

Alternative school offers a second chance

An alternative school for students who for various reasons cannot work in the regular school system is now operating here at Taft. It is called a continuation school and Taft is the last school in the valley to start one. The continuation program now has two

teachers in the program, Mrs. Hiller and Mr. Johnson.

"Continuation is student oriented as opposed to class oriented," said Mrs. Hiller. "We try to maintain a relaxed, pressure free environment."

The continuation program has a

maximum capacity of 40 students (20 per teacher) and now has 27 students enrolled. With the small class size, the teachers have the opportunity to work on a one-to-one basis with the students.

The students make a contract with the teachers to do a certain

amount of work in the subjects they need credits in when they first enter the program. They work on an individual basis to complete their contracts.

Along with the individual study, the students have programmed learning (working out of textbooks), and they do take tests on the subject. The students are graded on the regular A to F grading system and get the same number of credits for each course as anyone else would.

The school, which goes from 8:30-12:40, gives those students who would not ordinarily have enough credits to graduate from high school the chance to get them; it provides a second chance for those students. The ultimate goal of the program is to get the students back in the regular school program. The continuation school goes a long way to try to help prevent students from dropping out. The program also tries to turn the students on to school or at the very least get them through it.

Mrs. Hiller, before coming to Taft, taught continuation for three years at Canoga Park High School. Previous to that she taught five years in the regular program. She also taught one

year at Birmingham High School. Mrs. Hiller is basically an English teacher. She thinks that although certain work must be accomplished, school should be fun. She likes her job and likes teaching at Taft and is very active in sports including skiing and golf.

Mr. Johnson is also an English teacher. Before teaching in the continuation school, he taught 10 years in the regular program at Taft.

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Miss Sandra Holtzendorf describes a fossil recovered from the La Brea Tar Pits to three members

of her Prehistoric Life Class, from left to right, Jerry Short, Diane Gold, and Valerie St. Claire.

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Report from C2

Student Cabinet considering Community Involvement issue

By Glenn Adler

Chairman of Communications

Image...Student relations...Community Involvement...and learning, learning, and more learning.

Cabinet, who week by week comes closer to reaching its potential, has been busy pursuing these issues while taking a long look at the image it presents to the student body. What they see is

not always good. An editorial printed in the *Tribune* two weeks ago criticizing Cabinet was received very coldly. However, all members listened, and many worthwhile points were considered.

In an attempt to provide a forum for student problems, Cabinet listened to debate between the administration and student Peter Kaufman, who wrote a satire on

Christianity. The administration censored Kaufman's writing and he appealed to Cabinet for help. Stemming from this debate, Cabinet has formed a Student Grievance Committee for investigation of these problems.

A new election calendar has been passed increasing voter to candidate communication, and hopefully adding some life to the present dull system.

All in all, Cabinet has been performing its duties while learning the ins and outs of school procedure. Whether they can do a better job than past Cabinets is unknown, but at least they are making a stab at it.

CSF seeks new people

California Scholarship Federation, 181 strong, proved to be one of the largest clubs at Taft in 1974 and promises to be even bigger and better in 1975.

Those students who have been members for four semesters, including once in their senior year, are eligible for life membership and a gold seal on their diploma. Many colleges and universities nationwide offer scholarships to Gold Seal Bearers, based on grade point average rather than financial need.

Major CSF activities last semester included U.C.L.A. Honors Day, November 9, where members toured the campus, and viewed the Bruin-Oregon football game at the coliseum. "Movie Night", January 24, featured the hilarious Marx Brothers' comedy *Monkey Business* plus a series of experimental short subjects. The evening was an ideal fundraiser and was created by the fall officers who were: Eldridge Adams, President, Steve Glass, vice-president, Bobbette Cloninger, secretary, Lynn Bianco, treasurer and Linda Mintz, historian.

Everyday during nutrition, the above dedicated board members meet in B106 under the sponsor-

ship of Mr. Herman Jay to plan enriching activities and invigorating field trips.

Offering a variety of opportunities for all, the CSF spring membership drive has just begun. To apply, bring your report card to B106 at nutrition for more details and grade verification.

Today, the Interculture Exchange Club (IEC) of Taft is sponsoring an AFS and Foreign Exchange Student Day. Approximately twenty exchange students staying in homes throughout Southern California will spend three days with the families of Taft students.

The idea of the program is to give foreign exchange students an opportunity to see different modes of American home and school life before they return to their native countries.

On Thursday, February 20, the students met with their host families and went home with them. Today they are attending classes with their host students while Saturday will be spent at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu.

The Taft High School Knowledge Bowl team won its fifth meet in a row February 4 at Reseda, beating a surprising Reseda squad 240-140. Gary Ostroff led Taft with 16 questions answered correctly.

The Taft team is captained by Alex Duke and features Ostroff, Mark Reda, Ferric Fang, Peter Cohn, Reggie Epstein, Lynn Bianco, and Matt Epstein, with alternates Scott Black and Karin Carter, plus David Estrin as the reader. Taft participates in the Valley Knowledge Bowl League, which includes Birmingham, Grant, Granada Hills, Monroe, and Reseda.

This year's Knowledge Bowl team is one of Taft's finest. After five meets, they are undefeated and lead the Valley League. Cap-



Home-Run Happy: Peter La Cock, smiling alumni first baseman, crosses home after a third inning blast. The alumni won last week's game 15-3.

Photo by Rosenberg

Knowledge Bowl team unbeaten; "All-Around effort" key to success

tain Alex Duke attributes the success to an "all-around team effort, whereas most teams only have one main player, Taft has many knowledgeable members able to do well." Duke also acknowledges the team's sponsor Mr. Reynolds as having a helping hand in victory.

Knowledge Bowl does not only involve a grasp of trivia. A good memory, a quick hand, a nimble mind, and a well-rounded intellectual background are needed to be successful. Questions on topics as wide-ranged as sports, literature, music, math, history, and geography are asked during the meets. The first person on either team to ring their buzzer gets a chance to answer the questions presented by the reader. A correct answer is worth 5 points, but if the answer is incorrect the other team is given a chance to reply to the same

question. If a team answers three questions consecutively they receive an opportunity for a 30-point bonus question.

Late last year, Taft started its 1974-75 season. First, they defeated Birmingham 445-290. Then, in a close battle, Taft nipped perennial champions Granada Hills, 485-405. Next, Taft trounced both Grant, 430-175, and Monroe, 405-130. With the low-scoring Reseda win, Taft is 5-0.

The Taft Knowledge Bowl team plays an exciting, stimulating and very often humorous game. Once, Lynn Bianco, Taft's science expert, said a scapula was a surgeon's knife. For those who don't know what a scapula is, ask any member of Taft's undefeated Knowledge Bowl team. They would appreciate your interest and support for their home games.

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Editorially speaking

New P.E. policy

By Mark Reda
Tribune Staff Writer

A change has occurred in the school's physical education policy. A recent Senate Bill has given many seniors an opportunity to be exempt from P.E., providing for the first crack in the previously rock-solid monument of mandatory physical education. The *Tribune* believes this is to be a long-awaited change that will be beneficial to all concerned, and indicates a new attitude towards P.E. which should be developed even further.

The new policy permits students who are within 15 credits of graduation to be exempt from P.E. Of course, a parent's signature is needed and each case is reviewed, but if a student meets the qualifications, he or she will be excused from further P.E. activities.

This new policy is a beneficial change for both students and teachers. Students that don't care for P.E. will be free of it for their last semester. In addition, those students with jobs will be able to leave school earlier, and maybe students will have the opportunity to participate in school activities that they find more interesting. For the teachers, they will now be instructing smaller classes, and with potential malcontents now exempt, the classes will be less of a hassle and more enjoyable for them.

More importantly, however, the recent legislation is a step towards a new refreshing philosophy of physical education. School officials, politicians, and the general public must realize that just as there are students who are interested in history and dislike math, there are other students who like music and dislike physical education.

P.E. is as individual a subject as math, music, or art. There are personal traits that can be developed in a P.E. class, but not in its present state. Classes are too large and too many participants are lazy or apathetic. If P.E. was made an elective, with a graduation requirement of three semesters, then the classes would shrink to a size where more individual attention could be given to each student. Then, maybe an appreciation of sports and physical fitness could be achieved, where now there is only lethargy and distaste.

More types of activities could be performed with smaller classes, such as archery or tennis, whereas now, for the most part, large scale sports that depersonalize students are performed. An appreciation of an activity, whether it be music, literature, or physical education can only be accrued by an intimate association with it. This type of personal involvement cannot be performed now, but it could with smaller classes.

The Senate Bill is a step in the right direction in the field of P.E. policy. It does not shove physical education in the background, it only gives students and teachers interested in sporting activities an opportunity for a good learning experience. The breaking down of mandatory P.E. will not destroy it, but shift the emphasis from ritualistic tedium to participation, enjoyment and appreciation, hopefully making physical education a more rewarding experience for both student and teacher.

The Study Centers

Last week, Superintendent of Schools William Johnston and Board Member Donald Newman visited Taft to examine the study centers. Johnston hinted that funding for the centers will be discontinued in June unless three school propositions pass on the May 27 ballot. It is hoped that from now until June, members of the Taft community will work to see that the propositions pass, so that our excellent study centers can continue to grow.

U.S. commissions company to train Arabian Nat'l Guard

By Robin Germain
Tribune Editorial Editor

Once again America has proven itself capable of any nefarious deed imaginable when insuring its own interests. Following official statements intimating the possible use of force against the Arab nation should they decide to exclude this country from their oil dealings, it has recently been revealed that the Defense Dept. has contracted a private company (Vinnell Corp.) specifically to recruit ex-servicemen and Vietnam veterans to train the internal security forces of Saudi Arabia in case of attack on the Arab's prosperous oil fields.

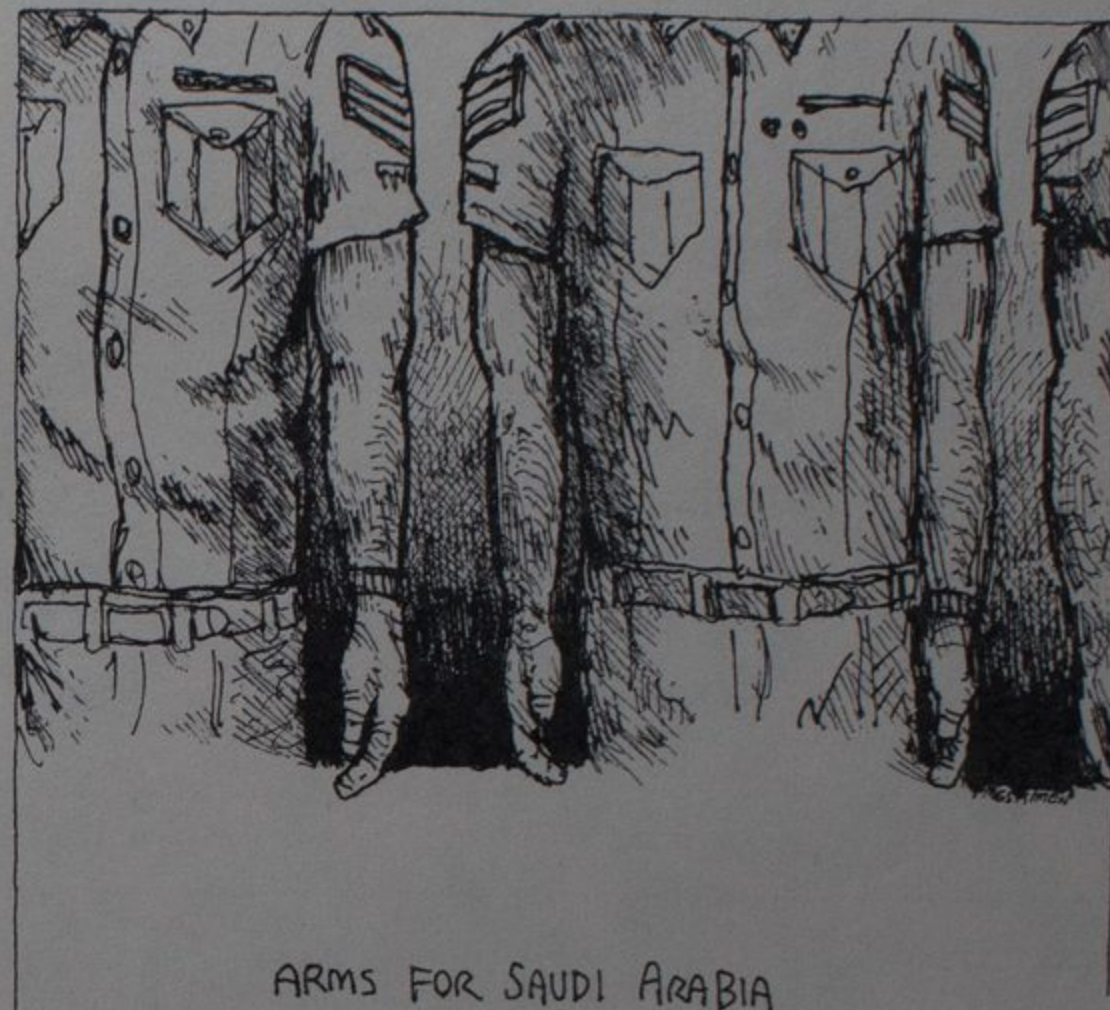
This in itself is an extremely perplexing state of affairs. But the matter is further complicated by the declarations made by Henry Kissinger, pledging that the United States "will not knowingly sacrifice Israel to the consideration of great power politics." So if America supports the state of Israel, and expresses hopes in preventing violent devastation by the Arab states, then why is the Pentagon sending in Americans and weapons to strengthen the Arabs, fighting capability? It appears to this observer that U.S. foreign policy abounds with gross contradiction and deceptive loopholes readily available to be manipulated at the whim of those in charge.

Furthermore, though Vinnell officials have emphatically denied the accused charges of generating a mercenary force, the entire situation becomes clearly focused upon examining the motives behind the

immediate problem. In the first place, why would the Vinnell Corp. desire such an agreement with the United States and Saudi Arabia? Obviously they were inspired by the \$77 million Defense Dept. contract offered, which is explicitly a mercenary act of greed. Secondly, what could possibly induce men recently relinquished from the brutality of the Vietnam war, to further leave their established abode and train other men to kill? With the slightest of knowledge of today's economic situation and high unemployment rate, it is not difficult to afford an answer. For \$1,500 a month with a bonus of \$200 upon completion, with free

housing while on the job, instructing foreign soldiers on the rudiments of warfare can appear as quite an attractive offer for some people.

But it must be realized that the acquisition of money or oil rights cannot excuse the actions of a people if it is an action that is morally wrong. Humans have the responsibility of looking out for others, interests as well as their own; and it's time this country realizes that the world does not revolve around it, that there are other more important causes to be worked for besides that of making money for the Defense Dept. and the Vinnell Corp.



ARMS FOR SAUDI ARABIA

America's internal problems Stem from overpopulation

By Tom Bolton
Tribune Co-Sports Editor

A feeling of anxiety and dissatisfaction is prevalent throughout our country. The general feeling is that our government is not doing the things it should. This may or may not be true.

It is an easy thing to do, to simply see the short range cause of our problems. How nice to be able to blame our economic woes on the past few administrations which have served in Washington. Or perhaps we can find a scapegoat in the Congress which spends more time fighting party lines than it spends fighting unemployment lines. The opportunities to make excuses are unlimited; the answer lies much deeper.

Our problems stem, ultimately, from the inability of our natural resources to keep pace with the rising populations of both our country and the entire world. On the one hand, we complain about the trivialities of our political and economic problems (and indeed they are trivial when one contrasts them with the thought of mankind reproducing himself into extinction), and then on the other hand, we fail to take the steps necessary for our own preservation.

The solution lies in a basic and simple concept; merely reduce the rate of reproduction until the population begins to taper off and reduce itself to a sustainable level. As simple as the concept may be, the machinery necessary to produce such world-wide changes would be enormous. It would, no doubt, be the greatest project mankind has ever undertaken. But none-the-less, we cannot afford to put this task off any longer. For as each day passes and more people are brought

into this world, the task simply becomes greater. The time to act is now, and the opportunity to take such action may soon be a thing of the past. We have already spent too much time politely accepting the rhetoric of organizations who oppose all scientific forms of birth-control. No longer can we afford to indulge ourselves in the Polly-Annish ideas of such groups. Nor

can we continue to accept the abstract excuse of poor government to explain our problems, while over-looking the obvious cause... overpopulation. The answer is there; the choice is ours. We can continue to push productivity to its final and brutal limits, or we can cut reproductivity and take a major step towards the perpetuation of the human race.

--Letters to the Editor--

We were extremely surprised to find in your "liberal" paper such sexist attitudes as those found in an article from the February 7 issue, "Communication: A Growing Gap."

The author pointed out that there is a definite communication gap illustrated her ignorance of the problem by expressing her anti-feminist attitudes.

("And if it ever comes to which three basic communication forms we'll have to live by, they will have to be weighed equally. Telegraph, telephone or tell a woman... Gloria Steinem is bound to be a winner.")

Patricia Novak
and thirteen friends

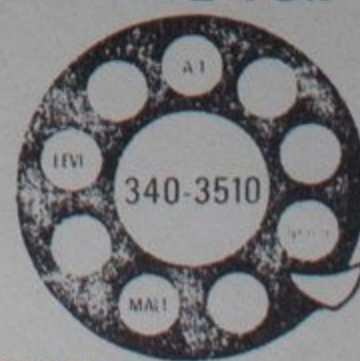
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Michael Grant (center) proclaims, "Let's go on with the show," during a rehearsal for Play Production's

presentation of *Annie Get Your Gun*. The play is set for March 6, 7, and 8. Photo by Larson

Women becoming equalized

Law redefines role in sport

By Barbara Tannenbaum
Tribune Co-Feature Editor

The role women play in sports is being redefined. New laws have been enacted saying, in effect, that women must have an equal opportunity to participate in school sports programs (both college and high school) as the men do. The guidelines that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare have set down concerning women's sports say that "... no person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any P.E. or athletic program..."

But how does this affect Taft? Is the girl's gym going to be enlarged in order to equal the size of boy's? Will soccer be offered for the girls as well as the boys? Well, not exactly.

In all likelihood, Taft will probably be affected very little by these new laws. For example, the money provided by the school board (which must follow the above-mentioned guidelines) pays for such things as buses and salaries. Many people point out the salary differences between male and female coaches, but it is only fair to note that the coach of the football team, working after school every day, ought to be paid more than one who coaches a team after school only two times a week.

The re-distribution of funds would really affect Taft's sports program if the girls' athletic department would buy more uniforms, equipment, etc. But this is allocated by the student body and is not subject to guidelines of Health, Education, and Welfare. The current budget is \$18,000 for boys' sports and \$3,000 for girls'. But if someone at the Board of Education felt that Taft's athletic facilities were unequal, funds provi-

ded by the Board could be withheld.

There will be a few other small changes. Should enough girls want a soccer team, they would not be able to join the boy's team as it is a contact sport. However, they might be able to form a girl's soccer team, since part of the guideline states that schools "... shall make affirmative efforts to provide athletic opportunities in such sports and through such teams as will most effectively equalize opportunities..."

The biggest change of all will be coming from college campuses. Since they are federally funded, they must equalize their sports scholarships. Although there are some scholarships available for girls, they are nowhere near as lucrative or provide as much assistance as the boys'. However, under the new federal laws, it is con-

ceivable that women will be offered the same type of scholarships (which sometimes include part-time jobs, room and board, and tuition) that used to be reserved for the boys.

Steering Committee provides Other form of government

By Karen Kraemer
Tribune Staff Writer

Student government is a familiar topic on campus these days. Whether the discussion concerns this year's budget or the particulars of the next dance, the conversation invariably centers on Cabinet, Taft's supposed answer to Washington, D. C. But Taft's constitution, like that of the United States allows

for a local legislature as well - our answer to that is the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is a vehicle through which any Toreador can have a voice in student government. Of course, the fifteen members of Cabinet have the major task of guiding the entire student body, but there is no conceivable way that these fifteen officers can represent the student body's 3600 members. The Steering Committee therefore, affords an outlet for all students who want to get involved in the workings of their school.

A Steering Committee is just about the easiest of all school groups to get involved in. Almost every student is eligible, and the voting goes on at the classroom level.

"It's really a shame," as Mr. Kroot, Junior Steering Committee sponsor says, "that the students don't want to join."

The members of Junior Steering Committee are chosen in the social studies classes. According to Mr. Kroot, not all classes are represented. Whether the reason for this poor turnout is lack of publicity or lack of interest, Mr. Kroot thinks that those that did not run missed out on a great opportunity.

The theme of Junior Steering Committee is that everyone should feel free to express themselves. Any junior can join in on the class activities because, according to Steve Turner, Bicentennial Class President, all meetings will be open. Although the turnout for this semester's Junior Steering Committee is small, the outcome may be tremendous. Many dynamic new per-

sonalities have appeared this semester, and as Mr. Kroot emphasized, "These kids really want to work."

All the members are aching to get started and so far have shown lots of enthusiasm as they begin planning the class activities for this semester.

This semester is crucial for the Bicentennians, because this is the time that they begin planning activities for their senior year.

So when your Steering Committee representative reports back to class and asks for your ideas, feel free to voice your opinions. And remember, Taft's student government is democratic, so instead of complaining to your friends, complain directly to Steering Committee - you will be heard.

Current Political Events

The following items are bills the California State Legislature has been considering the past few weeks.

Legalize Marijuana--Assembly Bill 642

This bill would drop all criminal penalties for personal use and possession of marijuana, as long as its use was not detrimental to others (victimless crimes). Therefore, if you were arrested for reckless driving while under the influence of marijuana, you would obviously be prosecuted. This bill doesn't have a serious chance of passing since it also includes a clause for dropping penalties on other victimless crimes, such as prostitution.

Lower Drinking Age--Assembly Constitutional Amendment 15

This constitutional amendment will allow the question of lowering the drinking age to 18 to be decided by the voters on the next ballot. It failed on the Assembly floor by a vote of 46-23. Even though a majority of assemblymen voted in favor of it, the bill needs the approval of 2/3 plus one of the

entire Assembly since it is a constitutional amendment. Assemblymen Bob Cline can only hope that at least eight of the 11 Assemblymen who were absent will vote for the bill when it comes up for reconsideration, thus giving him the required 54 votes. The reconsideration vote could come at any time.

Public Financing of Campaigns--A.B. 466

This bill permits candidates for city-wide office (not Assembly or Senate seats) to finance their campaigns exclusively from public contributions upon contracting with the fair political practices commission for public contributions. They must also promise not to receive private contributions during the campaign.

Sealing of Arrest Records--A.B.299

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Drill Team Signups soon

Although practice began February 4 for the 1975 Drill Team, there is still an opportunity to sign up for practice. Drill Team is still in need of more participants and anyone is welcome to come give it a try. There is plenty of time before tryout and any girl interest-

ed should come Tuesday, February 25, at 3:20 behind the girl's gym. The newly elected 1975 Drill Team steering committee, who will be the instructors, urge all girls "not to miss out on one of the most exciting things a girl can do at Taft."



Easy two. Larry Zelman lays in a couple for the Red, White, and Gold. The sparingly used Zelman has performed exceptionally in recent games. Photo by Rosenberg

JV's split pair; Run by Regents, Edged by Canoga

The JV's hit the road last week for a couple of games against Canoga and Reseda, and came away with a split, downing the Regents 75-56, and losing to the Hunters 63-59.

Against Canoga Park, the Toreadors started off with some hot shooting from John Ries and Chuch Schmitt, and led after one period, 16-12. Ries finished as high scorer for both teams with 22 points.

In the first two quarters, the Hunters tried to set up a fast-break oriented offense by attempting four straight length-of-the-floor "football" passes. The result, four straight turnovers.

Canoga Park had, in fact, an astounding 26 give aways for the game, with the Toreadors right behind at 21.

Usually, the team with the least turnovers winds up winning the game, but with the exception of Ries, Taft's shooting was sub-freezing and they went to the locker room with a not-so-comfortable one point lead.

Going into a turnover plagued third period, Taft, for the first three minutes, looked as though they were a team rejuvenated, as they were passing like pros, shooting like marksmen, and dribbling like globetrotters. For the remaining five minutes of that quarter however, they began to crack at the seams, and fell behind for the first time, 43-41. In the fourth stanza, the Toreadors were shooting as if they couldn't buy a basket, while the Hunters were red-hot.

At Reseda, the turnover marathon continued, but with much less damaging results for the Toreadors. This time they outdid their opponents and themselves by committing 23 miscues while the Regents only had 16.

Aside from the turnovers, Taft performed admirably on both ends of the court. This was definitely Greg Gordon's game as he hit on 7 of 10 shots from the field and was 4 for 5 at the freethrow line.

Post-season picture muddled

Taft's loss to Regents Creates tie in second

By Russ Rubin
Tribune Sports Writer

Tom Cassidy of Reseda High School sank two freethrows with eight seconds to play to secure a 67-66 Regent victory over Taft High School last Friday night. The loss put the Toreador playoff hopes in jeopardy as they hold only a one game lead over El Camino and Cleveland with one game remaining.

Depending upon Wednesday's game with Chatsworth there is a possibility of Taft being involved in a three way tie for second place in the West Valley League with E.C.R. and Cleveland.



High above the crowd soars Paul Righetti. Chatsworth's Cliff Humphrey looks on in an odd manner.

Photo by Rosenberg

Bees win a couple; Push record to 8-1

In two very well played games, the Taft Bees improved their league record to eight wins against only one loss by defeating Canoga Park and Reseda by scores of 68-67 and 79-57 respectively.

Against Canoga, the Toreadors started out well but fell behind at the end of the first quarter due to the excellent penetration of the Hunters. In the second quarter Taft used the excellent passing of Deri and Lee to gradually pull from Canoga. The Toreadors lead bulged to as much as ten, but the determined Hunters cut the lead to six at intermission.

During the third period, poor shooting by both teams caused it to be a very low scoring quarter. Even though there was not much scoring the Hunters were able to cut Taft's lead to four at 48-44.

In the exciting fourth quarter, Canoga used their rebounding strength along with inconsistent

The Toreadors would not have to worry about a three way tie had they been able to defeat Reseda, but Roger Wilson suffered through one of his worst shooting nights of the year, being held to only two points in the first half.

Both teams were shooting extremely well in the first quarter and the Toreadors, behind Steve Furlong's six points grabbed a 16-14 margin after eight minutes. Taft then jumped to an 18-14 lead which was short-lived as the Regents behind Alfred Patterson went on an eleven point blitz to take a 25-18 advantage midway into the second quarter.

The Regents extended their lead to 37-26 by halftime and times were not looking good for Wilson as he was ice cold from the field. One of the most unusual plays occurred in the second quarter when Tom Cassidy made a shot while being fouled. The basket counted and Cassidy was given two free-throws which he converted to complete a four-point play.

Paul Righetti picked up the scoring slack for Taft in the third quarter and the Regent's lead was 49-41 at quarter's end.

The Toreadors started to creep closer to the lead as Wilson began to score, but Righetti was doing it all with eleven points.

Taft was down 61-58 with only a few minutes left, but every time the Toreadors got close Reseda came right back to score.

Then with the score 65-64 Reseda, Cassidy calmly made two free-throws to ice the victory. Righetti led all scorers in the game with 26 points. Patterson and Cassidy had 30 and 19 points respectively for Reseda.

Two nights before the Reseda game the Toreadors battled the Canoga Park Hunters and won going away 74-71. Roger Wilson had an outstanding game tallying 36 points while Paul Righetti added 17 points along with 21 rebounds.

Taft led 37-30 at halftime and stayed in front after three quarters 52-46. Todd Cooper of C.P. then scored 17 of his team's 25 points in the final quarter but it was not enough to offset the Toreadors strength behind Wilson and Righetti and Taft had its fifth win.

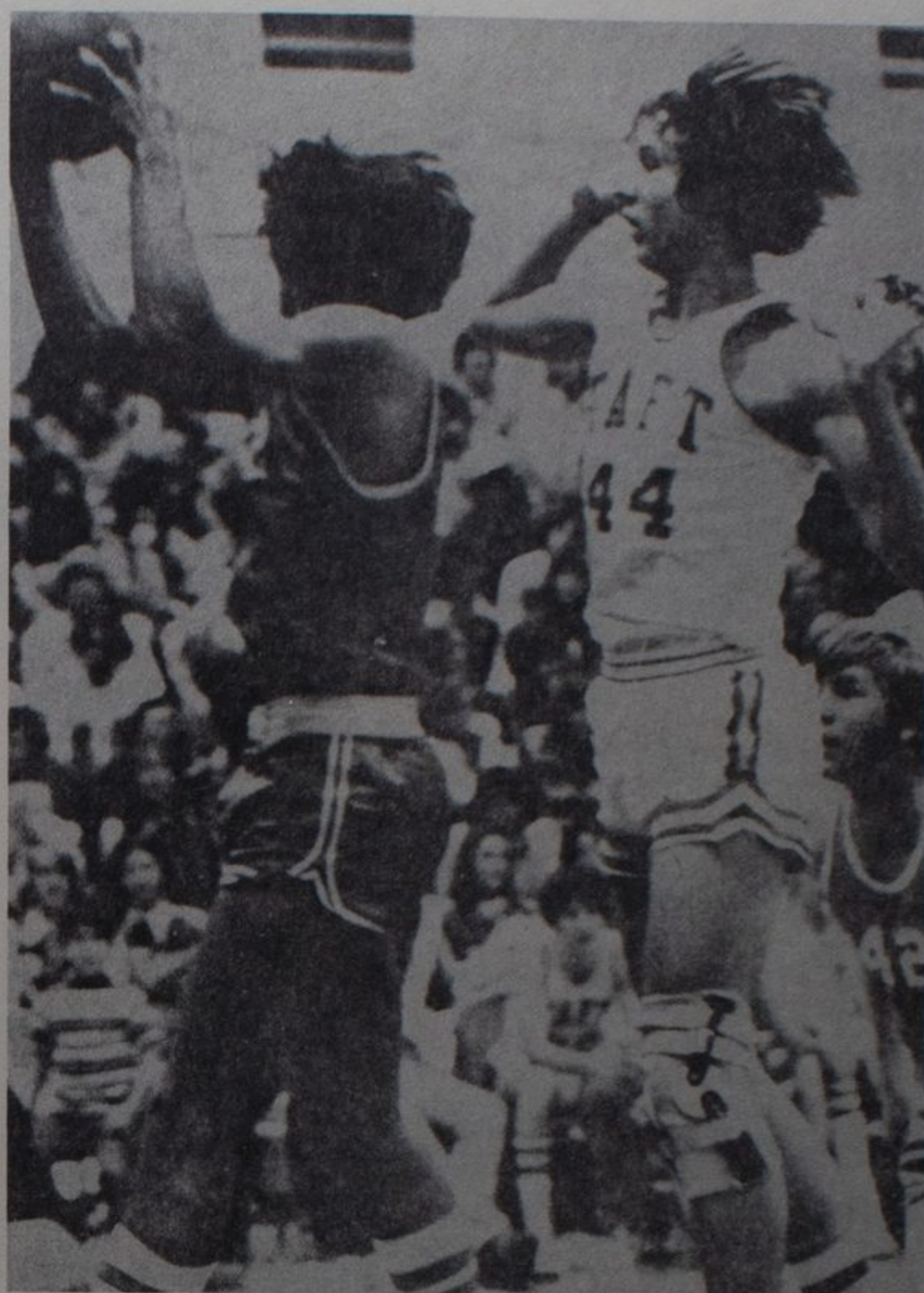
shooting by the Toreadors to their advantage to fight back and eventually tie the score at 63 and send it into overtime.

The overtime period proved to all Taft fans just how much bench strength they had due to the fact that three starters had fouled out earlier. In the decisive quarter, reserve Win Hall sank a free-throw with four seconds left to give the Toreadors the victory, 68-67.

Statistically, the Toreadors were led by Glenn who had 15 points and 13 rebounds, as well as Scott Milne who pumped in 14 points.

Conversely in the Reseda game, Taft got hot and stayed hot and they easily ran away from the Regents 79-57.

Leading the Toreador scoring attack were Scott Milne and Reed Hummel who scored 21 and 16 points respectively.



Hands off! Varsity's Brian Lane backs off a Chatsworth player in a recent game. Lane and his Toreador teammates are to enter the City playoffs with their second place finish in the West Valley League.

-Sports Shorts-

An announcement said that there was to be a "Coffee and Cookies" get together with the Alumni baseball team directly following last Friday's game. But it looked as though those alums began their feast early, as they feasted on the varsity's pitching, riveting it for twelve hits, and feasted on varsity errors as the class of '75 kicked half a dozen. The score was 15-3 after six innings when Ray O'Conner finally raised the white towel over his varsity dug-out.

Returning with a splash was Pete LaCock, an All-City football and baseball player in his tenure at Taft. Pete put on quite a show at first base and with the bat. He rocketed a major league smash to right field that well cleared the fence and the agriculture area. Right fielder Paul Jansson later remarked, "I hardly had time to turn around. There was no doubt where that ball was going."

Robin Yount was also back to his old tricks, going two for four with the bat, gliding around the bases with only the slightest effort exerted and playing a flawless game at short. Rick Howerton, a teammate of Robin in '73 also devastated the high school pitching he faced.

The Toreadors of '75 managed but three hits all afternoon and showed why they played high school ball and the others that afternoon are the pros.

Cees kick another one

The Cee team dropped their ninth straight last Friday. One benched star said, "It's getting kind of hard to get up for the games." When you're 0-9 and about the only thing you can look forward to is the day the season's over, that's understandable.

Kickers honored

David Kilfoyle, Taft High's goaltender was honored last week by being named to the All-City soccer team. Kilfoyle, George Celnicker, Tom Helms, John Yaldezian and Guillermo Sosa were all named to the All-Valley team. I wonder if they would be interested in playing some Cee basketball.

Poly Parrots

The baseball teams tangled with the tough Poly Parrots last Thursday. The varsity team tied, the JV's won. Charlie Young stood out in the varsity game with a hot bat while Steve Lane provided the comedy relief in the field with a good dancing catch on a well hit ball. Kelly Paris, due to basketball commitments, played for the JV's and recorded one of Taft's all-time shots as the ball off his bat carried 375 plus to left field.