



Taft's ever present and sometimes magical ice cream man and his wife. Here making a sale to students of some cold but highly enjoyed frozen refreshments.

Gatsby antics being taught Jackson, Derr revive 20's

The roaring 20's had goldfish eating, skirts above the knees and huge parties, but that's not all. To get the full story of the twenties, Mr. Jackson and Ms. Derr have designed a new class called Gatsby. During the twenty weeks the class is offered, the students involved will do an in-depth study of that exciting time in history.

What happened between 1919 and 1929 is very much like what's been happening recently, and Mr. Jackson and Ms. Derr are going to try and show the similarity between today and 1920's, using historical facts and old news releases.

The class isn't taught with a regular history book, so the students are assigned different readings.

There have already been three books assigned, *The Great Gatsby*, by J. Scott Fitzgerald, *Only Yesterday*, by Frederick Lewis Allen, and *The Sun Also Rises*, by Ernest Hemingway. The teachers are going to try and have films for the class that will also show what the times were like. Moreover they get discount tickets to plays performing in Los Angeles. The first play that was seen by most of the class was "Private Lives."

Usually the class is devoted to discussions among the two teachers, and as many students who will get involved. Since it is a team teaching situation, the students get a broad, open learning experience. Ms. Derr focuses her lectures on facts and the history side of the

times, while Mr. Jackson concentrates on English. He is concerned with the literary reactions of the public during that period of time.

They had originally planned the course to be a ten week class with no more than forty students in it. But instead they ended up with a twenty-week course with sixty-eight students.

Ice cream loans

Lou and Tobi Rubin are the Carnation Ice Cream sellers in Taft's lunch area. In answer to the rumor that only school athletes are allowed to buy on credit, Lou says, "I give credit to all the students at Taft, because they are all honorable people." His method of giving credit is the honor system. A large book filled with names in alphabetical order is used to set the listing up.

The average amount of money collectively owed is about \$2.00 per week and the students usually pay up within a week. Lou added that he hasn't lost more than \$5.00 in a single year while using this system.

The Rubins have been selling ice cream for 34 years and have been coming to this school for 14. In order to vend his ice cream on campus, Lou must pay the student body \$75.00 every month, which includes the alleviation of all competition.

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Disabled students camping Education pilot for 1,600 kids

Special to the Tribune

Expanded overnight camping trips will be part of an outdoor education program during 1974-1975 for 1,600 trainable mentally retarded pupils in the Los Angeles school district.

Superintendent of Schools William J. Johnston explained that the outdoor education program is a joint venture of the school district and the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.

The day camp program for the trainable mentally retarded pupils began during the 1972-73 school year on a pilot basis and was expanded last year to include three overnight camping experiences for some of the pupils.

Although the program will involve only trainable mentally retarded pupils, school districts officials are hoping that funds will be made available to expand

the outdoor education opportunities for all handicapped children in the school district.

The program will be held at the all-weather Hollywoodland Camp facilities near Hollywood.

Activities to be conducted by the camp staff will include orientation, nature crafts, nature games and nature walks, small animal feeding, outdoor cooking and closing campfire programs.

An evaluation of the outdoor experience will be carried out following the return of the pupils to the classroom.

Special education officials of the district feel that the majority of handicapped children lead sheltered lives and the outdoor education opportunity will broaden their experiences and enable them to participate safely in family camping trips.

Cost of the program, including teacher and aide time, and transportation, will be \$14,000 for the period from October 22, 1974 through June 13, 1975. That amount will come from budgeted funds for the trainable mentally retarded programs.

The Taft Tribune would like to clarify a point that may have seemed unclear about the story concerning aliens that appeared in last week's paper. The use of quotation marks around the words "wetbacks" and "get out" were not to denote that Mr. Joseph Luskin said them, they were used as colloquialisms.

Taft vocation test

Special to the Tribune by Don Coleman Taft Counselor

Have you given much thought to the future? What lies ahead for you five to ten years down the road? Most young people don't give much thought to their future careers until they graduate from high school. However, the time to plan for it is now. A battery of vocational aptitude tests is now available at Taft for students to

learn more about their specific strengths and weaknesses in order to more intelligently plan for a career.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be given at Taft High School on Wed. Oct. 30 beginning at 2:30 pm. The ASVAB is a series of nine tests designed to measure the aptitude of high school students in occupations common to the military service and civilian careers. The nine tests have relatively high validity in predicting probable success in the following areas: electronics, general mechanics, motor mechanics, clerical administration, and general technical.

The ASVAB test is free and available to all high school students (both boys and girls). It is recommended that all students take this test including the college-bound student. Each student should have a knowledge of his vocational abilities whether or not he plans to attend college. Not all students who do attend college complete their course of instruction and those who do not should certainly know as much as possible about their abilities.

Student Cabinet

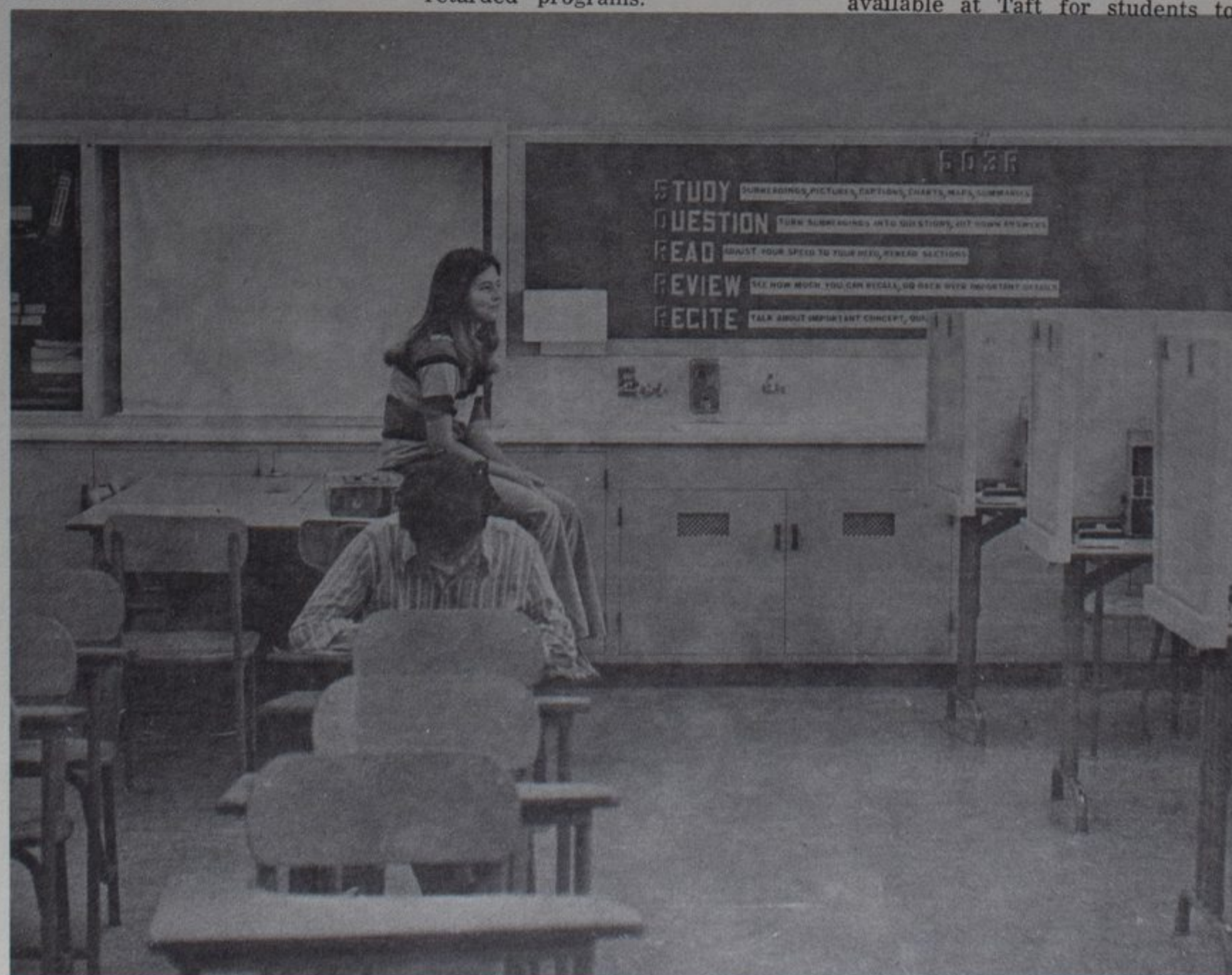
By Bruce McWilliams Tribune Liason

Last week the Taft Student Cabinet participated in an exchange with Canoga Park student government. They sent over ten officers to watch our various working procedures, creating quite a rapport between them. Later that afternoon, ten members of Taft's cabinet went over to their school and watched their cabinet in action. All who participated expressed the feeling that it had been a very worthwhile experience.

Curriculum Solutions

Matt Bell, Taft's Curriculum Chairman, has started a meeting once a week in E234 to discuss various proposals for changing the schedule process and other pressing problems. Anyone who feels they have any worthwhile ideas should drop in on these meetings.

Remember, open cabinet meeting is in C2 today.



The Taft study centers, like the one pictured here have been closed since the beginning of the year but should be opened in the near future due to the

diligent efforts of faculty headed by Mrs. Fran Joseph.

Tribune Photo

The Taft High School Ski Club held its first meeting of the year last week. There were 140 students who were interested in joining the club at the meeting. The sponsor, Mr. William Kroot along with the club officers, discussed the plans for future skiing trips. In all, four and possibly six trips are planned between November and April. The club will have one trip per month.

If there is anyone interested in joining the club who did not attend the first meeting they should go to room E133 to sign up or else attend the next meeting.

GUNS READY FOR WVVL OPENER

Young sharp as Braves succumb to Taft, 28-6

By Dan Turner
Tribune Editor-in-chief

It looks as though Dr. Frankenstein is back, this time in the body of Taft Coach Hal Lambert. He took what the experts had discounted as a pushover in the West Valley League and made them into a monster that physically breaks teams that dare stand in their way. Last week they pounded a highly esteemed Birmingham team 28-6, but the score wasn't indicative of the way the Braves were demoralized in Taft's fourth win in as many tries.

The Toreadors outgained Birmingham over 2-1 as Taft rolled up 371 yards of total offense to the Braves 181. Steve Mancini, who the Birmingham offense is based on, was held to a mere 65 yards when the previous week he rambled for 196. If it hadn't been for the four Taft fumbles, the score might have read 42-6.

But if it hadn't been for the ironman Taft defense, the Braves might have made a game of it. Twice Birmingham was held inside the Taft 15 on fourth down with excellent defensive stands. Tom Simpson lead the charge on both occasions, once sacking QB Ron Sung forcing him to throw the ball away.

Young and his arial Gems

Once again the offense was led by field general Charlie Young. He came to Birmingham with his shotgun loaded and when he left, the Braves secondary looked like a piece of Swiss Cheese. On the evening Young was 11 for 18 for 177 yards.

Taft opened the scoring with a patented Young to Bill Spooner scoring strike for 30 yards and a TD. In addition to Young, Spooner also enjoyed a great night when he snatched five passes for a total of 94 yards.

In the second period it was the Touchdown Twins Spooner and Young at it again. This time Young threaded the needle between two defenders and Spooner had his second touchdown. The Braves scored a token TD in the third period just to show the world they were still breathing. This narrowed the score to 14-6 but Taft never really felt threatened.

If it was the Taft Air Force who were brilliant in the first half, it was the Toreador Infantry in the second. As a unit the Infantry marched for 196 yards as they were led by Brad Dexter with 71

yards. And it was Dexter who burst for 16 yards to make the score 21-6 mid-way through the fourth quarter.

Young himself scored the final touchdown on an eight yard keeper to put the game on ice at 28-6, leaving the skeptics wondering if the Monster named Toreador can be beaten.



Head to Head; that's the way it was as Taft defeated Birmingham Friday night in the action bowl. Photo by Hertz

X-Country sweeps Vikes convincingly

By Lenny Lieberman
Tribune Sports Editor

Coach Dale Lythgoe called last week's cross country meet against Monroe a "crucial one". The Vikings instinctively field top contending teams in every division, last year sporting the Varsity city championship squad.

And Lythgoe was all smiles when the meet ended. His varsity team had pulled off an impressive 20-40 victory, the J.V.'s had come through with six of the first seven finishers in their race, and the tenth graders, without Chuck Schmidt, their number one man, avenged their 28-29 loss to Kennedy the week before, beating

Monroe by the same one point margin.

Roger Watkin, for the second consecutive week, was the first man to place for Taft in the varsity race, finishing five seconds behind Monroe's Ron Russell in 10:39. He was followed closely by Taft's Kurt Swanson, who timed a 10:47. Both men had colds during the week and neither improved on their fastest time.

John Simenz, who ran behind Andy York most of the race, finished ahead of Andy for fourth place in 10:58, while York and Bob Matlock finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Llew Phelan was the only varsity runner to show any notable improvement. The Junior Phelan lowered his time about 35 seconds to place eighth overall, sixth for Taft, in an 11:08, very good for this early in the season.

The J.V. Succession

The J.V.'s were devastating. Coming up Hernia Hill, the grueling ascent at the mile mark, the first nine runners were from Taft. Greg Partamian led all the way and finished first with an 11:29 clocking. Steve Wakenstedt and Craig Youngblood were next, and after a Monroe runner interrupted the parade, Paul Sears, Jeff Bush, and Craig Holmes came across the finish line in rapid succession.

Lloyd Rucker was Taft's first man to break the tape at 11:30 in the tenth grade race. He was second, however, finishing behind Monroe's tenth grade sensation Mike Bernstein, who ran a smooth 10:57. Richard Morris and Kim Carpenter broke the 12-minute mark to finish fourth and fifth in the race.

Sports

The Taft Tribune

Taft hosts ECR tonight: As tough as last year?

By Steve Lane
Tribune Sports Writer

The El Camino Real Conquistadores invade Goetten Field tonight as ECR and Taft open the 1974 WVVL season.

ECR comes into the game with a 1 and 3 record which leaves some doubt in people's minds as to their ability. El Camino has played some very formidable foes, like 4th ranked San Fernando and a highly ranked Banning team, which ECR lost to last week 14-13. El Camino also lost to the number two ranked Granada Hills. So, ECR has played with the big boys.

Balanced Scoring Attack

Taft is coming into the game 4-0 off a victory over non-league rival Birmingham. Taft again showed that it could score either by air or by land. The Taft defense did its share by only allowing 6 points.

Taft is fully aware of what this game means. Last year Taft was left seething after a disheartening 35-33 loss in which Taft led 21-0 at half-time. So with this kind of in-

centive, Taft would like to repeat 1972's 50-7 team victory and get them going on their way to a WVVL title.

ECR's offense is led by quarterback Scott Berglund and fullback Rusty Cook. Cook gained 71 yards against Banning.

Turnovers Costly

If you watched ECR all of the time, you would realize that their turnovers are what has really stopped them this year. Like Taft, El Camino makes turnovers by the bushel, but theirs seem to hurt more. Taft, however, has overcome their mistakes, and if they play without error, then Taft could be 5-0 at about ten p.m. tonight.

Next week, Taft will take on a highly regarded Cleveland team. During exhibition this year the Cavaliers beat the Carson Colts, one of the top ranked teams in the city. So the schedule doesn't get any easier. The only thing that is for sure is that Taft is in a league that could possibly be the best in Los Angeles.

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Bees back on form

With both Sanford Baldwin and David Bieber returning as the starting backs and with an improved defense, the Taft Bee team smothered the Birmingham Braves 20-0 last Friday night to end their two game losing streak and ready themselves for tonight's West Valley League opener against El Camino Real.

Scott Milne captained an offense which wasted no time getting on the board. On Taft's first possession following the opening kickoff, they moved the ball deep into Birmingham territory on the strength of Sanford Baldwin runs behind an impressive offensive line. On 4th and nine from the 21-yard line, David Bieber took a handoff from Milne, and scooted in for the touchdown. The conver-

sion was good and Taft had an early 7-0 lead.

The Braves had good field position only once the entire game. Following a blocked punt late in the first quarter, they took possession on the Taft 30-yard line, but were helpless against the solid Taft defense. On the first play, Bob Grobman knocked Brave running back Bret Nodine back for a five-yard loss. Two more running plays went nowhere and the Braves ran out of downs to end the first period.

The defense gave way to the offense, and in particular, Sanford Baldwin. On the next play of the game, Baldwin broke two tackles on the left side of the line, and ran 70 yards up the sideline for Taft's second touchdown of the night.

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