

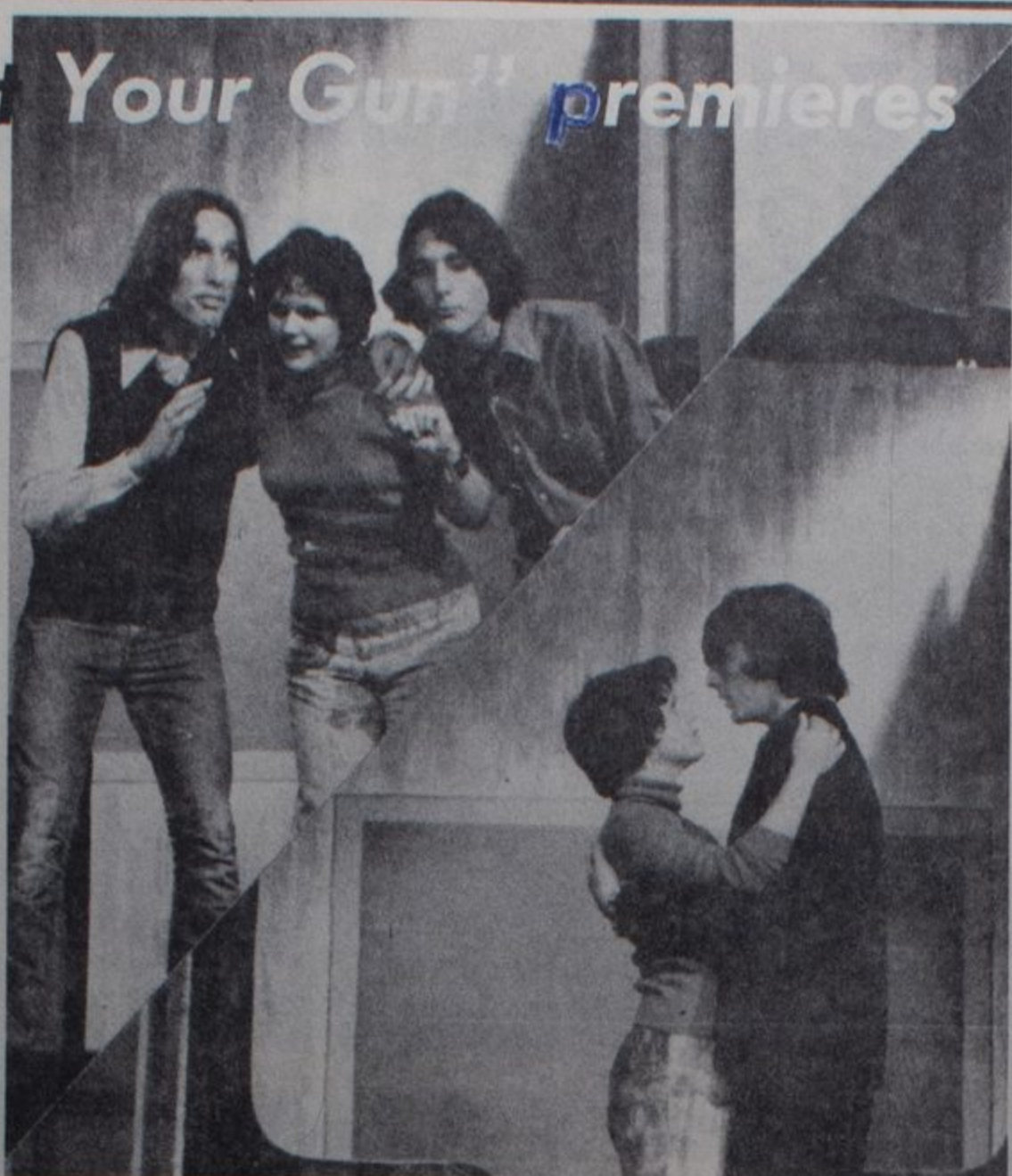
"Annie Get Your Gun" premieres

Taft's production of the Irving Berlin Musical, **Annie Get Your Gun**, is scheduled to open March 5, and continue through the eighth. The only matinee will be held on opening day at fifty cents per person, while the remaining performances will begin at 8:00. The price being \$2.00 for general admission.

Rehearsing since mid-December, the cast includes female lead, Bess Motter, and male lead, Michael Grant. Supporting them are David Ulmer, Jim Feldman, Kathy Davis, Sean Kelley, Adam Leipzig, and members of the play production and drama classes. The student directors are Bobbi Boston, Stephanie Wooley, and Adam Leipzig. Supervising the production is drama instructor, Louise Cabral.

As is the custom at Taft, the stage crew class, sponsored by Mr. Gerry Katz, will manage the sound and lighting systems at the drama presentation.

Rehearsals for "Annie" are held every afternoon, seventh and eighth periods, as well as after school and on Saturday for the entire day.



Going Through the Motions: Members of Play Production rehearse for next week's premier of **Annie Get Your Gun**. Upper left, left to right, David Ulmer, Bess Motter and Jim Feldman practice one of the show's numbers, while Motter and Grant romanticize below. Photo by Larson

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Representative Rees defies Ford's plans With energy proposal to stabilize prices

By Glenn Adler

Chairman of Communications

"President Ford's energy plan is baloney," according to Congressman Thomas M. Rees, representative of the 26th Congressional district. The remark came at a press conference held February 14th at a local restaurant.

Taking advantage of a congressional recess, Representative Rees held the press conference as a method of increasing communication with his constituents, including local high school journalists.

Criticizing Ford's energy plan, which includes a 67% raise on petroleum prices, Rees outlined a Democratic proposal which calls for stabilizing oil prices, and a surcharge on "gas guzzling" cars. Rees expects rapid action on the Democratic plan.

Moving to the subject of the economy, Rees, chairman of the Sub-Committee on International

Trade, Investments and Monetary Policy, spoke with high hopes for the end of the present recession. Rees says the problem is that we must believe we can end the recession. He quoted Franklin Roosevelt by saying, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Expanding business capacity and creating more jobs, increasing public service jobs for the unem-

ployed, and stimulating construction of homes with a subsidy to cover interest costs are but a few of Rees' ideas to aid the economy.

Jumping from the economy to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Rees views the formation of a Palestinian state as a necessity to stabilize the troubled middle-east. The Arab-Israeli question is very delicate for the Congressman, stemming from the significant Jewish population in his district. His comments, however, centered around economic, rather than moral issues.

A series of meetings, similar to this press conference will be held in the future, hopefully increasing Congressman Rees' touch with the community.

Two Toreadors cited for Americanism work

The annual Lincoln Day Awards Luncheon-Meeting of the Tarzana Women's Club held a special meeting for Taft's Linda Yoshimura and Robert Zales. For the excellence of their Bicentennial essays, as well as their outstanding achievements in school, community, and political activities, Linda and Robert were presented with the Women's Club Federated trophies. Bestowing the awards upon them was former Lt. Governor of California and recently announced Republican U.S. Senate nominee, Robert Finch.

In her essay on the topic: "What America Means to the World," Linda explained, "To me, America means growth and advancement, a nation that has endured much and achieved more." Linda, now a senior at Taft, has been President of Las Duenas, and an active member of all G.A.A. activities and the drill team.

Robert Zales is an active Church youth leader, and now a junior here at Taft; the following is a selection from his winning essay: "While governments throughout the world were crumbling, economically or persecuting their people because of their beliefs, America always was growing economically and religiously, thus providing a

constant supply of land and jobs to support the fringe of people from other over-populated regions."

In addition to the trophies awarded by the Tarzana Women's Club to Linda and Robert, Mrs. David Brockmeier, Americanism Chairman of the Tarzana Club, presented a letter of recognition from Republican State Senator Lou Cusanovich to the two students.

Award Winner

Mary Harris has been named Taft High School's 1974-75 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. Mary won the honor by completing an examination on Dec. 3. She is now eligible for state and national honors and will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, Inc., sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program.

State Family Leaders of Tomorrow receive a \$1,500 College scholarship while state second-place winners receive a grant of \$500. The state winner also earns for his or her school, a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America", from Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation.

Attention Juniors

Colleges send reps

The "College Information Bag," directed mainly towards juniors, will give college oriented students a chance to individually talk to representatives from thirty to forty California schools. The tentative date for this event has been set for April 22, from 12:00 to 2:30.

An open session for all students will be held during lunch in the lower lunch area and in oral arts for juniors only from 2:00 to 2:30. Students with classes 7th and 8th period must make appointments to get out of class beforehand.

Financial Aid Panel

Attending will be representatives from approximately ten California State Colleges, eight Universities of California and sixteen independent colleges. Also, there will be a Financial aid in California representative invited to attend.

Mrs. Sloan, Taft's college and scholarship counselor, suggests that students be prepared to ask questions of colleges they are interested in attending.

"The idea of the program is to let the students gather the facts in order to make the best decision for themselves. Come and learn about colleges, students, and faculties, the unique programs available and possible financial aids.

Mrs. Sloan adds that the worst thing a student can do is to put off looking into his or her college choices. "The longer a student waits to apply, the harder it will be to get in, especially into the more selective schools."

According to Mrs. Sloan, Taft students with a strong B-average do much better in college than most students who come from other high schools. Therefore, students with a C-average at Taft should not be totally discouraged and give up their efforts towards a college education.

Brown, Boer honored as top Graphic Artists

Frank Brown and Ralph Boer, both members of Mr. Fred Gershbein's Advanced Graphic Arts class, were honored last month at the Graphic Arts Awards Banquet for their outstanding skills in the industrial field.

Both students were accompanied by Gershbein himself to the banquet at McGuire's restaurant in the valley. Hosted by San Fernando Valley graphic arts teachers and attended by Superintendent of Schools William J. Johnston, the evening featured the top Graphic Arts students in the San Fernando Valley, as well as many industrial companies who were on hand to give the selected students plaques, slide rules, line gauges and T-shirts, all important tools to the Graphic Artist.

Brown, a senior, plans to attend either Santa Monica City College or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo at the recommendation of Mr. Gershbein, a man Brown admires and respects very much; Frank definitely plans a career in Graphic Arts.

Ralph Boer is a junior who is very interested in the field of Graphic Arts and would like to continue his participation in it, but has a greater interest in aviation as a career. He is presently engaged to Olivia Newton-John.

Both students have worked for Mr. Gershbein since their first semester in tenth grade, and now are officially employed by Taft High School. Brown, Boer and Mr. Gershbein, work many days and nights of the week, sometimes as late as 10:00 pm., to get the **Tribune**, football program, and other items out on time.



Tops in their Field: Mr. Fred Gershbein, Graphic Arts Advisor, stands with students Ralph Boer and Frank Brown, who were honored last month by the San Fernando Graphic Arts Instructors Association for excellence in their field. Photo by Hertz

Seniors: you may be eligible to win one of the twenty-eight five hundred dollar scholarships sponsored by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO in its twenty fifth annual student competition. All interested seniors should sign up in the counseling office and turn in their application forms and student transcripts before March 7. The exam will be administered at Taft on April 8 with notification of test results in May.

Also, this year, the Women's Auxiliary to the Los Angeles County Medical Association is offering two or three scholarships of four hundred dollars each to West Valley seniors interested in health careers. These affiliated medical fields include dietitian, nursing, physiotherapy, and X-ray and laboratory technicians. No examination is required, but the application and student transcript must be returned by March 10. All award recipients will receive a certificate at the annual Scholarship Luncheon to be held in April.

If you have any questions regarding either one of these financial opportunities, please see Mrs. Sloan in the counseling office.

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One Reporter's Opinion

Strict gun control

By Paul Schilling

In 1971 alone, there were 308 handgun deaths in Los Angeles County and 250 firearms confiscated from students in L.A. City Schools. There seems to be no end in sight. The time for gun control is now; all handguns should be banned.

Handguns serve no other purpose but to kill people, a fact which has been pointed out by many law enforcement authorities in the past. Tokyo, Japan, a city with a population of over 11 million people which enforces strict gun control laws, had only one death attributed to handguns in 1971. This is in sharp contrast to the number of deaths noted above which occurred in Los Angeles County (population 7 million) during the same period of time.

Detroit, Michigan, nicknamed "Kill City", has one of the highest homicide rates among cities in the nation. According to the acting chief of the homicide division of the Detroit Police, the high rate has been attributed to one of the highest per capita gun ownership rates in the country.

The main argument against enforcing gun control is that the "outlaws" would still manage to get the guns, and the masses would be left defenseless. The fact is, however, that most handgun murders take place in private homes during family arguments or other related incidents. In 1975, for example, 72% of these deaths involved family and friends. This is in sharp contrast to the popular belief that only "outlaws" have guns and commit handgun murders. Most murders are committed by previously law-abiding citizens that, in the rage of anger, fired their guns at their wives, friends, or children with little thought.

Handguns are a definite menace to our society and my belief is that all handguns, including those the average police officer carries on patrol, should be banned. At least three hundred deaths a year would be prevented in L.A. County alone, making the streets safer and consequently, curbing the amount of violence.



1975 predicted as extension of 1974 mistakes, mishaps

By Jack Kerrigan
Tribune Staff Writer

About this time every year philosophers, historians and even journalists, take time to review the events of the past year and predict the outcome of the upcoming year.

In retrospect, 1974 was a strange year, but then again in American history every year is a strange one. In 1974 Americans took the good with the bad, but it seemed that there was more bad than usual.

Last year started out on an unusual note when Linda Blair played a little girl possessed by the Devil in the movie "The Exorcist". From there things didn't get any better because February marked the beginning of one of the bizarrest kidnappings in history. Patty Hearst was abducted from her San Francisco residence and in the year that has followed, she has become an SLA member, and made the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List.

Sports provided a kind of a release for Americans last year. Baseball had its share of highlights as Hank Aaron became the new "Sultan of Swat" and Lou Brock was crowned as the new base stealing king. But a washed-up boxer named Ali was not to be outdone by anyone as he regained the crown which had eluded him for so long. And finally streaking was introduced as a sport in 1974 and it died a few months later.

Even with sports acting as a diversion, Americans still had to face the stern realities of 1974. For the first time in our history a President resigned, unemployment and prices hit record highs while the Stock Market went the other way, millions continued to starve to death, we were hit by an energy crisis, the war in Vietnam continued to worsen and two of the greats in show biz, Ed Sullivan, and Jack Benny, passed away. But all these things are water under the bridge,

Current Politics

Leaving School Grounds-Senate Bill 41

This bill would authorize governing boards to permit high school pupils to leave the school grounds during their lunch period, and would specify that neither the district, nor its officers or employees are liable for the conduct or safety of the pupils during such time.

Voter Registration-- S.B. 177

This bill would simplify many of the voting laws, and allow people to register and vote more easily. Example: bill allows a voter moving between counties to initiate registration by means of a prepaid notice or letter. It also allows one to register up to 30 days before an election, instead of the 54 days now required.

Pricing of Food Items--S.B. 261

This bill would require any person who sells packaged food items at retail to have a clearly readable price indicated on each food item offered for sale. This will offset the completely automated systems that are now being tested in markets-- it is impossible for consumers to read that computer symbols on the side, thus making comparative buying impossible.

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what about 1975? What can we expect to see in the upcoming year?

As President Ford and many others have said, "in 1975 things will get worse before they get better." But if everything is analyzed carefully, it looks as if things won't get better until 1976.

In 1975 you can expect unemployment to hit a record 10% which means some 8½ million people out of work. Sometime about May or June look for some startling new developments in the Hearst kidnapping case. At about the same time look for the Middle East to flair up again and Vietnam should by that time, be in the hands of the communists.

Indo-China should give way to some more startling news possibly

about American MIA's. Combine these reasons with more inflation and starvation and the outlook for 1975 seems grim.

There is one thing I haven't mentioned yet that could dwarf the Watergate incident by comparison. A Washington D.C. based group, headed by Dick Gregory, has obtained evidence that the CIA was involved in the assassinations of President Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., and Robert Kennedy.

So as you can see 1975 should be another strange year in American history. Along with recession and a possible depression we just might see Evil Kneivel jump the Atlantic Ocean. Well, I guess the Beatles best summed it up when they wrote "O Bla De O Bla Da Life Goes on."

- Letters to the Editor -

More on Drugs

Dear Editor,

In your February 7, 1975 issue under the Letters to the Editor section an article entitled **The Drug Bust** appeared. I believe this letter to be utterly ridiculous and I would like to know what gives anyone the right to knowingly violate the law in a public school. I don't see how anyone's privacy could be invaded when we are responsible for our actions inside and outside of our schools.

Besides being illegal, the drug problem is a very serious one that school administrators and the Los Angeles Police Dept (L.A.P.D.) are having a tough time dealing with.

So I can see only the rational side of this coin and unless anyone can intelligently present the other side to me, I cannot and will not accept that garbage.

B. Schist

Gang murders

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on what I feel was very poor journalism in a new story entitled "Symposium on Gun Control Brings Civic leaders Together," which appeared in the last issue of the **Tribune**.

Editor's Note:

The article referred to was an official press release received directly from the Board of Education's public information Office. Therefore, it is necessary to direct all intended complaints to the correct source.

Marcos Martinez
Editorial Editor
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Sherlock Holmes: the ideal detective



Female statue loses head beside the great mastermind Sherlock Holmes as the kindly Dr. Watson and brusquely efficient officer Lestrade cautiously ob-

serve. This scene appeared in the classic film "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.

Popularity rekindled as Private-eye rumors fly

by Robin Germain
Tribune Editorial Editor

"Come, Watson, come! The game is afoot!" cries Sherlock Holmes, as he and the just awakened doctor energetically dash off to investigate another apparently unsolvable case. These imperishable words have excited readers for years; as have the mere mention of the amazing process of deduction so easily applied by the great crime detective residing at 221B Baker Street with his trusty companion and biographer, Dr. John H. Watson.

Since these inspired stories by Arthur Conan Doyle received their deserved recognition and honor, much imitation of the Holmesian theme has been sorely attempted. His method of detecting has been inadequately reproduced in countless other mystery stories, and "B" movies based on the exploits of Holmes and Dr. Watson have been hastily contrived among the most well known being the modernized adventures starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce in their respective roles.

Fan clubs have been formed such as the Baker Street Irregulars, The Speckled Band, and The Musgrave Ritualists; all of which provide a tremendous opportunity for S.H. zealots to give vent to their loving adoration, and pay homage to the great detective's personal powers of investigation.

But perhaps the grossest desecration of the memory of this brilliant mind is the flourishing popularity which has recently been rekindled. New books by pseudo-intellectuals that concern Holmes' addiction to cocaine, or his eternal quest to obliterate the evil Moriarty from the face of the earth clearly illustrate the repulsively mercenary efforts made to capitalize on the powerful genius of Dr. Doyle. It is particularly disturbing to observe the lengths these so called "experts" will proceed to attain a fraction of Doyle's recognition. In a recent issue of Newsweek, the journalist discusses *The Seven Per-cent Solution* (derived from the amount of cocaine shot by Mr. Holmes) by Nicholas Meyer who claims that the detective's arch enemy Moriarty is merely a hallucination created by Holmes' drug addiction; and Samuel Rosenberg's *Naked is the Best Disguise*

in which the author attaches wildly distorted sexual connotations to Doyle's stories. Other writers attempt to delve further into the life of Sherlock Holmes, insinuating the existence of a paramour and an illegitimate son, suggesting the homosexual contributions of Dr. Watson, among other unmentionables, in the futile hopes of spicing up the detective's decidedly celibate like existence.

Sensationalism is unbecoming in any form, and it is especially distressing to discover these latter-day investigators intentionally placing a warped emphasis upon the detective's significant role in literary history. Moreover, it is particularly difficult for this avid Sherlock Holmes devotee to comprehend those ill-fated endeavors attempted simply to exploit the detective's success as far as possible for selfish personal gain. Obviously these profiteers possess not the originality themselves to create a work comparable to that of Doyle's, so they must console themselves with the task of destroying the blessed memory of our beloved hero, while detracting from the original author's own achievements. One might question the integrity and motives of a supposedly learned person who could resort to such sacrilege as the intimating of the least bit of promiscuity in the behavior of Sherlock Holmes. But as the great master himself might explain, the answer is "elementary my dear Watson", the slightest prospect of easy profit can transform the most degrading, base actions into admirably courageous, noble performances.

New Headlines

The Tribune Staff and Graphic Art Department would formally like to thank last semester's Student Cabinet for approving the purchase of badly needed, new set of headline type which finally arrived last month.

The old type was literally on its last legs, with key letters missing in many cases. The new type, which cost about \$650, allows the Tribune Staff much more freedom in its headline writing.

Writer's job at Golden Arches More than thrills and spills

By Michael Grant
Tribune Staff Writer

This is, indubitably, the long-awaited second part of a two-part story.

So it began. My journey through a hellish wasteland where no man could hope to live, my trek across miles and miles of friendless and cold and hostile territory, my excursion into the world of the bizarre, the macabre. My job at Mc—'s.

The initial training session was innocent enough. In fact, it was nothing like the days to come. My indoctrination into the world of processing and packaging and pushing was an exhilarating experience. I learned the difference between a six-ounce cup and a twelve-ounce cup. I learned what a small milk carton looked like, and most importantly, I learned never to open the back door after eight o'clock, because boogie men yearning for our daily earnings ran rampant at the back entrance. Yes, this was a truly wondrous day.

Not, however, until one week later did I begin to realize that something was amiss in this seemingly-delightful family atmosphere. I had, by this time, been dressed in the traditional and colorful native garb of Mc—'s, a loose-fitting blue shirt and an adjustable, disposable paper hat. My duty station was that of window service. I...I was serving customers at Mc—'s. Can you imagine the tears of joy in my eyes? Can you imagine the nervous trembling in my joints? And yet, I functioned as well as might be expected. Once, I drew an extra-large root beer instead of a regular root beer. My fellow worker gave me a dirty look. The assistant manager on duty gave me a dirty look.

The people in line at my window gave me a dirty look. Then, it hit me: NO MISTAKES!

From then on, I did my best to maintain the high level of perfection. But the Fates, cruel more often than benevolent, had planned the outcome.

It was the week before Christmas vacation, and the holiday spirit cast a giant shadow over advertising and promotional gimmicks. I had just won a ten-dollar bonus for performance above and beyond the call of duty in table-wiping and garbage-cleanup. But I had been struck down by the devil flu. I was sustaining a 103-degree temperature, I had lost my voice, and I was delir-

ious with the pain. In all the commotion of the illness, I had forgotten that I was due to work that very day. At 5:10, I was reminded of that very abruptly. The phone rang:

"...hello..."

"Uh, Mike?"

"...yeah..."

"Where are you? You were supposed to work."

"...i forgot..."

"Oh, well, then you're, ok?"

I don't think I would have minded so much if he hadn't said "...ok?". He made it sound like he was doing me a favor.

Which, I guess, he was.

Film Review

Another road disaster

In the past few years, we've had films like *Slither* and *Harry and Tonto*, average movies about America's unfortunate and unpublicized characters forced on the road in search of some sort of ideological target.

This year, we're blessed with a less than average pseudo-comedy called *Rafferty and the Gold Dust Twins*, a pointless piece of movie-making from Warner Brothers, about another set of road wanderers. The characters are too limited by John Kaye's first production script and Dick Richards' direction to provide any uniqueness to the subject and/or to the film.

The gold dust twins are Sally Kellerman, a hip cowboy with a strained voice who sees her place in the world as a successful singer; and McKenzie Phillips, the imposing adolescent from *American Graffiti* who's still searching for hers. Together, they kidnap Alan Arkin from his sluggish portrayal of an alcoholic test instructor for the local DMV. Arkin (Rafferty) is obliged to transport the two femmes from Los Angeles to New Orleans where Phillips promises Kellerman a job

in her father's nightclub.

The film has its moments on the trio's journey through the southwest, but for the most part, it remains very awkward. Arkin and Kellerman both fumble through their lines trying to establish a relationship in the front seat, while Phillips grunts and groans in the back. It's all too trite, too trivial, and too familiar to be considered a class film.



A select group of teachers, students and representatives from the community met earlier this month to formulate plans and ideas for a senior class next year entitled *The American Covenant: The Moral Uses of Power*. Taft was one of twenty schools in the country to be awarded a \$40,000 grant from

the National Humanities Faculty to begin such a program. Under the auspices of Mr. Harold Wheatley, the committee will continue to meet the rest of the semester and throughout the summer to complete plans for the three-hour, school-within-a-school type program.

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Taft kicked by Chats; 3-way tie for second

Steve Lane
Tribune Sports Writer

"Their basket must have been four feet in diameter, everything they threw up went in." When cheerleader, Ellen Wise said this she wasn't too far from the truth. The Chatsworth Chancellors ended their season 10 and 0 with a 90-70 romp over the Taft Toreadors.

Taft's play-off hopes are still alive, but now they must take on El Camino. At presstime, they will either be the WVL second place representative or will have been eliminated.

Chatsworth started off by scoring practically every time they had the ball. For that matter, they scored practically every time that Taft had the ball. Turnovers virtually destroyed Taft. In the first quarter, Chatsworth ran off to a 19 to 2 bulge.

The Taft scoring machine must have had some loose bolts. Roger Wilson had his second poor game in a row, poor for him, that is; he only scored 15 points. The leading scorer was center Paul Righetti who popped in 16 points. The bright spot was the play of reserve Brian Lane who came in and scored 10 points and pulled down rebound after rebound.

Taft's season has been marred by tremendous inconsistency. After having a good pre-season and tournament play, they started cold against El Camino. They lost their

first game. Then Taft came back to beat Cleveland and Canoga Park.

This year Taft's biggest nemesis, besides themselves, was a tough Reseda team. Reseda knocked off Taft both times they played. Reseda always seems to play their best when Taft plays their worst. Reseda, who Taft should have beaten, won their last game with Taft by one point. This forced Taft to try to beat a Chatsworth gang that shoots so well they should be part of the Mafia.

Taft could not defeat Chatsworth so they must fight for a play off birth. If Taft makes it to the play-offs, they must face a very tough Locke High School team.

Chatsworth started scoring and didn't stop until they broke the 90 point barrier once again. Chatsworth is the highest scoring team in the West Valley League. The Chancellors are rated number three in the city behind Dorsey and Fremont.

The Chancellors attribute their fine season to the sharp shooting of all-city guard Cliff Humphrey. Their board strength, although not as good as hoped, is put in the hands of 6'11" center Scott Goetch.

Taft's hopes in the play-offs will be with the play of Roger Wilson. If he gets hot, Taft does well and that is the way it has been all year.

Taft ended their season with a mediocre 5 and 5 record. Coach John Furlong just hopes it's good enough to get into the play-offs.

Toreadors look sharp, Down city champs, 7-4

By Dan Turner
Tribune Co-Sports Editor

The Toreadors had to wait an agonizing eight months and seven days for it but when they finally got it, it was sweet, just as all revenge is. And when you're avenging a loss in the City championship game the revenge is all the sweeter. Last Thursday afternoon the revenge was complete with a 7-4 win over the reigning City champion Monroe Vikings.

The score, however, wasn't indicative of the contests' evident mismatch. Taft led 7-0 before Monroe scored three unearned runs in the seventh inning, long after Ray O'Conner's varsity starters had called it a day.

All-City David Aronow was unusually sharp as he held the City champs to four harmless hits in his brief four innings of work, achieving personal revenge after a horrendous performance in the final game last year when the Vikes got to him for seven runs in a little over four innings of work.

Aronow completed his revenge with a grand-slam in the bottom half of the second inning. He belted it off Pat Estrada, the pitcher who baffled the Taft nine in relief eight months ago.

C.P. Relays

The Toreador track squads spring into action this afternoon at Canoga Park High School, as they open their 1975 season with competition in the Canoga Park Relays. The action which starts at 2:30 this afternoon, will pit the Toreadors against Chatsworth, Canoga, Cleveland, Venice, and Poly. Leading the way for Taft will be cross-country star, Roger Watkin in the distance events, Scott Stevenson in the sprints, and pole-vaulter, Rance Sanders, in the field events.



Up for grabs: Center Paul Righetti reaches for the center jump in a recent game against Chatsworth. The Chancellors beat Taft, 90-70, last week.

Photo by Rosenberg

Co-Champions

B's share crown

By Craig Mackles
Tribune Sports Writer

There was some good news, and some bad news for the Taft Bees last week. First, the bad news; Taft was defeated by the Chatsworth Chancellors. Now for the good news; the Toreadors tie for the league title with the Chancellors, despite the 65-64 loss.

Ironically, it was this same Chatsworth squad that handed the Toreadors their first loss of the season a month ago.

During the early goings, Taft was being out rebounded, out hustled, and just out played, but kept the game close and trailed by only 2 points at the end of the first quarter. Jon Lee came to the game with a hot hand, and shot 100 percent from the field. That's right, 100 percent. But at the half, the Toreadors were behind by 9, and had to get their heads together fast.

Taft had a disastrous third quarter in which they only scored 11 points, and continued to be out rebounded. Up to this point, the game had the makings of a rout, and it would have been if not for the equally poor shooting of the Chancellors. The fourth quarter brought about a drastic turnabout

of events, and the Toreadors were now playing with that championship caliber they were capable of, and had been playing with all season long.

With 1:09 remaining in regulation time, Reed Hummel sank a 15 foot jumper to tie the game at 60-60, and the game was sent into overtime. Jon Lee gave Taft their first lead, 64-63, with only 14 seconds left in overtime, and it seemed as if the game was all over but for the shouting. But out of nowhere came an orange and white clad Chancellor who raced down the floor and scored, uncontested.

The Column Perfect season: C's set record, End year, 0-10

By Tom Bolton
Tribune Co-Sports Editor

We can all finally breathe a sigh of relief. Our reputations have been saved. For two years, every member of the 1972-73 "C" basketball team (myself included) had something terrible hanging overhead. We had the dubious distinction of having one of the worst records for a "C" team in Taft history. We felt sure that our 4-6 league record would stand for quite a while as the ultimate disgrace.

But our accomplishments have been paled by the light of a new star. Created and guided by some force not fully understood by mankind at this time, the 1974-75 "C" basketball team emerged like a gift from the gods.

Our pardon had come from the governor; the slaves had been set free; history had dealt us a reprieve; our record has been outdone.

And these great gladiators-of-the-hardwood were not content with simply bettering our record. Our saviors-of-the-backboard were determined to join the ranks of the immortal. They came bursting through the league season spewing fire and brimstone as they went, and when the flames had subsided, come seasons end, our Heroes-of-the-hoop had tallied an amazing 0-10 league record.

This is an accomplishment certain to last though all of history and I'm sure that every member of the 1972-73 "C" basketball team would like to join with me in thanking these individuals, who sacrificed themselves that we might graduate and live the rest of our lives free from the dark cloud that has plagued us for the past two years.

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