Even though the new press is all assembled and ready to operate, we can not put out a full size TRIBUNE. The reasons for this delay are the plate maker is unconnected, and the sink, which is used for developing the press plates, needs to be installed. Since the last Tribune was published four weeks ago, the Staff felt that some form of a school newspaper should be released. Therefore it was necessary that a smaller press in the Graphics Arts Department be used, which is the reason for this weeks smaller TRIBUNE size. We do hope we'll be able to publish a regular size TRIBUNE soon.

Bob Woodlock
TRIBUNE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Editorially Speaking

Computers successful

We believe that the use of a computer machine to tabulate the ballots from a student body election is an excellent idea. First of all, the computer will count the votes in ten minutes with one-hundred percent accuracy, while it used to take three hours to count the votes by hand. And when the votes were counted by hand, there would always be a handful of mistakes.

Still the best result from the use of computers is that the elections became a great learning experience for the student body. The procedure used by the students to mark their ballots is the same as that which is used in the national, state, and local elections. And hopefully this will motivate students to vote in public elections once they reach the age of eighteen years. As it has shown that it encourages the students to have a greater interest in student government. In the January election twelve hundred and forty pupils voted, an increase of over three hundred votes from the previous election.

We on the Editorial staff most humbly agree with Student Body President Marty Zinkow who said that the "Election was an over all success and that hopefully computerized elections will be used again in the future at Taft High School."

--Letters to the Editor--

Drill team, charity neglected

Drill team efforts Crusade drive

Dear Editor,

Most of the seventy-five members of the Taft Drill Team have been patiently waiting for even the minutest morsel of recognition for our efforts, but thus far to no avail. The **Tribune** has on several occasions felt compelled to commend the cheerleading squad for their efforts in supporting our teams and promoting spirit. We in no way wish to minimize the importance of their endeavors, but are slightly peeved that the efforts of the Drill Team do not merit commendation.

Great sums of energy and ten to twelve hours of practice time were expended each week of the football season to prepare a half-time show, and in combination with the band we formed a substantial cheering section. Many Drill Team members continue to work, preparing routines to perform at the home basketball games, in addition to wearing their uniforms to school and to the games in an effort to boost enthusiasm.

Until now all of this has gone unacknowledged. We trust that this was merely an oversight which will soon be rectified.

Taft High Drill Team 1973-1974

Dear Editor,

In regards to "Crusade Time" appearing in 'Letters To The Editor' in the **Tribune** on January 11, I would like to say that I disagree with the Fall semester 1973, fourth period Graphic Arts Class opinion of charity. According to Webster's New Unabridged Twentieth Century Dictionary, charity is defined as, "love; benevolence; affection; good will; that disposition of heart which inclines men to think favorably of their fellow men, and to do them good."

Nowhere in the definition does it say a reward is given, or that the incentive to give charity is a reward. It states to do good to them, but does not say they must reward you! Charity comes from the heart — nothing more. Greed comes from the mind — nothing more. Ego, (or having your class' name in the paper), also comes from the mind. Giving to charity for your benefit is really not giving charity — it is just plain stupid.

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Impeachment? Everyones talk

Impeachment seems to be a word that is on everybody's tongue. Talk of impeaching President Nixon has become so great that it has reached the front page of many newspapers.

The term impeachment is not understood by many Americans. Impeachment is only an accusation saying that the conduct of the person in question is unworthy of his office. After this accusation the person in question is tried before a court. In the case of impeaching a President, the House of Representatives act as the accuser while the Senate acts as the jury.

Capitol Hill has been caught up in impeachment talk many times before. As of now, the number of impeachments by the House of Representatives is 13 (only one of these has been a president. Ten have been federal judges). Four of these impeachments have led to convictions. In each case the defendant was a judge. Congress has been quiet for awhile, however, as the last impeachment goes back to 1936.

The most famous impeachment

by the House was that of Andrew Johnson in 1868. He was accused of corruptly using his veto power, violating the Tenure Act and interfering with elections. Johnson just did miss getting convicted, as the Senate vote was 35 guilty to 19 not guilty (two-thirds majority needed).

It will be interesting to see how Nixon holds up under the continual impeachment pressures. His presidency would be crippled beyond help if he came as close to being impeached as Andrew Johnson. However, this seems unlikely at this time, as it is felt more evidence is needed to impeach him.

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Let's have some compassion from Taft students, not egomania.

Jeff Greenfield

Editors Note: The Fall semester fourth period Graphic Arts class is and always has been in complete agreement with Jeff Greenfield's concept of charity and is truly sorry for this misunderstanding.

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Classic Club hears music

The Classical Listening Club is now the newest club on Tafts' campus. It meets Friday during lunch and is sponsored by Frau Barnes, one of the schools foreign language teachers.

The clubs membership consists of ten students. Each week, they take turns teaching about different composers. The student will usually try to focus on a composer, whose birthdate is near the next meeting.

During the clubs first meeting, they discussed the **First and Last Movements of the Watermusic Suite**, by George Handel. In one of the future meetings, they plan to discuss the works of Chopin, Bach, and Bethoven.

If someone, who isn't in the club, has a favorite composer, and would like to know more about him, the C.L. Club would be more than happy to give you information about him. Or maybe you have some information, about someone and you would like to share it with the club.

The club feels listening to Classical Music is a nice change from the everyday common rock, and surpriseingly enough, it is very pleasant to listen to. Sure, most students frown at the thought of classical music, but they don't realize how beautiful it really is. They

Friday Saturday big TV nights to view escape entertainment

Friday night. This is when the American public has time to relax. Television a most favorite medium of our Society has its biggest audience this night and Saturday night. In an effort to achieve the ultimate in viewing ratings, the three major networks, ABC, NBC, and CBS come out with their most appealing shows. Through these shows, and outline on our society can be found.

During prime time (8:00-10:00) on Friday a total of nine shows are aired by the major networks. An unusually high number of these are situation comedy, five to be exact. Of the other four, three are dramas while a lone show features a musical hit from Broadway.

Looking at these figures, one assumes that this nation consists

also feel, that classical music is one of the best tension relievers and can set any kind of mood any time. So, if you are interested in this type of music, most of the record and tape stores carry a wide selection.

The club invites new members anytime, but, stresses come only if you are interested in Classical Music.

of viewers who watch T.V. for entertainment. All nine programs have no educational value. However, they provide the viewer with escape entertainment, channeled through the diverse programming of either drama or comedy. One will conclude from these figures that America wishes to relax and escape from his own little world at the end of the day.

And the situation comedy. While watching one, either of the following will occur. The mother will have twins (or triplets); Janie the seventeen year old will get her date; the husband will inherit his uncle's fortune but wind up blowing it; or Tommy, the little kid, will get lost in the city and meet all sorts of undesirables.

And the prime time drama. The doctor will perform an abortion after hours of soul seaching; the lawyer will come up with a last

minute piece of evidence that will move the jury to find the bad guy guilty; or the private eye will dodge enumerable bullets while trying to capture the criminal who killed his clients sister.

To think that 93% of prime time is devoted to this conglomeration of stereotypes! The boob tube-idiot box is certainly living up to it's name. What else besides television could make a group of no-talents such as the Partridge family household words? What else besides television could make Archie Bunker loveable? The only way television could do this is by presenting it in a format where the audience can escape reality, or in some cases, identify with reality (this too is done, but not as much).

As long as ABC, NBC, and CBS realize this, they will remain major networks through the escape of their viewing public-you!!!

Screen Thriller spirits fans away

by Michael Grant

With the phenomenal success of **The Exorcist** in printed and visual form, perhaps a look at the actual value of this story of demonic possession compared with its relatively high audience acclaim is called for.

The novel, written by William Peter Blatty, was first published in 1971 and received moderate notice from the literary critics. It was not noteworthy for stunning literary technique or imaginative description. It was, at the time, just another novel that had the appeal to become a best seller.

Then, in 1972, Warner Brothers comissioned Blatty to transform his novel into a screenplay. They hired William Friedkin to direct the efforts of Uta Hagen, Max von Sydow, and other talented performers, notably Linda Blair as the possessed young girl, Regan. The movie itself was a finished product by the winter of 1973 and was released across the United States late in December that year.

Within the first two weeks, the box offices grosses for **The Exorcist** were well over three-and-a-half million dollars. Strangely, members of the audiences were throwing up,

fainting, and otherwise feeling ill because of the sickening action which was taking place on the screen, yet the movie itself was claimed to be "the film of the Century." Why?

The answer may be found in one of man's basic tendencies to seek vicarious excitement through more and more realistically-acheived sequences. In identifying with the character of Regan, many members of the audiences found themselves visited with the identical physical spasms and weakness. Because the movie was able to do this to them, they applaud it wildly for its gut-level appeal. In the same vein, this shows how the general public of today is leaning toward the extreme in audience involvement as represented by Huxley's "feelies," where the audience through contact with certain conducting apparatus, is made to feel the exact physical sensations as those felt by the actors and actresses on the screen, be they painful or pleasant.

Perhaps **The Exorcist** draws us closer to another type of demonic possession: the possession of the movie-going public by the demon of realism.

Dinner honors Drill Team present special awards

The Drill Team banquet and reunion was held January 25, 1974 in Olmstead Hall. The purpose of the banquet was two-fold to honor drill team members for their accomplishments in drill team and to announce the steering committee members for 1974.

Taft's marching band and drill team alumni were honored guests at the banquet. Members of the administration who attended were Mr. Fred Frazer, Mrs. Jeanne Carmichael, and Mrs. Virginia Rich.

Awards were presented to parents of drill team members for their assistance to drill team. Those presented awards included Mr. and Mrs. Kessler, Mrs. Pennes, and Mr. Johnston. Also, a plaque was presented to Mr. Haas, the drill teams sponsor's husband, by the 1973 steering committee.

Certificates for special service to drill team were awarded to pom pom girls: Yvonne Anderson, Kerry Taylor, Jane Stoll, Valerie Preston, Randi Bercea, Terri Stevens, Janice Neff, Sue Stovall, Sue Lubin, Kathy Godfrey, Karen Fisch, Peggy Hester, and Sue Hedrick. Yard maker girls Melody Christensen, Wende Wilder, and Bobbie Wilson also received certificates. Others receiving awards were Colleen Drew, Penny Kessler, and Bari Nedelman of the welcome committee and Dorna Stobin and Robyn Torodor, banner carriers.

Individual awards went to the following girls: Best Smile, Karen Ngou, Best Marcher Peggy Hester, Hardest Worker, Sherri Lund, Most Friendly, Robyn Torodor, Most Helpful, Carol Johnston and Kathy Presutte and Most Enthusiastic, Peggy Hester.

Debbie Moore was chosen as the most outstanding drill team member. Steering committee 1973 presented her with a miniature silver whistle.

Squad 7 was chosen by March Grewe, captain, and Mrs. Haas, sponsor as the most outstanding squad. Members of squad 7 are: Anne Price, Cindy Sanchez, Bobbie Wilson, Loren Lieb, Jeannie Jellinek, Jennifer Turner, Virginia Godfrey, Corrie Turner, Peggy Hester, and squad leader Karen Fisch.

Special Mention ribbons were given to the following members for their excellence in drill team: Cathleen Corey, Cindy Howerton, Denise Larson, Loren Lieb, Sue Lubin, Laurie Marshall Kerry Taylor, Tina Turner, and Bobbie Wilson.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the 1974 steering committee. Squad leaders are: Karen Ngou, Cindy Howerton, Janice Neff Laurie Marshall, Dorna Stobinn, Cathleen Corey, Colleen Drew, and Susie Larson. Bobbie Wilson was elected captain.

New threads for Baseball players

The Taft Varsity Baseball team will open their 1974 season with new uniforms. The uniforms are white double knits with red pin stripes and have Taft written on the front. They haven't arrived yet, but will definitely be here by the first game.

Mr. Ray O'Conner the Taft Baseball Coach, said "A change of

uniforms was needed, because the old flannels have reached the point of no return, and added, that the cloth ones are too expensive to replace." The J.V. team will still have to suffer with their old uniforms, because, there just wasn't enough money to go around.

When Coach O'Conner was asked, just how often the Varsity team gets new uniforms, he replied "Oh about once every six or seven

years." We didn't get an answer on how long he hopes the new double knits will last but we hope they will stay in one piece as long as the cloth ones did. The new uniforms are furnished by William Goodman and Son.

The old uniforms will now be used strictly for practice. Mr. O'Conner also added that the old flannels were hard to replace because the cost of the material was

up to about eleven dollars a suit.

The switch to double knits creates many disadvantages. Rips, tears or stains have to be taken care of soon, for the uniforms cannot be replaced, and they may not be able to take the abuse the Varsity team dishes out. But on the other side of the coin, double knits give more with the movements and they look a lot nicer too.

Wilson, Furlong lead varsity cagers post winning season

The Taft basketball teams ended their respective seasons last Wednesday afternoon against Reseda.

The downfall of the varsity Toreador team was their inability to handle the Chatsworth and Cleveland teams. Meetings with these foes proved detrimental to Taft's record as each clash spelled defeat for the Toreadors.

Four Toreador baskets more on any occasion would have been enough for the outcome to have changed in Taft's favor in any one of the Chatsworth or Cleveland games.

What must be considered a high-point in the season was that Taft was able to beat arch-rival ECR twice. Both games went down to the wire, where Taft was able to seek out victory.

Neither Canoga Park nor Reseda could put up much of a battle as Taft won easily on all occasions.

When the season opened Roger Wilson emerged as Taft's big weapon. He was a contender for the WVL scoring crown in the early going, but as the year wore on Roger's hot hand cooled a bit and he quickly assumed the role of playmaker assistman extraordinaire.

Paul Rigetti and Dave Furlong controlled the lane for Taft. Dave

was tenacious on the boards and employed a good shooting eye when he was called upon.

Rigetti almost single handedly sunk ECR in their second meeting when he tore for 27 points.

Greg Brown and Kelly Paris

alternated at one guard position and when given his chance to play performed well.

Other players to aid the Toreador effort were Rick Howerton, Robert Watkin, Steve Furlong, Bill Spooner and, Scott Hergott.

Track blasts into new season tonight against S.F. Tigers

Taft's Varsity, Bee, and Cee track teams get their 1974 season underway here today, against San Fernando. This will be the first test of the Toreadors, to see if they can continue the outstanding records other Taft teams have had in past years.

Since Taft opened its gates in 1961 the schools three track teams have lost a total of only 18 meets, while winning 25 league championships and 1 city championship.

This is quite a remarkable record considering that there are three different teams, some 150 plus boys, and only two coaches. But even with this situations, coaches John McCaffery and Dale Lythgoe manage to turn out winners year after year.

Varsity

"This year should prove to be another good season for the varsity team", explained Mr. Lythgoe, "Taft has Brian Donohue, the city record holder for the Cee 660 returning this year". Lythgoe expects Donohue to run under 1:53 in the 880 and break the school record. Brad Turek will also run the 880.

Running the varsity mile will be Mark Morden, Dave High, and Cross Country star Steve Bitterly. Steve will also run the two mile and Coach Lythgoe expects Bitterly to break the school two mile record easily.

Taft also has of pair of experienced pole-vaulters returning this year in Terry Shannon and Steve

Dickey.

Rounding out Coach Lythgoe's varsity attack are Marc Honsberger, Mark Fresh, and Greg Woodman all strong shot-putters.

Mr. McCaffery's varsity attack begins with the sprints and hurdles which look very strong this year. Lindon Crow, Eric Peterson, and John Myers will be running the high and low hurdles and school record holder for the Bee 100 yard dash Jeff Domine will be running sprints. Backing him up will be Bob Spigner who McCaffery added was one of the fastest tenth graders he's ever seen.

Coach McCaffery also expects to do well in the high-jump with Terry Shannon closing in on the six foot mark.

Both coaches, said "it was just too early in the season to tell exactly what they had, and, they both added the meet against San Fernando should give them a better idea of what kind of season the two teams will have."

However Taft looks almost unbeatable in the Bee high jump. Robert Riley who jumped 5 ft 10 and one-half inches last year at Portola, bettering thht schools old record by more than six inches should be one of the best Bee jumpers in the West Valley League.

Coach Lythgoe pointed out that Taft's first two league meets against Chatsworth here on March 15, and El Camino Real here on the 22nd will be toughest they will have all year.

J.V. and Cee Teams end well in standings

The Junior Varsity, and Cee Basketball teams finished their seasons last Wednesday and placed well in the WVL standings.

The JV's stumbled early and it wasn't until the season's third week before they won their first game. But from then on it was different, as the team really started to work. The team was lead by Phil Braun, Paul Mitchell, David Brown and Brian Lane. Other stand-outs were Mike Smith and Andy Martin. Mitchell guided the team

from his point position although he was rarely a high scorer. Braun usually got the points when the team needed them.

The C's were outstanding all year long as they finished first in the league. The team was led by John Reis, Scottt Milne, Frank Shapiro and Glenn Pomerantz to name a few. Jeff Paul and Wynn Hall also helped sparked the team.

The B's were a different story though as they had their problems winning all year long.

The Taft TRIBUNE would like to forward our apologies to the athletes who failed to get recognition for their accomplishments while the TRIBUNE was not being published.

Sports

The Taft Tribune