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City Schools faced with deficit in '76

Presentation of the City School's 1975-76 preliminary budget of \$1.082 billion to the City Board of Education Monday (April 14) is the start of "an agonizing experience," said Superintendent of Schools William J. Johnston.

The budget figure represents a deficit of \$41.4 million between the stated needs of the school district and projected income. The school district's general fund requirements are \$924 million with income project at \$883 million.

To support the general fund budget of \$883 million will require a tax rate of \$4.91 per \$100 of assessed valuation and the total tax rate for all funds is \$5.43 per \$100. This is 11 cents less than the 1974-75 budget, because the board used the last of a special tax reduction fund to lower the rate and some of the special fund taxes are slightly less than last year.

Dr. Johnston said the agonizing experience was the cutting in excess of \$41 million in program and services form an educational program which is already minimal in many areas.

"Current legislation doesn't provide sufficient revenue to meet the total impact inflation is having on all school districts," Dr. Johnston said. He then listed some 16 areas in which reductions could be made.

The Board of Education voted on Jan. 30 to submit to the voters in the May 27 municipal election three proposals to increase the revenue limit of the school district. The revenue limit increases, which would

be Propositions A, B and C on the ballot, are:

- A - Provide additional funding to subtain the educational program at its current level.

- Tax increase equals 38 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

- B - Provide funds for capital improvements.

- Tax increase equals 20 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

- C - Provide funds for maintenance requirements and educational improvements on school levels.

- Tax increase equals 25 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Even with the increase, the income per unit of average daily attendance on the Los Angeles school district would still be less than the projected average for other schools in the county. All three of the ballot measures require a simple majority vote.

Under current legislation, the school district's general purpose fund is based during the current year on \$1,010 per unit of average daily attendance, or expenditure per pupil, and the projected ADA for 1975-76 is \$1,081.

Spirit of '76 Project

Bicentennial group makes flags

Nine colorful flags and displays are two new items at Taft and are the accomplishments of the Bicentennial committee under the leadership of Mr. Hayden Bower.

Twenty - seven 11th graders, all volunteers from Mr. Bower's U.S. History classes have been researching and planning for the Spirit of '76 since March at three times a week.

Mr. Bower conceived the idea after taking an historical tour through the Hudson Valley. He saw the authentic flags and after reading about the history of each one, formed the student committee and set to work duplicating and advertising the many segments of our exciting history.

The money for materials was al-



Popular Custodian, Charlie Schnurle, holds famous Flag of Floating Batteries, one of many used by revolutionary forces in their fight for independence. Flag may be seen in showcase at main school entrance.

Photo by Larson

Advisory Council, Students, set to Select officers

By Glenn Adler

Chairman of Communications

"Sometimes we have a slow week," said one Cabinet member, "and this was just one of those weeks."

Fortunately, that statement just doesn't ring true, as any look at Cabinet's recent action proves.

With Cheerleader Elections held last week, and Student Body elections slated for the week of May 12, the Cabinet has been investigating the election procedure and the Taft by-laws, recommending some changes in the election system.

This semester, the elections will be significantly different, as Cabinet has done away with the special 3a-3b Meet the Candidates Assembly. It will be replaced with a special election issue of the *Tribune*, and one-to-one discussions between candidates and voters on the Senior Quad. Doing away with the Assembly will hopefully place stronger emphasis on the individual candidate, in that he will now depend on his own campaigning and publicity to get elected.

The School-Community Advisory Council will be holding its elections Wednesday, May 13, from 7a.m. to 7p.m. in the Main Office. Any person (eighteen or older) who works or lives in the Taft area may vote in the election.

A special meeting of all Advisory Council candidates will be held on Monday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the school Library. This meeting is an excellent chance to hear the candidates voice their reasons for running, as well as being an opportunity to see the Council in action.

The 1975-76 Taft budget has been approved by the Finance Committee. The Committee, weighing the recommendations of the Cabinet, approved the plan which divides nearly \$40,00 among various school groups.

located by the Woodland Hills Woman's Club and the flags will be seen at Taft's Bicentennial participation and celebration during the football halftime shows. They will also appear at the Class of '76 graduation ceremony and then will be given to the school as a gift.

The nine flags entitled "Liberty Tree", "Bunker Hill", "Continental", "Colonel Moultrie", "Bennington", "First Stars and Stripes" or the "Betsy Ross", are the creations of Sue Brown, Miriam Sherratte, Pam Fredrickson, Alison Whitney, Carol Goldberg, Sheri Llewellyn and Donna Fullman, Adele Antriasian and Holly Abruscato, Kem McCormick and Mindy Sherman, Russell Williams, Ed Goulding, Craig Berns, George Golitzen, An-

gela Melton, Tom Helms, and Lauri Cohn are responsible for the various showcases appearing with the flags during the time of April 17-June 9.

Mr. Bower is hoping to enter the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge's "Annual National Awards Contest" with a portfolio of pictures and event, describing Taft's participation in the Bicentennial.

27 Seniors win selection to Taft Ephebian Society

Announcing Taft's Ephebians of '75, 27 of the top Seniors from the current graduating class were chosen. Alphabetically, they are as follows:

John Bravin, Jeff Bush, Nancy Coleman, Robert Grant, Claudia Greenspoon, Jill Gumbert, Suzanne Honor, Alan Kassen, Darell Kransoff, JoElen Levy, Tracy MacDonald, Sue Mackey, Jon Markman, Bruce McWilliams, Melissa Miller, Laura Mjorud, Holly Pickerell, Anne Price, Dave Rainer, Howard Richman, Regina Sakaida, Hugh Sutherland, Susan

Tonai, Daniel Turner, Gale Weiss, Ellen Wise, and Linda Yoshimura.

The Ephebian Society is a civic betterment honor organization. Members are selected based upon character, leadership ability, scholastic achievement (GPA of at least 3.0), and a demonstrated service to Taft and/or the community.

The duties of the Ephebian Society are those of many facets, including participating in community meetings, as well as producing the "Torch", which is the Ephebian newsletter.

Chances are you've never seen anything like Taft's 2nd Annual Creative Arts Magazine. Under the supervision of Ms. Roberta Lichter, writing and art students have amassed some outstanding and superior material for the 56 page publication. Advance sales for this creative collection will begin on May 5, and the price will be only fifty cents. The magazine, which is due to appear at the end of May, contains a great amount of original poems and photos, plus some award-winning material seen at last month's Creation Fair. Look for the sales locations throughout the campus, and reserve your copy soon.



Taft Ephebians for 1975 include from l to r: Jill Gumbert, Mrs. Virginia Richsponsor, Dave Rainer, Linda Yoshimura, Hugh Sutherland, Tracy MacDon-

ald, Howard Richman and Mr. Joe Luskin, Vice Principal.

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One reporter's opinion

Teacher Tenure

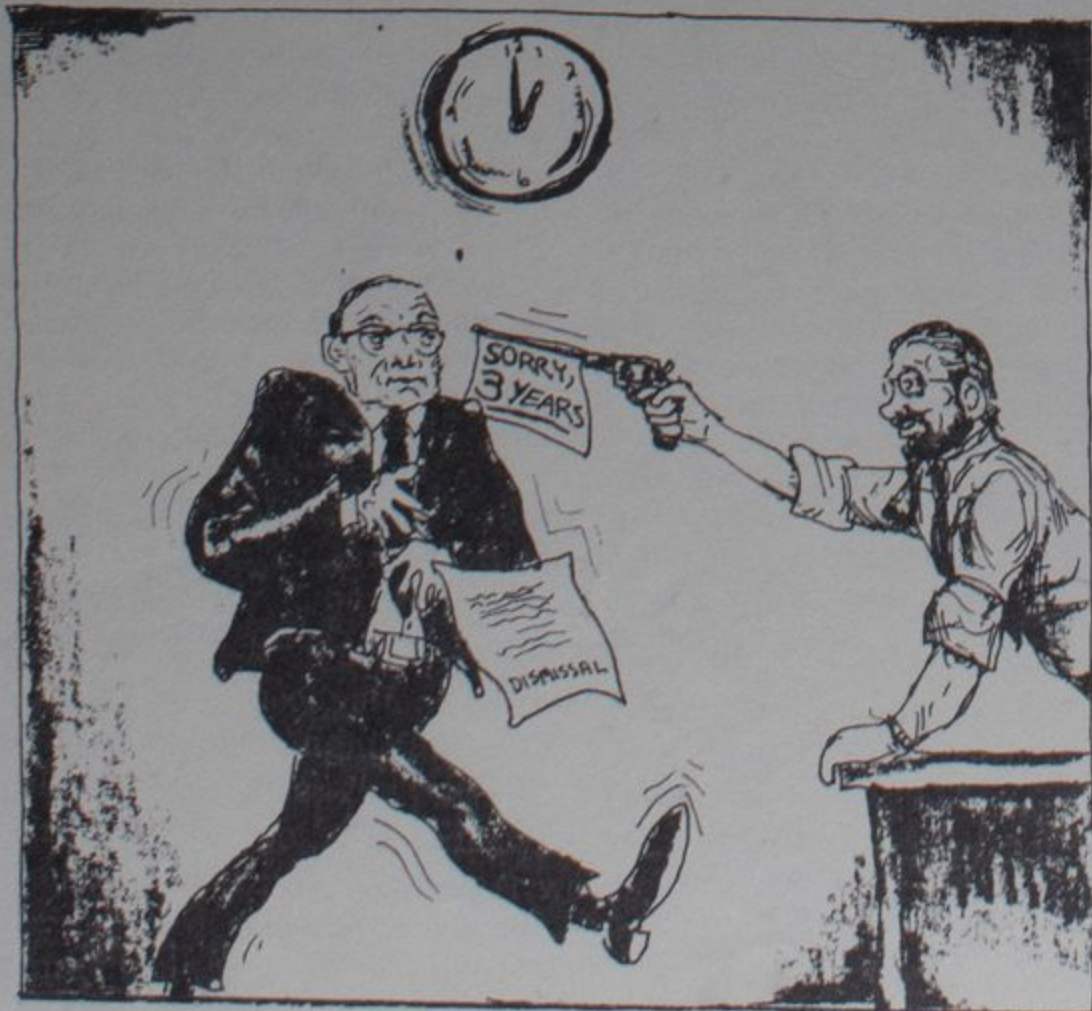
By Bruce McWilliams

If an executive for a large computer firm is found to be incompetent, he is fired. If a plumber does not perform his job properly, he too will be fired. What about the teacher who does not perform his job well? His students don't learn the necessary material as well as they should. What becomes of this teacher? He *should* be fired, but can he? The answer to this question is no, all because of a magical elixer, tenure!

This mystic, occupational saving device is obtained by all teachers who have taught for three years. In theory, tenure began as a very good idea. The purpose was to protect the teachers, the essence of a school, from a heavy-handed, politically or personally motivated principal. In other words, the teacher could use any method he desired without fear of being terminated. However, in practicality, the tenure system has gone awry. After obtaining tenure, some teachers have sat back on their laurels, decided they were on easy street, and have not worked since. Perhaps and only perhaps, this increased feeling has caused the reading scores in Los Angeles to drop to all time lows.

The Stull Bill, enacted in 1972, was an attempt to straighten out this mess. Once again, in theory, a real good plan, but in practice, a flop. This nebulous piece of legislation called for teachers to be checked by their administrators every three years. The fault in this system was apparent; the teachers were checked by the same people they had to work for day in and day out. While this plan is still in operation, it has caused great discontent among the teachers.

Tenure and any form of it must be eliminated. In no other occupation is a job guaranteed for incompetency, save for perhaps the Presidency. As it stands now, a teacher may be fired for theft, a morals charge, or incompetency, which is hard to prove. If a teacher knows his job is on the line each and every day he teaches, there would be much greater interest and therefore, more creativity on his part.



South Vietnam's defeat Prompts Thieu's flight

By Mark Reda
Tribune Staff Writer

The reign of South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu ended ignominiously a tearful speech delivered to the So. Vietnam people last Monday, April 21. Also ending is a militaristic government marked by political oppression and rampaging corruption.

Typically, Thieu refused to shoul-

der any of the blame for the destruction of his tyrannical regime by the Viet Cong. Instead, he placed the blame on the United States' discontinuation of aid to his country. To blame a country that supported his corrupt government with billions of dollars and over 50,000 young men, epitomizes Thieu's self-centered irresponsibility.

Thieu's refusal to recognize the

opposition Viet Cong party and his adamant urging to continue the violent bloodshed in Vietnam will not be missed. American dollars and men were wasted to hold up Thieu's weak autocracy, a government unsupported by all Vietnamese American government and the Vietnamese people by pocketing millions of dollars earmarked for the "war effort."

Hopefully, bloodshed will be stopped by Thieu's resignation. Of course, the chances for a negotiated settlement are much better. At least this self-righteous monarch's delusions of grandeur are shattered and he will receive his due for all the political prisoners who were tortured under his regime. Now a Vietnamese government can arise that is representative of the people, not a few bourgeoisie industrialists.

Nguyen Van Thieu ended his political career in a manner befitting his reign, in disgrace. Now both the U.S. and Vietnam can breathe a sigh of relief. You won't have Nguyen Van Thieu to kick around anyone.



'76 CAMPAIGN

Jackson hindered by own obscurity

By Linda Mintz
Tribune Staff Writer

What the Democratic Party needs to win in 1976 is the magnetism of Ted Kennedy. However, the leading contender in the Democratic race is Henry M. Jackson, the blunt, 62-year-old senator from Washington.

Serving 34 years in Congress, 22 of them in the Senate, Jackson has the experience and the know-how, plus his own government-paid staff of 83 full-time, personally controlled Senate staff members. These men and women research and draft statements so that Jackson appears an expert on the energy, economic and foreign policy issues of the day. In turn he dominates the news more than any other Democratic candidate. His political staff has ties in every state and has already raised 1.5 million dollars in campaign funds.

Unfortunately, Jackson does not have a warm personality and likes to imply that he "knows it all." He has longtime positions to live down, especially in relation to the Vietnam War. Since 1970, he has tried to transform himself from a hawkish, unknown senator favoring armament industries to a strong, dovish Democratic candidate with broad appeal to party liberals as well as conservative

Democrats.

Although unsuccessful in the 1972 Democratic primaries, he did establish name identification paralleling Hubert Humphrey's 1968 primary campaigns. Today, Jackson is known in 60% of the polls, making himself a national figure compared to the near-unknowns wishing to oppose him.

"Jackson would be just about a sure thing in 1976 if he didn't have to run," states commentator Richard Reeves. Even a campaign aid admits, "He doesn't have the charisma to stir people."

Perhaps if we did not live in a country so dependant upon visual appearances relayed through the television cameras, Henry Jackson would have a much better chance of capturing the Presidency.

Jackson felt he would once again receive the political backing of labor until two months ago, when George Meany, top U.S. labor leader and AFL-CIO president, denounced Jackson as "the kind of friend labor doesn't need." The withdrawal of support could be due to Jackson beginning to take labor for granted and neglecting it on a few issues, while trying to line up backers in the New Left.

Dear Editor:

I agree wholeheartedly with Robin Germain's editorial, "The Women's Role," in the March 21 issue of *The Taft Tribune*. It is high time male/female relationships should be able to exist on an intellectual level, totally free of any sexist bias whatsoever. To further this end, I suggest sex be abolished in favor of intellectual discussion. I consider this to be a modest proposal which I am sure Ms. Germain will applaud.

Regina Epstein

Ed-In the 1700's, Jonathan Swift's 'modest proposal to solve the food shortage in Ireland was to have the Irish sell their young children to be eaten on English banquet tables.

Current State Politics

Leaving School Grounds-- Senate Bill 241

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

Corporal Punishment in Public School --Assembly Bill 1267

Current law requires school districts to adopt rules allowing certificated employees to administrators reasonable corporal punishment when such action is deemed an appropriate corrective measure. This bill would prohibit the administration of corporal punishment to any pupil unless prior written consent of the pupil's parent or guardian is obtained.

Unemployment compensation for Teachers--A.B. 1351

This bill would allow teachers to collect unemployment insurance in the event they are dismissed from their jobs due to a reduction in the numbers of teachers needed by their district. They would not be eligible for disability benefits, however.

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Rights: Questions to the answers

By Tracy MacDonald

In our society, as in any other society, there is constant need for change. In America, people have recognized the ideas of change, and have accepted them. They have finally realized that laws are made to protect them and if they remain within the boundaries, anything they want to do is acceptable.

Abortion has had a long, hard fight with people and their opinions; it has played with their curiosity, and battled their principles of morality. Currently, the trend in the United States is to be as liberal as possible without being radical and to allow change, but make rules to subdue their impact.

It's more than just a battle between the Catholics and the Liberals.

The laws of abortion, for and against, have been set up to control what at one time may become out of hand. We have seen change in these laws; the fact that abortion was legalized illustrates that the needs of certain people have been accounted for.

The legalities of abortion are confusing. In California, for an abortion to be obtained (particularly when the patient is a minor), a statement of endangered mental health must be signed. It is a legally binding document which states that if the abortion is not performed, then a state of severe mental depression will follow. Usually, considerations of other reasons are not taken; if the baby has a chance of being de-

formed (and that is the major reason the abortion is being requested), the mental health statement is still the reason given. As one hospital administrator stated: "It's the only way they'll let us do it, there's no other way." Unfortunately, when the abortion is over, the state of mental health is almost, in some cases, manic depressive.

Although abortion has been labeled as an alternative to a full-term pregnancy, and a child, the fine print of the "nothing to it" alternative is sometimes overlooked. Cost is the major part of the abortion itself which most people can't take. Abortion is advertised at times like a used car, where the patient can get "a dandy deal" if she goes to the right place. The "dandy deal" often turns out to be a rip-off. Some hospitals offer a "package deal" whereby the abortion is performed and doctor's and hospital fees are collected in one charge. Costs average for the first twelve weeks at \$145 and for the second twelve, \$565. Most hospitals will not perform the hysterotomy abortion method in their clinics, but they have been listed to be the most expensive.

Doctors who perform the abortion are the major recipients of the money. The entire fee is given to the doctor, and then divided between himself and the hospital. For the saline process, the doctor's fee is upwards of \$400 for an operation taking about 15 to 20 minutes. The "dandy deals" are not for the poor.

Aside from costs and legalities, the real issues of abortion lie in what people are saying about it. Last week, on the "Wide World of Entertainment", David Frost host-

ed a program called "Abortion: Merciful, or Murder?" in which various guests discussed the ideas of what abortion is, and why it is necessary in our present society.

One doctor has stated: "There is a lack of concern in our world, not only in the United States as to what people need. They need the right to make their own decisions, and if necessary, suffer the consequences." He spoke on abortion, not as an issue of morals, but of governmental action. "The govern-

If birth control methods are so readily available, why aren't they being used?

ment doesn't feel that women, or people at all can make their own decisions and make them wisely. So, the government has to say to a woman what to do when she is pregnant, when to do it, and why."

If this theory is so, it has been seen that the people of this country don't really care for government-controlled lifestyles. A surge of power from the people who "can't make their own decisions" has taken place, and more and more people are demanding that rights be given them—especially women's rights. The government has come a long way though, they have produced close to efficient change for a society which has proven to be about twenty years ahead of them. People are asking for a change that the government could give them if they wanted to, but the other percentage of the people who don't think that the laws should be

changed, stop them. Even though you can't please all the people all the time, there should be a happy medium.

The criticism of abortion is that it is murder. Some doctors profess that the infant is not alive until the umbilical cord has been cut and the child takes its first breath. Others agree that life exists from the moment of conception. The competence of the doctors is not the case, the fact that they, who have learned from the same books and have taken the same oath of devotion to human existence, don't agree, is. That is the basis for most of the uncertainty in the American people.

We have seen from happenings such as the Edelin case, that the issue of abortion is more than just a battle between the Catholics and the liberals. It is now an easier word to say, but still a difficult word to explain when a teenage girl finds that she is pregnant. Many times, abortion is concerned with one girl more than once, as pregnancy is about 85% higher after the abortion.

The questions that people are asking are along the lines of why, if birth control is so readily available, are so many girls getting pregnant? The answer lies not in the fact that birth control devices are available, but birth control itself. The Pill, which is the most effective method of birth control to date, is still not fully known about.

Maybe Not Verbal

Is it Communication?

By Karen Kraemer
Tribune Staff Writer

According to most leading authorities on the subject of human relations, the majority of all problems in the world today stem from a general lack of communication between people.

These authorities attribute the communication problem to the gradual deterioration and eventual obliteration of modern language, the English language in particular.

If a speaker fails to get his point across, the listener may become frustrated, which will in turn cause hostility on the part of all concerned. In the words of the renowned philosopher, Tom Lehrer: "I feel that if a person can't communicate, the very least he can do is shut up."

It's a shame that those authorities on human relations could not spend an ordinary day at Taft High School. Given a few hours in which to view the everyday routines of the students, they would lose their fears concerning the future of human relations. They would learn that people need not rely upon verbal language to communicate.

Where the non-verbal forms of communication used by students originated is uncertain. What is certain is that over the course of many years, students have evolved a form of communication based on notes, graffiti, stereotypes and mutual understandings.

The least subtle, most noticeable type of student interchange of thought is the written communication. This takes many forms and can most often be found as graffiti and notes.

Because of constant usage,

Many doctors believe that The Pill may be a link to breast cancer, or that the side effects of The Pill may cause illness later in life. So, the 85 to 95 per cent effectiveness may not be so great to those who fear the unknown. The other three common methods of birth control are somewhat avoided.

What is really the problem? Are women afraid, or are they looking for attention?

But if taking their chances results in pregnancy, should they be able to decide what they want to do? One teacher at Taft stated, "I don't see what the problem is, a woman should be allowed to do whatever she wants to do." If everyone thought that way there wouldn't be any problem, for the girls, or the society they live in.

graffiti has emerged as one of the leading occupations of a great percentage of the student body. Judging from the large amounts and interesting variety of the samples on campus, graffiti artists must spend a great deal of time and energy at their task.

A few successful artists have emerged as masters of graffiti. They have actually gotten it down to a science. It is broken into categories such as Bathroom Beautifiers, Shaving Cream Classics and those ageless monuments to student creativity — so skillfully burnt into the school lawn.

There is one slight technicality standing in the way of graffiti lovers and their art — it is illegal. But our ingenious students have recently overcome this obstacle with the graffiti board.

The other form of written communication among students is that old stand-by, the note. There is nothing new about the note. It has been used by students since the first one-room school house.

The more subtle types of communication are the most interesting.

Everytime you move a muscle, you are communicating something. Adult observers who don't know any better, have termed this form of communication Body Language but it's much more than that.

Through various stereotypes and mutual understandings about how a person should look and act if he or she wants a certain image, we have come up with a complicated set of standards on how to judge others.

We judge each other by how we dress (height of shoes, thickness of makeup, style of dress, etc.), where we eat lunch (your territory), what we read (if we read), what kind of car we drive (and how fast we drive it), our friends, our classes.

In other words, there is no real lack of communication among high school students, only a possible lack of understanding.

Some unexpected categories Might just liven up the Emmys

By Jack Kerrigan
Tribune Staff Writer

The Emmy awards are approaching quickly and the Emmy committee is faced with the same problem the Academy Awards Committee was faced with: how to make a three hour plus presentation interesting.

The Emmy Committee has already taken certain precautions to liven up the Emmy presentation, but the only sure-fire way to spice up the show would be to give awards to politicians, businessmen, and Government Agencies for their less than outstanding performances in the field. Here are some people that would be added to the Emmy list:

For best performance by a poli-

tician in a comedy or drama special, John Mitchell would win for his role in "Martha Doesn't Live Here Anymore", while best achievement in film or sound mixing would go to Rosemary Woods for her 18-minute gap on a Watergate tape.

The film editing for entertainment programming for a special award would go to H.R. Haldeman for his home movies of "The Nixon Years". An award for achievement in technical direction would go to G. Gordon Liddy for "The Watergate Break-in."

The directing of a comedy award would go to the people in charge of "The McGovern for President Committee", while best musical adaptation would go to Ted Ken-

edy for his version of "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

In the limited series category, the U.S. Government would be nominated for its role in the war in Vietnam, and the best politician in a limited series award would go to Gerald Ford for his continuing performance in "President Under The Influence."

Best comedy series would go to the FBI for its continuous search for Patricia Hearst, while special in a variety series would go to Mort Sahl's "Both Sides Now" for the special entitled "Homosexuals Are Here To Stay."

In the best documentary category the award would go to the "American Sportsman," Curt Gowdy star, for the show entitled "The Taming, Killing, and Skinning of a Shrew." Best performance by an actor in a dramatic series would go to G. Elizabeth Carmichael for his portrayal of a woman in the 20th Century Motor Car production of "The Great American Ripoff."

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A.S. CONCERTS

Hot Pitching Paces Taft Victories

Young, Aronow lead Red to wins

By Dan Turner
Tribune Sports Editor

Story has it that when fair Delilah cut Sampson's hair, the muscle-bound man was rendered helpless. Last Monday afternoon Coach Ray O'Conner handed down a decree proclaiming that all shaggy players would watch that afternoon's game from the bench. The players promptly lined up in the locker room and had their coach shear their locks. The clean cut Toreadors responded by sweeping their way to three wins that week. I guess they didn't know the story.

Chatsworth first

Monday the Taft nine was on slate for a make-up game with the Chatsworth Chancellors. After being stung in the first inning with a solo homerun, ace David Aronow settled down to pitch his way to his fifth win of the year.

The Toreadors rallied for three runs in the second inning to squelch the Chancellors' hopes of an upset. Charlie

Young, whose bat has flamed in recent games, led off with a single, then took third after Chatsworth had erred on Paul Jansson's bunt attempt. Young rode home on Rick Garret's single. Jansson scored on Don Smith's single and Garret came across on Aronow's sacrifice.

Regents next

It seems whenever O'Conner calls on Young to pitch, the Taft team responds with a nominal at best hitting attack. So far he has allowed but three hits in his last 21 innings of work but won only two of those games.

Chas gave up one run in the first inning and probably had visions of that lone run deciding the game. But on that day he received some backing as his teammates evened the score in the second inning and pulled ahead to stay in the fifth when Kelly Paris rocketed a homerun, his second in two days. The Toreadors added insurance in the sixth when Marc Gole doubled home pinch runner Mort Kishimoto.

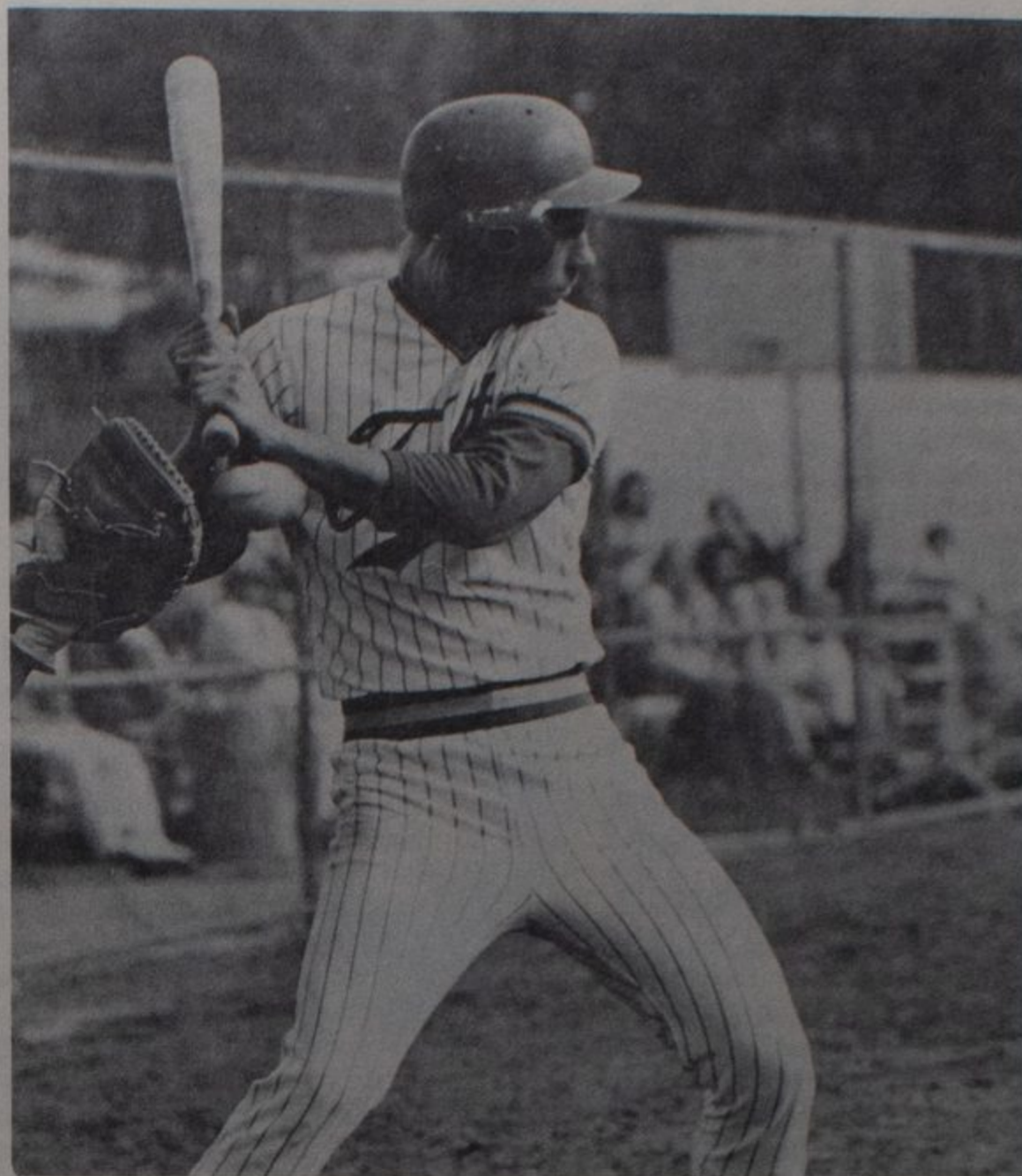
Chatsworth again

On Thursday the Taft bats unleashed a 12 hit barrage to subdue the Chancellors for the second time in four days. Aronow collected his sixth win of the year on a two-hitter.

The Red, White and Gold scored runs in the second, third, fifth and sixth innings. Every starter got a hit including Young, Jansson and Paris, who all nabbed a pair. Center-fielder Tim Ferrin extended his hitting streak to 9 games.

As O'Conner disproved a hairy old Sampsonian legend he only added evidence to a legend he's been proving for a number of years now. That story is of a king whose touch has a very special effect. All hail the king.

Kelly Paris takes a ball high. Paris struggled with the bat early in the year but has since turned things about and his bat has once again begun to produce hits.



Taft Spikers go 5-5 in V-ball tourney

Playing without Gary Cunitz, one of the biggest hitters on the squad, the Taft varsity volleyball team played to respectable 5-5 record at the Inglewood Invitational Volleyball Tournament last Saturday at Inglewood High School.

Eighteen volleyball teams from all over southern California entered the tournament and divided into three divisions of six teams each. Taft played each of the five teams in its divisions twice.

Fasmer Quits

The team that played at Inglewood Saturday potentially was a better ballclub than the one which had played to a 2-3 record in league competition. Coach Dick Hubbard brought Hunter Anderson and John Encell up from the JV's to the varsity after Kurt Fasmer quit the team following an argument with the coach.

The "new squad" began the day by beating both Huntington Beach and San Pedro two games in a row, jumping out in first place in the division, 4-0, behind Dan Askenaiser and Dave Keitel's setting.

Tom Grimes, subbing for the banished Fasmer, played exceptionally well considering he had been used only in spots in the beginning of the season.

The Toreadors then battled University (City), who they had lost to in league play two days before, 3 games to none. But the "new squad" still was not quite good enough to compete with the very tough Uni club, losing two games. Without Cunitz, the team had problems attacking, and instead, was forced to rely on an improved, but not yet polished defense throughout the game.

Taft then upset University (Irvine), who ended up the day 7-3, in the first of the two games, but was defeated in the second game, 11-4. And finally, Taft lost the remaining two games of the day to the eventual division champs, Laguna Beach, closing a long afternoon of volleyball.

The Toreadors will resume league action Monday against the Chatsworth Chancellors at 4:00, at Chatsworth.

first set.

If Rick Parent was told the day before the match he was playing number five singles, he'd never believe it. Coach Hanna didn't want to break up the doubles teams so he had a reliable J.V. to fill the spot. Rick proved himself as he defeated Jeff Berez, 6-4, 7-6.

Miguel Gracia and Jim Rose started the season off slowly but found the old adage, "practice makes perfect" to their benefit. Practicing as a team regularly after school has payed off for this now formidable pair. They won their match 6-1, 6-1.

Tom Bramson and Dave Lanz finished the day with an impressive 6-0, 6-0 performance over Barba and Hufford.

Shorts of Toreador sports

By virtue of a tie with the Chatsworth Chancellors, the Taft Varsity track team lost out on the West Valley League dual meet track championship. The Taft team tied 59-59 last Thursday night under the lights at Chatsworth.

Marty Bayless led the Chancellor effort with first place finishes in the 220 with a 22.7 time, in the 440 with a 50.2, and in the 880 with a 1:56.2. Bayless also was on the winning mile relay team.

Roger Watkin of Taft led the Toreadors as once again he doubled in the distance events. He was first in the two-mile recording a 9:38.2 and was first to cross the tape in the mile event, turning in a time of 4:27.4.

Mark Fresh won the shot put with a put of 50' 10". Brad Dexter won the 100 in 10.5, placed second in the 220 and was on the winning 440 relay squad.

The tie left the Toreadors league record at 3 wins, 1 loss and a tie. Cleveland won the title as they walked all over the hapless Reseda Regents 89-29. The Cavaliers expected to be co-champs but ended up lone champions as the Chancellors and Toreadors tied.

The Bee's won 68-27 as Greg

Chapman, elevated to the Bee level for the meet, placed first in three events. The Cees also won as they cruised to a 58-28 win.

League Prelims Today

The West Valley League track League prelims will be held today at Canoga Park High at 2:30. The meet will decide which athletes will advance to the league finals to be held a week from today at Canoga. Tickets are on sale for the prelims today.

JV's Win Two Out of Three

The week before last the Junior varsity baseball team won two of

their three scheduled games to improve their record to 4-5. The Taft nine swept Chatsworth's team, beating them 8-7 and 6-0. The Regents, however, spoiled a possible sweep with a win on Tuesday, 8-3. The Junior varsity was led by strong hitting outfielder John Allen and third baseman Pat McGovern.

The swim teams competed in both the League prelims and finals last week but unfortunately the results were not known at press time. Both events were held at Beverly Hills High School.

Toreadors shutout Reseda With Gitlin on the sidelines

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The tennis team scored their third straight shutout of the season at Reseda on April 22. They did this without Drew Gitlin, in the hope of a better match.

Jon Paley looked as though he was enjoying himself that Tuesday as he easily ran through Bobby Hurdle, 6-1, 6-3. Bill Hein and Eric Bligard won their matches by scores of 6-1, 6-1 and 6-2, 6-1 respectively.

When Robert Redlich plays a tennis match, the coach has nothing to be worried about. Redlich has a reputation of wiping his opponents off the court and Reseda's number four man was no exception, as he was held to a game in the

J.V.'s Win Too

To climax a perfect day, the Junior Varsity dumped every one of their opponents to win, 5-0.

Leading the attack was the team of Doug Burdge and Goerge Avall. The latter is a foreign exchange student from Sweden. The next victors were Steve Rosenberg and Dave MacMasters.

Lead by the "hacker", Kirk Margoles, third doubles was taken by he and J.V. manager Richard Hirschinger, as they outsmarted their rivals.

The teams of Blumberg-Biedebach and Siebert-Bockwoldt put on the finishing touches as they won the final two matches in that order.

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