

Teachers arrive: Anticipating term

The Semester commencing September 1974 dawned with a total enrollment of 3,365 students at Taft. Failing to meet with the increase in student enrollment, was the number of teachers on staff. To compensate for this deficit, four additional teachers were hired.

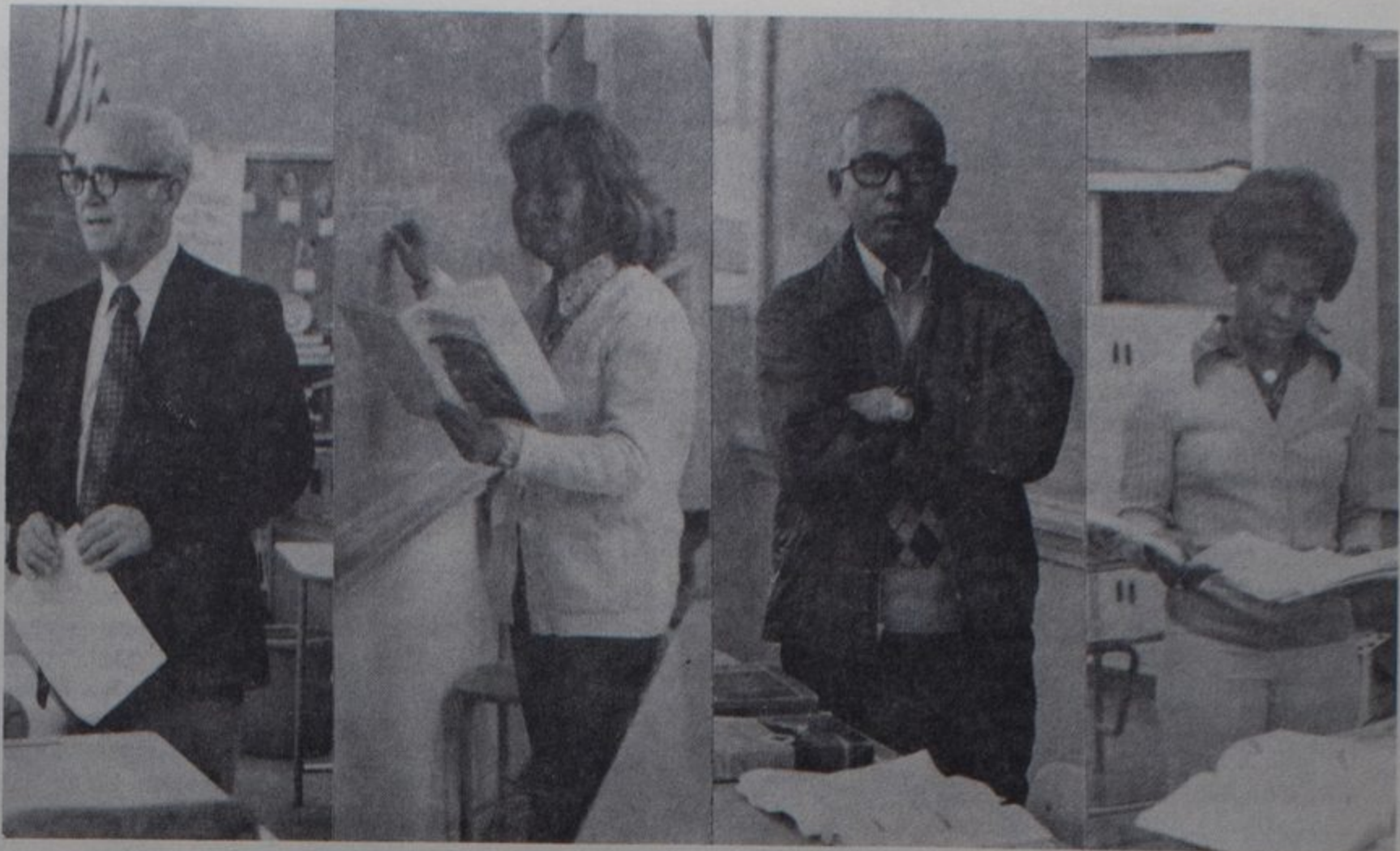
The first of these teachers is not an actual newcomer to Taft. Winston Clemens taught at Taft for nine years before leaving to join the first staff of the new El Camino High School in 1969. A UCLA graduate and WWII veteran, Clemens now teaches Senior Composition, American Literature, and several other classes including a newly scheduled elective. When asked why he came back to Taft, Clemens replied, "Because it's a good school."

Coming from San Fernando High School is Yvonne Clopton, Taft's first Black teacher. Feeling that it would be a good experience for herself as well as for the students, Mrs. Clopton is ready to cheer Taft on to victory. Although her favorite hobby is eating, Mrs. Clopton enjoys teaching her American Literature classes. A one-time coun-

selor and Senior Class sponsor, Mrs. Clopton says she feels at home at Taft. "The students have been great, and the campus is very nice."

Born in Burma, Mr. Maung Maung comes to Taft from Sutter Junior High School. Presently teaching mathematics, Maung enjoys teaching, but claims to be absolutely "crazy" about football and basketball. Having taught for sixteen years in assorted schools, Maung compliments Taft when commenting, "Taft is a very nice school and the students are very polite."

Betty Hankins is the fourth teacher newly acquired by Taft. Teaching English, Mrs. Hankins was not available for an interview about her new surroundings.



New additions to the Taft teaching staff: From left to right, the new teachers are Winston Clemens, Betty Hankins, Maung Maung, and Yvonne Clopton. Photos by Larson

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New Student Cabinet officers commence with new format, increasing workload

By Glenn Adler
Chairman of Communications
Another semester has passed and new Cabinet officers have been elected. To most students, Cabinet is still the same—simply the names have changed. To them, the same poor ideas and lack of communication still exist, and Cabinet

is still held in disrespect—which is unfortunate. After only three weeks in office, it is difficult to judge the merits of Cabinet. Many people take the wait-and-see attitude, hoping that this group will prove better than its predecessors. This is the best approach. The action by the last Cabinet,

reducing the number of officers from twenty-three to fifteen is an important change. Whether the change is good or bad for Cabinet performance is unknown. What is known is that each officer is now forced to apply himself completely to his job. In some cases, workloads have been increased up to three times. For the time being members are coping with the work, but after ten weeks some may falter. This probably would force the number of officers to be expanded.

Another important fact is the inexperience of the officers. Of the fifteen, only three have served on Cabinet before, and only four are seniors. These new faces give Cabinet a fresher look. These new people learn by doing, and they say they are not afraid to do new things. In the words of Student Body President Nancy Colman, "These people are not conditioned to the usual Cabinet procedure." But inexperience is not always good. Recent debates have centered around a few people, and

on some issues many members remain silent. This desperately needs to be changed. Finally, contrary to opinion, Cabinet has some power. Cabinet has votes in the Community Advisory Council, the PTA and a City-Wide Student Affairs Council, as well as the respect of the faculty and administration. This power simply has not been used effectively. If the new Cabinet hopes to accomplish anything, it must use its power, and fix its image with the students. This Cabinet has the chance to prove itself. In ten weeks, if they still have not acted, then criticism and contempt will be valid—and expected.

New ACT project: Industrial skills

The Advanced Career Training (ACT) program, to begin February 18, is a project for high school students providing classroom and workshop technical training not covered in the regular high school curriculum. The object of the course, "Overview of Industry," is to permit the student to use his acquired knowledge in the industrial environment.

"Overview of Industry" is sponsored by the Rocketdyne Division of Rockwell International Corporation and neighborhood school districts. The class, held at the Rocketdyne plant in Canoga Park, is instructed by Rocketdyne employees who possess extensive industrial knowledge and experience in the course material.

There are many sessions concentrating on various subject matters such as Industrial Photography, which explores the role photography plays in the aerospace industry, and Fire Protection, where demonstrations of fire prevention and control are presented using conventional and highly specialized fire fighting equipment. A session on Practical Applications of Electricity leading to basic electronics will also be held. Other session subjects include Inspection and Meteorology, Processing and Pressure, and the last session, deals with job Application.

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Supreme Court rules on suspension; Advocating student rights, defense

"Total exclusion from the educational process, even for a few days, is a serious event in the life of the suspended child."

Based upon this conclusion by the Supreme Court, it was ruled January 22 that no student should be suspended from public school unless he has been notified of the charges against him, and given a chance to defend himself.

This new suspension ruling requires only that the student be given oral or written notice of the charges against him, and if he wishes to do so, may then have the opportunity to present his case. In most instances, the minimum constitutional requirement could be satisfied by an "informal give-and-take between student and disciplinarian."

It is to be emphasized that this court ruling applies to those suspended for less than ten days. Longer suspension periods would require lengthy formalities, and possibly the appointment of legal counsel.

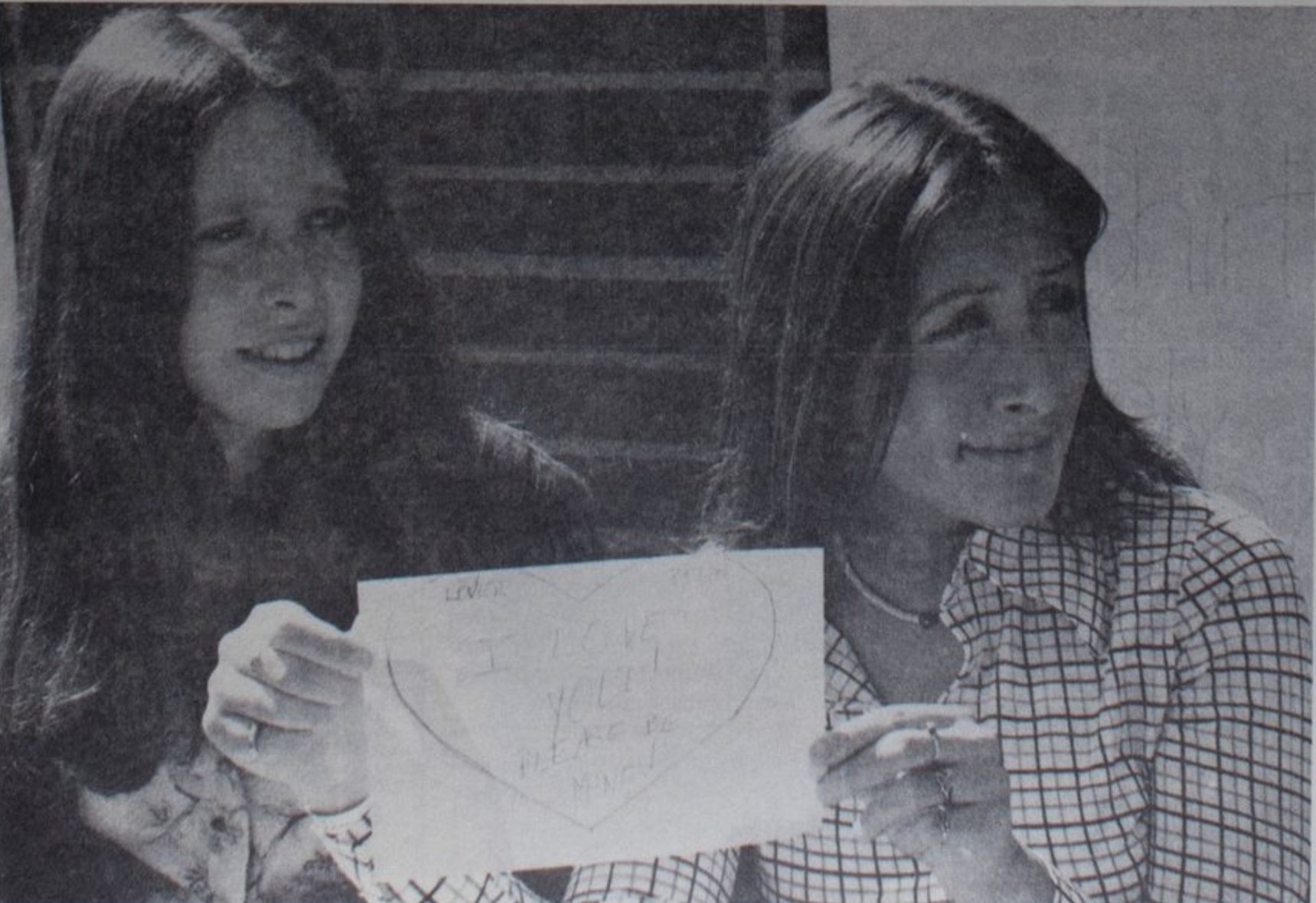
Statistics submitted to the justices of the Children's Defense Fund show that in 1972-73, 10% of the junior and senior high school pupils in the country had been suspended for at least one day. For minority pupils, the suspension rate was even higher, about 15%.

The major argument in defense of the suspension ruling was the fact that the students' rights were being violated when having been suspended. The 14th Amendment clause that guarantees that the state cannot deprive any persons

of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, came into effect as the main source of defense material. When suspended, the defense pointed out, the student's "property interest" in protecting his reputation and insuring that a bad school record does not prevent him from entering college or obtaining a job.

The court's decision will have little impact in California because

the state now requires a meeting between the student, parents, and school authorities within three days of a suspension. In addition to this, it has always been Taft's policy to hold conferences before the actual suspension of anyone. This Supreme Court ruling may not directly benefit Taft's students, but it will influence other schools dealing with future suspension situations.



Valentine Candygrams were sold this week in the lower lunch area for 15 cents apiece, in an attempt to promote a little holiday spirit. Sales were handled by the Senior Class. Photo by Primes

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One reporter's opinion

Black History Week

By Robin Germain

Hopefully by this period in time people have become aware of the interminable struggles endured by the Black people in this society. Facing continual moral degradation, unequal opportunities in every aspect of survival, and unjust persecution by those in power; it is obvious that these people are at a disadvantage in this "land of plenty."

Our own Los Angeles educational system in my opinion is at fault in promoting the Black contribution to America. Text books continue to mention Black contributions to our society only when forced to, while teachers refuse to educate students on their own without the use of inaccurate sources.

Rather than revise sorely one-sided historical accounts the school system prefers to debase the Black population by creating the remarkably ludicrous "Black History Week." On this occasion, the whites patronizingly attempt to commemorate hundreds of years of achievements by Black people in seven whole days. Instead of demanding continual and equal recognition of all Black scientists, artists, and political leaders who have advanced our society, just as we could hope their white counterparts are acclaimed, those in charge further isolate the Black community by separating a special week expressly for this purpose.

This in itself is a kind of reverse racism. Instead of judging these people according to their services rendered to society, and recognizing that they possess importance as productive, creative citizens, the L.A. school system advocates classification on the basis of races encouraging students to evaluate the merits of a person not according to the individual's achievements, but on the basis of uncontrollable physical traits.

Superintendent of Schools William Johnston defended the instigation of the "Black History Week" by saying that "special activities will strengthen the understanding that American society is the product of the interactions and contributions of many groups." Following this same philosophy, it is then additionally necessary to innovate a "Chicano History Week," Indian History Week, and an "Oriental History Week," acknowledging all the other races of people who have affected American society.

Vietnam's continuing trouble More U.S. Involvement seen

By Jack Kerrigan
Tribune Staff Writer

It's the same old story, time is running out for South Viet Nam. Once again the South Vietnamese have their backs up against the wall and are in need of American aid. The big question is: Will Uncle Sam come to the rescue?

In case the news hasn't leaked out, the American people should come out from under their rocks and read the *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report* or any other form of communication that abounds in the United States... they needed to know.

The fact is that America may once again be faced with a war that no one wants, another mistake, another war in Viet Nam. That's right, President Ford, like Presidents Nixon, Johnson, Kennedy and Eisenhower, is confronted with the problem of how the United States can help the South Vietnamese from being overtaken by the North Vietnamese, or if they need any help at all. This was brought to Mr. Ford's attention recently when Communist troops made advancements in South Viet Nam and Cambodia. In South Viet Nam, Communist troops invaded the Mekong Delta and captured the provincial capital of Phoc Binh, just 75 miles away from Saigon. In Cambodia, forces pushed as far as nine miles

from the capital Phnom Penh.

The two Communist advancements caused President Ford to put Indo-China on the White House "crisis list", but before piling your draft cards in the bonfire, or fleeing to Canada, wait... things are not as bad as they seem.

Primarily, Mr. Ford has expressed the idea that he will be a candidate for the Presidency in 1976, but chances seem nil if America becomes involved in another war. The American people may not be able to take another eight years of trying to get out of a war that should have never been. But advantages being what they are, Mr. Ford will be able to predict what is going to happen on college campuses if American troops are sent to Indo-China.

Secondly, President Ford has to deal with a Democratic Congress, a Congress determined to halt deeper American involvement in Indo-China. Ford was clearly in favor of stepping up shipment of arms, ammunition and fuel to the battling governments, but a 1973 law prohibited American combat acti-

vity "in, over, or off the shores of" North and South Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia.

In addition, Congress cut White House aid to South Viet Nam from 1.4 billion dollars to 700 million dollars for the year ending June 30. Congress also chopped 162 million dollars off of aid for Cambodia.

On the other hand, can Gerald Ford be expected to sit back and issue formal accusations against North Viet Nam for what he called "flagrant violation of the cease fire signed two years ago?"

These violations include the seizures of eleven South Vietnamese villages, illegally sending 160,000 fresh troops into the south and tripling the size of its armed force in South Vietnam to 600 tanks. To agree with the President, violations are in fact, flagrant.

Can Mr. Ford depend on Russia to put pressure on Hanoi to live up to the treaty? Seemingly, the answer would be of course, no, as the detente between America and Russia has suffered a major setback. The problem is obvious, but unfortunately, the answer isn't, and perhaps never will be.

— Letters to the Editor —

Dear Editor,

Another example of school hypocrisy surfaced during last semester's student body elections. They profess to deal with the basic tenets of American democracy, such as freedom of expression. However, there is a Cabinet committee that deals with the suitability of posters, speeches and the like during elections. This committee consists of only two people, faculty advisor and a Cabinet member. Very often this committee censors the posters of candidates without an explanation or hearing. This occurred to one candidate's posters during the recent election. The presumptuousness of this school's Cabinet, to encourage the general student body to vote and participate, and then turn around and use indiscriminate censorship of candidate's material, is ludicrous. This decision-making committee involves itself with important issues that can decide the outcome of an election. It has only two members on it, thus making a mockery of the school's election procedures. Moreover, to have only one student involved in the censoring of what is allegedly a student affair is in itself a travesty. The Student Cabinet has a long way to go before it can reprimand the student body for its apathy. That apathy is justly deserved when the Cabinet indiscriminately censors its candidates for office. The Cabinet must clean up its own mess before people will become interested in becoming a part of it.

Tom von Grempe

Voting procedure

Dear Editor,

When I read the article by Glenn Adler, *Elections, Hard to Swallow*, I would like to say I found it very

insulting. When you run for an office the only way you let people know is by having pole signs and all those other campaign techniques. Or maybe you will approach someone you haven't talked to all semester just to get their interest in Student Cabinet. If you notice, most candidates usually just say "go vote", not necessarily for me. But how else could they do it? If there was an assembly or debate, I bet very few people would go because the school is so apathetic. I personally wouldn't mind during election week people questioning me about why I should be in office, but in my two experiences running no one has ever approached me. There definitely is a problem on voting for the most popular but nothing can be done about that. And the reason why when you are once elected you disappear is because if you talk about what you do people call you conceited. So I personally try to keep my office a secret because people judge me as someone trying to build my ego, not as someone trying to help the school. I personally enjoy doing things for the school and don't care if I get any praise from them.

And if I do suddenly emerge out of Cabinet for re-election, it is because I enjoy my work, and want to do more, not extra ego fulfillment.

So I suggest to everyone in these next elections to go approach the candidate and put them on the spot don't just sit back (like usual) and wait for the candidates to approach you.

Cathy Maron

Fall Junior President

Take Cover siren set off by error; alarms very few

By Linda Mintz
Tribune Staff Writer

On Thursday morning, January 30 at 10 o'clock, Taft students were routinely going through the motions of a normal nutrition period. Suddenly, the drab monotonous morning was broken by the screeching sound of an air raid siren. No one even batted an eyelid.

It is understood by the public that the sirens are set to go off by the automatic timeclock in the Office of Civil Defense on the last Friday of each month as a test. It is also understood that if the sirens are to blare on a day other than the appointed Friday, people should run for cover. Yet not one Taft student seemed a bit worried, as if conditioned to ignore the annoying sirens. Are we so used to the normal once-a-month testing procedure that we scarcely notice the sirens if they are sounded on another day? Like the little boy who cried "Wolf!", when he really needed help, everyone thought he was bluffing.

But why did the sirens go off on Thursday?

A workman installing new equipment triggered a relay, setting off the alarm. Would the day or hour have made a difference in the event of an emergency air raid attack? I do not think so.

As a result of the students' conditional response on January 30, I conclude that the Civil Defense testing program needs some revision and change. Perhaps there should be a distinct difference between the testing siren and the emergency "Take Cover" alarm. But the fact remains the same. If no action is taken, thousands could be slaughtered resulting from their ignorance.

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Thousands of high school students from all over Los Angeles swarmed to the Career Expo last week, where various vocational exhibits were displayed.

Career Expo '75 draws students seeking info

Thousands of Los Angeles ninth and tenth graders visited Career Expo '75 at the Great Western Exhibit Center since it began on January 31. Expo was sponsored by various business groups who wanted to encourage students to look for a career that would be beneficial to them and to the communities involved.

Exhibits ranged from the Los Angeles Police Department to careers in automatic vending machines and from masonry work to positions in medical technology. Students seemed anxious to attend even with the four gang-related stabbings looming over the heads of the executives. Many students commented that Career Expo was worthwhile as they could find information concerning any field of study that they were interested in.



Does Valentine's Day of 1975 Compare to Yester-years'?

Can Valentine's Day still be celebrated in the same spirit that it was at the time of its origin? And can girls still depend upon the everfaithful daisy to determine whether 'He loves me' or 'He loves me not?' Maybe not, but invariably everyone's heart goes a-flutter over someone they want to be 'closer' to around the fourteenth of February.

Do Like the Romans?

Today's view of Valentine's Day rarely goes much beyond the sending of a few cards and giving a package of See's candy to someone, but in days of yore, Valentine's Day meant much more than this. It used to be that the Roman youths feasted for days during the holiday they call Lupercalia. They would exchange gifts among themselves and usually continued to enjoy one another's company for days afterward. Such is believed to be the beginning of what we now know

as Valentine's Day.

Though it is rare to find young people today celebrating Valentine's Day in this manner, it is not observed with nearly the same enthusiasm as it was years ago.

Wife or Old Maid

Valentine's Day was so important to the women of England that it meant a difference between becoming a wife or an old maid. But today it is treated so lightly that you can easily find a Valentine that may go something like this:

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Daisies are sweet,
What happened to you?

Perhaps Valentine's Day would be appreciated more if the powers-that-be would decide to advertise

more. Imagine a television special on the life of St. Valentine and the old Roman traditions, or an annual Valentine's Day parade. Furthermore, every February 14 we could give thanks for love. Of course this doesn't compare with the good old days of immoral Rome, but it's a lot better than getting a box of moldy candy.

There will be those who will object to the further commercialization of Valentine's Day.

Movie Review

'Report': A Moral Mess

By Mike Grant
Tribune Staff Writer

Murder, suspense, and mystery have perennially been key elements in the composition of detective police movies designed for theater release. One would think that *Report to the Commissioner* could have been more generous with the first two and at least indulgent to the latter. The movie fails on many counts.

To begin with, the film's continuity is immediately established as the movie opens with five minutes of flash-forwards. By the time the story starts flashing back from the flash-forwards, the viewer might feel that he's missed something. Of course, he hasn't.

New Kid on the Block

Michael Moriarty stars as undercover detective Beauregard Lockley, the "new kid on the block" at a downtown New York police precinct. He is a quiet, nervous, disheveled, unassuming hippie who we are asked to believe could have progressed through the police academy and patrol duty with his eyes closed to the outside world. Yaphet Kotto, as detective "Crunch", acts as Bo's tutor. The lessons don't last very long before Moriarty has accidentally killed a female undercover detective, played by Susan Blakely, and trapped himself in a department-store elevator with a gun-toting, underwear clad weirdo.

The police commissioner can't believe the whole situation, so he orders a detailed report. Due to flash-forwards, however, that happened at the beginning of the film.

An elusive factor of the Abby Mann-Ernest Tidyman screenplay is characterization. Bo Lockley is completely misplaced in reference to his personality which, in itself, is executed superbly by Moriarty. Crunch Blackstone fluctuates between Big Brother and Uncle Tom, and Stick Anderson, Tony King's portrayal is a literal stick figure, totally lacking any sense of direction.

Suspenseful Elevator Scenes

Perhaps the only time when the characters seem to interrelate properly is during the elevator scenes. Bo is properly pressured by and receptive to the situation, Stick is in a position of influence despite his entrapment, and Crunch plays the referee through an intercom into the elevator.

Unfortunately, the scenes with the most potential lose their impact and finally start to drag. Due to many overlong soul searching and pointless decision-making by the cops outside, any understanding of the character is lost, thrown to the wind by a simplistic search for suspense.

Despite how incredulous and confusing the film may sound, *Report to the Commissioner* is still an entertaining film to at least one degree. At one point in the movie, there is a unique chase sequence in which a taxicab is followed through the streets of New York by a double-amputee on a wheeled board.

In general, though, there is too much plodding moral gibberish for a serious consideration of the United Artists release. Even the final scene is no surprise, and it only serves to detract from any value one may have gained from the picture.

Facts tell the Real story -- Jobs scarce

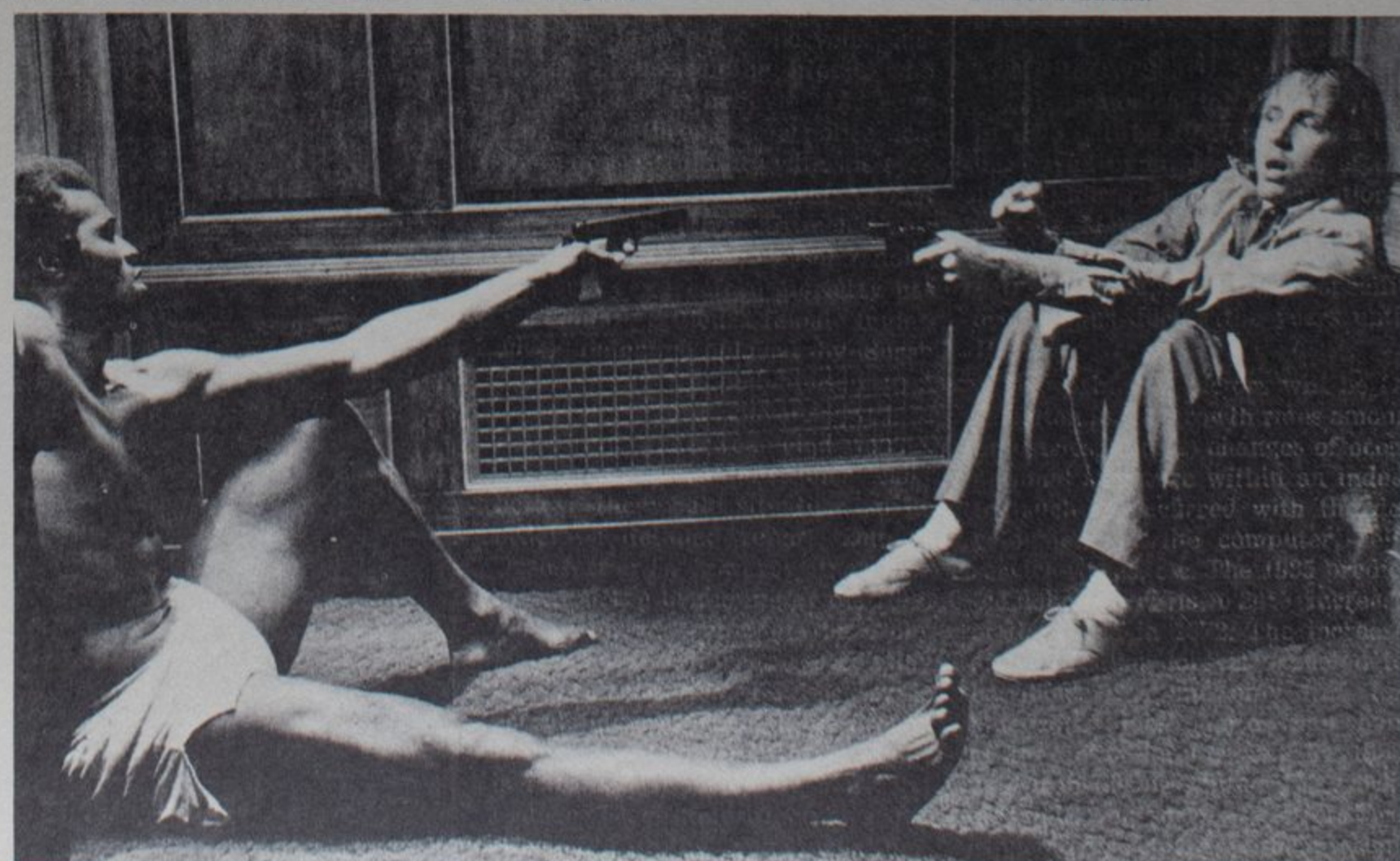
TOMORROW'S JOB MARKET

The projected total labor force in 1985 will be 107.7 million, a figure based upon assessments of the 1985 industrial and occupational outlook. Many factors will alter the employment levels of major occupational groups and for specific occupations during the years until 1985.

Two principal factors will be (1) variation in the growth rates among industries, and (2) changes of occupational structure within an industry such as occurred with the development of the computer, self-service stores, etc. The 1985 predicted labor force is a 24% increase of the force in 1972. The increase of white-collar jobs is expected to be about 37% and only 15% for blue-collar jobs. More than half of the total employment by 1985 will probably be white-collar workers. Jobs for service workers are expected to remain at the present day level of 13% of the total work force. Farm workers will decline by 50%.

Employment of professional and technical workers is expected to continue to grow faster than for any other major occupational group. With population increases and rising incomes there is an increased demand for goods and services from professional and technical workers. This same group will be needed to solve complex problems of a population concentrated in metropolitan areas. Our "friend", the computer, will continue to demand professional workers.

Expectations for all other major occupational groups are presented in the current OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK, a recommended resource for every high school student.



N.Y. Detective Bo Lockley (Michael Moriarty) and crime lord Stick Anderson (Tony King) face each other at gunpoint in a 19-hour battle of wits and

endurance inside a Saks Fifth Avenue department store elevator, in *Report to the Commissioner*, a United Artists release.

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Playoff picture bright-Toreadors grab two!

Steve Lane

Tribune Sports Writer

The Taft High basketball play-off hopes received a badly needed shot in the arm as they defeated second place El Camino and a tough Cleveland team, 70-66 and 83-75 respectively.

El Camino, who at the start of the week was one game ahead of Taft in second place, was out-shot, out-rebounded, and just plain out-hustled.

Varsity cagers travel to play Regents tonight

In their first meeting with Reseda this year, the Toreadors were unable to take advantage of the absence of scoring ace, Tom Cassidy, from the Regent line-up, and were defeated in a hard fought battle. Tonight, the Toreadors will attempt to even the series at one game a-piece, as they travel to Reseda High School for an 8:00 pm tip-off.

Struggling with a two win, three loss record at the midway break, the Toreadors have since improved their play, beating both ECR and Cleveland last week. This improvement in their record boosted them into a second place tie with El Camino and aided their chances of gaining a play-off berth.

The loss to Reseda in the first game didn't settle well with the Red, White, and Gold, so they will be out to prove something in tonight's game. The JV's tip-off at 6:30, the Varsity at 8:00, and the Toreadors would appreciate your support.

A Must Win

Taft played like a team that had to win. A loss would have just about locked the door on them. Guard Roger Wilson and center Paul Righetti provided the offensive punch while a swarming, harassing defense stilled ECR, forcing them to shoot low-percentage shots.

Roger Wilson, who is the team's top scorer, popped in 25 points, not bad for a night's work.

The defense, led by Paul Mitchell and Kelly Paris, was always on the move. They hustled for every loose ball and were just a nuisance to the Conquistadors. Reserve Brian Lane came on to play very well, also.

Overall, it was a very gratifying win for Coach John Furlong, who saw his team play like he knows that they can.

Cavs Next

Cleveland was Taft's next test. The Cavaliers, which for the most part is an also-ran ball club, has

one exception. The exception is a big one -- six foot four inch Chris Lippert. He is an all-city forward who just happens to average a little over 28 points a game.

The way to stop this kind of team is to hold the other scorers in check, and hope Lippert misses. Fortunately for Taft, the other scorers were held in check because Lippert didn't miss. He popped for 34 points. It just wasn't enough, however, for Taft came back with a strong 3rd and 4th quarter to win going away.

Little Roger Wilson was again the consistent scorer. Wilson, 27 points, and Paul Righetti, 24 points, scored more than half of the team's total points.

Paris and Mitchell turned in another fine game, Paris making several key assists for baskets and Mitchell playing another fine defensive game.

Taft has now pulled above the .500 mark with a 4 and 3 record.



No harm, no foul: Paul Righetti soars high between two defenders to score a tough two points against Chatsworth. The Toreadors lost the game but have since improved their record to 4-3. Photo by Rosenberg

Sports

The Taft Tribune

JVs split: Lose to El Camino, Cruise by Cavaliers, 60-53

Last Wednesday the Taft Junior Varsity basketball team dropped their second straight game, 49-48, to El Camino Real High School and the Toreador hopes for first place dimmed in the process.

It was a heartbreaking loss for Taft as the Toreadors led from the first quarter. With one second left in the game, Conquistador Steve

Currie hit a short baseline jumper to steal victory right out of Taft's grasp.

Both teams started the contest committing many turnovers as neither squad could score consistently and the result was the Toreadors owning a slim 10-9 advantage after one quarter. The action picked up in the second quarter and with Roger Markel and Mike Forman leading the attack, Taft built up five point leads twice. The Toreadors finally settled for a 25-22 halftime margin.

The third quarter saw Taft's lead range from three to seven points and when the buzzer sounded to end the quarter, the Toreadors were still ahead 36-32. Taft raised the margin to nine, 47-38, and then the roof fell in on the Toreadors as they were outscored 11-1 to lose their second game in a row to El Camino this year.

The cure that Taft needed for their two game losing streak was prescribed at Cleveland High School last Friday and the Tore-

dors got well fast cruising by the Cavaliers 60-53.

Chuck Schmitt and Kurt Huettinger combined for 33 points to offset Cleveland's 20 point performance from Mark Keifer, and the Toreadors took command early in the third quarter to record their fourth win of the year against three defeats.

The first quarter was a fan's delight as both teams were hot from the floor. The high scoring quarter ended with Taft on top 19-18. Keifer already had collected nine points while the Toreador attack was more balanced with four players having four points or more.

The Toreadors held the lead throughout most of the second quarter before the Cavaliers exploded for three baskets in a row to take a 30-28 advantage at halftime.

After the break, Taft outscored Cleveland 16-8 with Schmitt pouring in six and the Toreadors led 44-38 after three quarters.

Girls V-Ball team tenacious; City contenders once again

By Brian Miller

Tribune Sports Writer

In case any of you don't know, Taft High School has a girls sports program. Included in this program are such sports as tennis, volleyball, and badminton. The girls City Championship Tennis Team has gained some notoriety, but not much has been said about the fast-moving, thrill-packed games played by the girls Volleyball teams.

The average Taft student has no knowledge of the excitement which vibrates throughout the girls gym whenever one of the Toreadors' foes comes to play a match. Both the "A" and "B" squads play a fantastic style of volleyball, continually pleasing their audiences.

In volleyball, team play is vital to a successful team, and both squads use excellent bumping, setting, and spiking as their key to victory. Such varsity players as Team Captain Anne Pettit, Gayle McCauley, and Debbie Hungerford are considered the best all-around players on the team.

It is easy to see where the girls of the volleyball team derive the knowledge and confidence they take into the game with them. The girls win, and win consistently, and their coach, Ms. Marilyn McClung, is largely responsible. She instills in all her players, both in

practice and at games, the knowledge and confidence necessary to compete successfully in the game of volleyball.

Coach McClung is well qualified for the position of coach of a volleyball team. Ms. McClung coaches two outside teams, at Grant and Van Nuys High Schools. These teams are, in essence, the same as a little league is to a baseball program. Besides this, coach McClung also plays volleyball on the United States Volleyball Association "AA" team.

When asked to describe the "A" team, coach McClung said that,

"The team is physically strong, but we are not playing up to our potential." However, the Varsity squad was really up for the occasion when they met the Cleveland Cavaliers. Taft's girls crushed Cleveland, 15-7, in the first game, then returned with a very impressive, 15-1, romp in the second. Liz Cuykendall and Debbie Hungerford lead the Toreadors as Taft really turned it on against a talented Cavalier team. The Bee's used good team play to easily defeat Cleveland, 15-4 and 15-10, in consecutive sets.



Debbie Hungerford shows a sample of the form which enabled the Toreador girls volleyball team to easily defeat Cleveland last week.

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Bees win a couple; Cees lose 3 out of 2

After suffering their first loss of the season at the hands of the Chatsworth Chancellors, the Taft Bee squad bounced back last week with successive victories over ECR and Cleveland.

Against ECR, the Toreadors started out with some hot shooting, but because of some bad ball-handling fell behind at the end of the first quarter, 18-22. Taft started the second quarter using a pressing defense that wouldn't give ECR any ground near the basket. The Conquistadors adapted well to the pressure by just giving the ball to Harris and Goldberg, and simply letting them shoot. And man, did they shoot! They filled the nets with bombs of 25 feet with great accuracy in the first half.

During the third period, Taft was playing somewhat better ball, but at the outset of the fourth quarter, trailed by ten points.

It was at this point that a lightning bolt must have hit the To-

readors, for now it appeared that they were putting on a rally. They caught ECR at 59 on Frank Shapiro's fall-away bank-shot from 15, but then ECR made a 3-point play to go ahead 62-59. The lead went back to the Toreadors on a Reed Hummel lay-in, and it looked as if the game was on ice when Scott Milne pulled down a rebound after an ECR shot attempt and called time out. But ECR had one more chance following a Taft turn-over with 13 seconds left. Horn, of ECR missed an easy shot and went for the rebound. He was tied up by Glenn Pomerantz, who won the jump-ball. The rest is history. In the fourth quarter, Taft had outscored ECR 21-9, and won 64-62.

Following the heart-stopping victory over ECR, the Toreadors won a laughter from Cleveland Cavaliers, 67-47. Taft could do no wrong as they took it to the Cavs both offensively and defensively.

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