

# Proficiency exam Raises Questions

By Michele Lipow  
Tribune Staff Writer

Hundreds of 16- and 17-year-olds throughout California will take the High School Proficiency Examination at locations all over the state Dec. 20. Those who pass will be allowed to drop out of high school before the state's mandatory attendance age of 18, provided they have parental permission.

The certificates that will be issued upon passing will be the legal equivalent of a high school diploma. Employers and community colleges will be required to accept them in place of the traditional high school diploma. Many 4-year universities (such as UCLA) will also accept the certificates in place of a high school diploma, but stress that entrance requirements must still be met.

The new equivalency test program, the first in the nation, was created by the California State Legislature. Alarmed that a high school diploma is no longer a guarantee that one has the skills necessary to function as an adult, the legislators directed the State Department of Education to design an exam that would test for proficiency in practical skills such as writing a job application and balancing a checkbook.

But many educators feel that though the certificates will become the equivalent of a high school diploma, they will probably not be accepted on the same level. Taft's Principal Mr. Fred Frazer said "a diploma is the only evidence that a student has that shows he has met the standards set up by the Board of Education

and the community." At Taft, diplomas are not meaningless. Says Frazer, "Nobody gets something for nothing here."

Mr. Dave Bower, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at the L.A. Board of Education, admits that "a four-hour test can never measure what a student should have learned in twelve years of public education," but says that the certificates were "not really meant to represent the equivalent of a high school education."

The test is meant to give students who must leave school in order to support themselves a chance to receive some recognition of their academic achievement. They can always resume their education at a later date.

According to Bower, one advantage of the test program is that it will inspire those fairly bright students who are "turned off by school" to keep up their work in order to pass the test. When these students have left school, it will be easier for those who remain to get more out of their education.

So far, enrollment for the Dec. 20 test has been less than anticipated. Though there was a great student response at several schools in the district, the response at most schools was unenthusiastic. At Taft, only five students requested applications.

The program is still in its experimental stages. It will take time to see how it will work after it is established. In the words of Mr. Frazer, "If you don't try something, how are you going to find out?"

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**Game of Chances:** Taft students dodge their way through the cars in an attempt to get to the other side of the street at lunch. The problem of jaywalking has been growing out of proportion. Recently, a

motorcycle policeman came out and gave a rash of tickets to Taft students. Where will the problem end?

Photo by Levine

## Birth control: Need help?

By Patty Novak  
Tribune Staff Writer

Approximately 400,000 children are born out of wedlock each year in the United States. Half of these births involve women of high school age. In many cases, they must stop their education, change career plans, and face a confusing future.

Why so many illegitimate children? Most people claim ignorance—ignorance of birth control law and birth control practice.

That is why thousands of clinics have been set up across the country recently to provide information, medical assistance, and contraceptives to those who need the services.

In the West San Fernando Valley, there are five such clinics: Planned Parenthood in Canoga Park, 883-4710; Family Planning of Van Nuys, 780-1733; Life Center in Northridge, 886-5433; Population Control in Reseda, 881-6020; and Pregnancy and Birth Control Center of Canoga Park, 346-8420.

All information given to any of the clinics is confidential. The maximum fee for counseling is \$15.

### World-Wide Organization

Since Planned Parenthood is a world-wide organization and maintains medical records (unlike most clinics), it is probably the most popular. The clinic urges anyone interested in its services to first attend the birth control discussion lectures held each Wednesday and Thursday night. The class focuses on descriptive information about the various forms of contraception. The class lecturer, besides giving a five-minute tenth grade

sex education talk, also discusses the mental aspects of sex and birth control.

"Before you get any form of birth control, think about why you are getting it," the lecturer says. "If you are getting it to be popular, rebel against parents, prove something to your friends, or give in to a boy friend or girl friend, you might be getting birth control for the wrong reasons."

"Think about it, because it's an important move."

The discussion also includes a question and answer session. In addition, Planned Parenthood offers a medical examination to those requesting birth control—included is a lesson on how to check for breast cancer—and pregnancy tests.

Since March 1972, when it became legal for minors to purchase birth control, contraceptives have been readily available to those who need them. Ignorance of the basic facts about birth control is not something to be ashamed of—you are not alone. In 1974, 42% of Planned Parenthood's patients were under 20.

Birth control information is only one of the many services which Planned Parenthood offers. VD tests, gynecological examinations and any personal questions are also included in their programs.

Remember—all information is inexpensive and strictly confidential.

**This article was not written as a news story, but we feel it is important enough to be on page 1 of the newspaper. Its purpose is strictly informative.**

## Maintaining Rapport and Ticketing Jaywalkers

By Shelli Booth  
Tribune Staff Writer

The sight of a black and white police car parked in front of Taft's Administration Building is nothing out of the ordinary. According to Mr. Dee Vadetsky, Taft Administrative Dean, the officers are not here to arrest anyone, but they stop by regularly to "touch base with the school authorities."

Communication between students and police officers seems to be one of the goals of the LAPD. The West Valley Police department now has what are called a "J"—or juvenile—cars, which patrol the area around high schools and junior high schools in the Valley. The officers familiarize themselves with school policies and become acquainted with school administrators. This creates good rapport between the officers and school personnel, thus enabling them to function rapidly and efficiently in an emergency.

### Jaywalking Problem

The police have been active lately in one respect. Taft has recently been faced with a minor traffic problem. Many students block traffic while crossing Winnetka from the student parking lot. Members of the community registered complaints about the traffic jam and the police department sent a motorcycle officer out to Winnetka. Several students were ticketed for jaywalking and obstructing traffic causing Vadetsky and Mr. John Grant, Taft's security officer, to warn all students about the traffic problem and ask them to use the light when crossing the street.

## Why the cops on campus?

Mr. Grant, a retired sergeant of detectives, said he feels Taft students have a close relationship with the police. He said his belief was based on student respect for our police department.

The matter seems to have begun to clear up this past week since there have been no reported tick-

ets issued. However, the traffic problem still remains. It was suggested that a pedestrian crosswalk be installed on Winnetka between Santa Rita and Ventura Blvd.

This, however, may be just as bad, because too many stops may make the traffic situation worse than it is now.

### News Briefs

## Sci-fi author Bradbury to speak here Jan. 6

**Attention all Sci-Fi buffs!** Ray Bradbury, author of best selling science fiction short stories and novels, is scheduled to speak at Taft on January 6. Tickets are now on sale at the student store for 50 cents each. Bradbury's lecture will be period 6 in Oral Arts.

**December 11 initiated** a new activity schedule at Taft. Once a month, an added period will be inserted between periods 4 and 5. During this activity period, closed-campus rules will be put into effect, but activities within school are expected to provide enough of an initiative for students to remain in school.

The purpose of the new activity schedule is to provide a time for special programs and activities, as well as films, guest speakers, and teacher-student conferences.

**Ladies and Gentlemen, the Rolling Stones**, will be featured Dec. 19 in Taft Hall. Tickets are on sale

in the student store for \$1.00.

**Three new offices** will be up for grabs in the student body elections scheduled for January 14-16. Return to Cabinet are the three offices of Director of Spirit, Director of Assemblies, and Director of Public Affairs. Having been dissolved into other Cabinet positions last year, it has been recognized this year that a separate person is needed to accommodate the duties of each of these three offices.

**The annual Christmas Toy Drive** sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Woodland Hills will run until Christmas Vacation. Contributions should be placed in the toy box located on the senior quad in front of the administration building. All donations will go to charity.

**The Taft Tribune** was presented with the General Excellence award at the Pierce College Journalism Day last Thursday. Lenny Lieberman, Steve Rosenberg, and Stacey Simon received individual awards.

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## Teenage Runaways

By Glenn Adler  
Tribune Editorial Editor

Each year in Los Angeles County, thousands of teenagers are arrested for running away from home.

Countless more, perhaps as many as 20,000, are never apprehended by the police. Because they never receive counseling or guidance, these teenagers become part of a vicious circle of running away, returning home, and running away again.

At least those who are arrested receive an opportunity to be helped. To begin with, they are labeled "601", which refers to the section of the Welfare and Institutions Code dealing with runaways, incorrigibles, and truancies.

This year 3,000 of these "601s" ended up in Juvenile Hall. (Sergeant Bill Johnston of the LAPD's Juvenile Division described that facility as a place where you would not want to send your worst enemy. "If you're pre-delinquent when you go in there, then you'll have enough information to become a delinquent when you come out," he said.)

Juvenile Hall does not sound appealing and not all runaways labeled 601 wind up there—other alternatives exist.

One such alternative is the referral of runaways to private organizations. There are many agencies in the southland that deal specifically with counseling and guidance for runaways. One, located in Canoga Park, is Crisis Youth Housing. CYH is geared to the juvenile who has not yet been arrested—the pre-delinquent. CYH selects certain individuals and places them in a foster home for a seven-day period, a "cooling off period." Here, the teenager is removed from his home environment. Soon, he begins a counseling program.

CYH is only a pilot program. Although it has helped only a handful of juveniles, its results have been positive. Through their hotline, 340-LIFE, one can learn about the program and acceptability requirements. It takes no more than a phone call to discover the various agencies that can help a teenage runaway.

For any teenager in a difficult position, it's worth the time to find help—it beats the Juvenile Justice System by a long shot.

### School Board to Decide Fate

## Smoking Issue Still Burning

By Michele Lipow  
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"Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health."

We have all seen and heard this warning hundreds of times. Still, people continue to smoke.

For many years now, California high schools have banned smoking on campus. But the number of teenage smokers has continued to rise at an alarming rate despite the campus ban.

Kathleen Brown Rice, member of the L.A. Board of Education, said "prohibiting smoking makes it even more attractive" because it becomes sort of a "secret ritual" to smoke. She said she feels "students smoke more because they aren't supposed to," and that students would be far less tempted to smoke if there were smoking areas on all high school campuses.

But there is strong opposition to the establishment of smoking areas on campus. Mrs. Jean Kleinman, President of Taft P.T.A., feels students would be "more likely to smoke if there was a smoking area" because it would become a social meeting place. She says that many parents also worry that there will be an increase of pot smoking on campus if cigarettes are allowed. The P.T.A. recently voted unanimously to oppose the

establishment of a smoking area at Taft.

Dimitri Vadetsky, Administrative Dean at Taft, admits that it is a problem to enforce the smoking ban on campus, but he is worried that we will seem hypocritical if we teach in the classrooms that smoking is bad for one's health and then turn around and allow smoking on campus. He doesn't want the schools to look like they are officially "condoning smoking."

Will the establishment of smoking areas on campus in fact encourage student smoking? The only way to find out is to try it.

At West Covina High School, they have.

"We're not really supposed to, but we've been doing some experimenting anyway," explains Dr. Phineas Goldstein, Assistant Superintendent of the West Covina Unified School District.

So far, parents, teachers and students at West Covina have all been happy with the results of the experiment. Administrators and teachers now find it easier to enforce a smoking ban on the rest of the campus and have more time to spend on important school problems. And non-smokers can once again use the school bathrooms without risking suffocation. Says Goldstein, "We're doing this for the nonsmoker."

A former president of his local Cancer Society unit, Gold-

stein is aware of the dangers of smoking and is very concerned about the rising number of teenage smokers. But he says that the smoking area has not increased the amount of student smoking because of a kind of "reverse psychology." It's no big trick anymore to smoke on campus.

Furthermore, Dr. Goldstein feels that having smoking areas allows schools to identify student smokers and to steer them towards special programs designed to educate them about the hazards of smoking. He says that such programs are currently being planned at West Covina.

In short, West Covina's experiment has been a great success. Wouldn't a smoking area be equally effective here at Taft?

Under Senate Bill 171, local school districts will have permission to establish smoking areas on their campus as of January 1, 1976. Last February, the L.A. Board of Education voted 6 to 1 to oppose passage of this bill. But the issue will probably come up again before the Personnel and Schools Committee of the Board as they review the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

We as students are the ones primarily affected by the decision made by the Board on this issue. It is up to us to let them know how we feel about it.



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## John Henry Faulk: Blacklisted...But Alive

"THE THING THAT NIXON AND McCARTHY STOOD FOR WAS THE REPRESSION OF OPINION, THE REPRESSION OF DIFFERENCES..." J.H. Faulk

The story of John Henry Faulk, a former radio broadcaster whose lawsuit ended the blacklisting of supposed Communists, was documented several weeks ago in the CBS-TV special "Fear on Trial."

Tribune reporter Glenn Wallach caught up with Faulk in Beverly Hills last month and had a chance to ask him some questions.

**Question:** After you won your libel suit, you were out of the public eye for quite a while. How does it feel to have people coming around again?

**Faulk:** It's a very gratifying experience, I'd rather it not be me personally, I'd rather that the issues involved in my case be more clearly understood by the American people. If the American people face the real problems that confront them today realistically without rhetoric, without the old time political hurrah, humbug, and clap-

trap, but get down basically to who we are and where we've got to go, then I'd like to think that the dramatization of my case will have a positive effect on opening that dialogue.

**Question:** Do you feel that the ingredients are still there?

**Faulk:** Oh yes, hell yes, we've got it. All we've got to do is open the dialogue, get the people to listening to one another—whether they agree or disagree. You see, the meaning of the period that I lived through in the fifties, the thing that Dick Nixon and Joe McCarthy stood for was the repression of opinion, the repression of differences. They stood for conformity. What is happening today is we're going to, whether we like it or not, face the fact that we'll have to open a dialogue where we can discuss the issues and not use labels and epithets. We need a real open

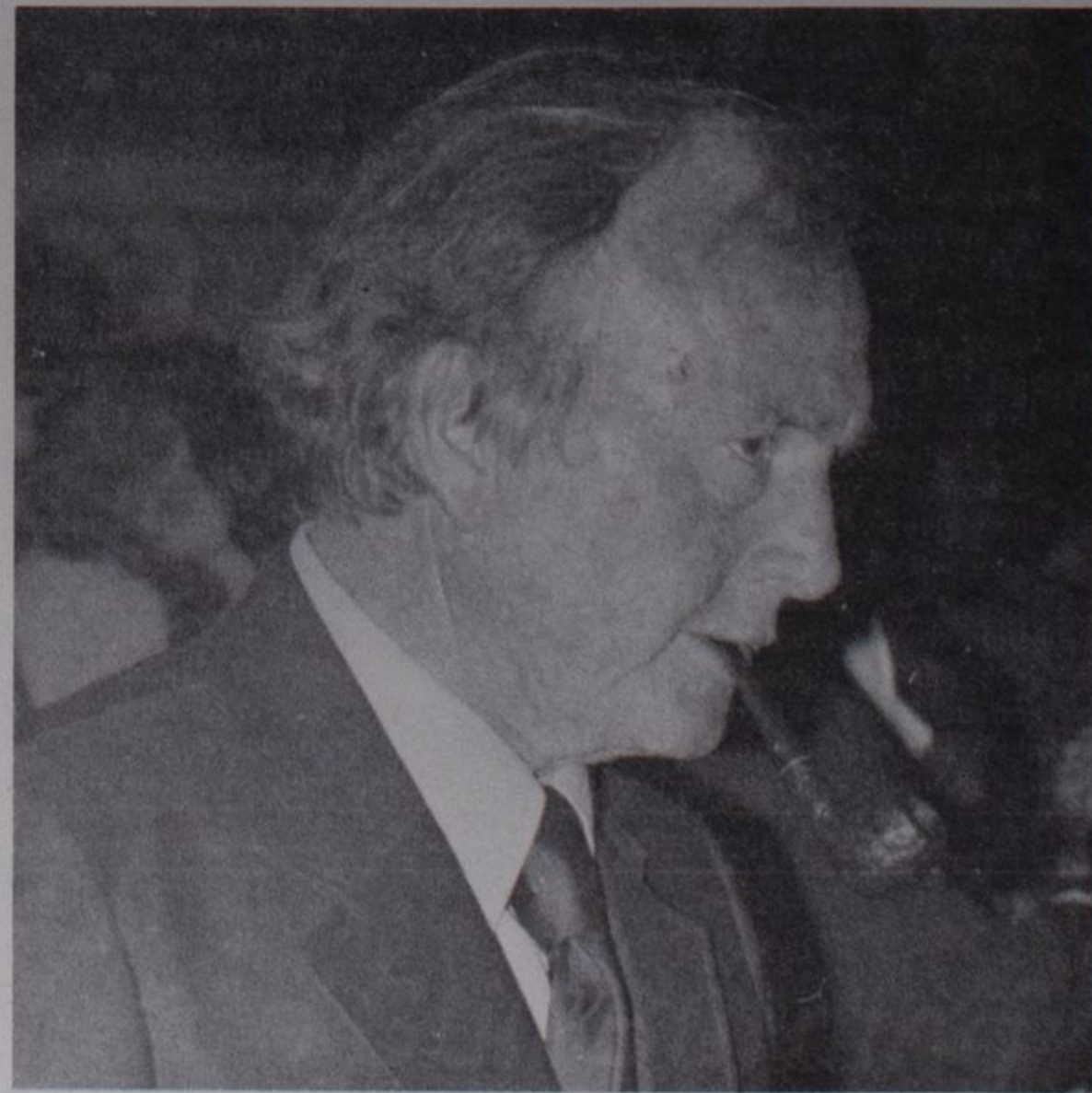
and serious discussion of issues before the American people. We can solve anything that way.

**Question:** Do you think a time of persecution like the 50's could return?

**Faulk:** Yes, unless we are alert and aware of our basic Constitutional freedoms. Not only those that belong to you as a citizen of this country but those that belong to your neighbor as well. Unless you are as jealous of his right to hold contrary and opposing opinions as you are of your right to do so.

**Question:** Do you have any advice to young people trying to get involved in journalism?

**Faulk:** Yes, I happen to believe that the most exciting thing that I run across on the campuses and in the high schools today are the number and the quality of young people who aspire to get into journalism.



JOHN HENRY FAULK

## A Friend Takes Leave

One of the facts of life every teacher must face is that few people really take note of his day-to-day accomplishments. Once a year a parent or two will come in to thank the teacher. Seasonally, various school groups will sponsor teacher appreciation days which, though well-meant, are not personal. Occasionally, but infrequently, an administrator will congratulate a teacher on a job well done.

Ultimately, when a teacher retires, congratulatory words are spoken—sometimes sincere, sometimes not—and a reward in the form of a gift or two are given the retiree.

But what of the teacher who leaves? Generally, he does so without ballyhoo.

My friend, Dick Stewart, is leaving after twelve years as a member of Taft's English Department. Dick, who passed the bar last year, is leaving to devote full time to his law practice.

Dick's loss is a very personal one to me since we have worked closely together for many years and his contributions to Taft over the years deserve recognition and appreciation.

As faculty chairman and as member of the steering committee, Dick championed teach-

er involvement in school operation. As advisor to the *Tribune*, Dick inspired his staffs to win many awards for the school. His work on cultural exchange led to many field trips for Taft students. Dick helped to develop guidelines for the evaluation of student composition progress. As an active member of the American Federation of Teachers, Dick worked hard to upgrade the teaching profession. Finally, Dick was instrumental in innovating the team teaching program which has benefited many Taft students.

On behalf of the Taft faculty and the thousands of students who experienced his wisdom and compassion, I say goodbye Dick Stewart—we'll all miss you.

Ernest Pearl  
Tribune Advisor



Dick Stewart

"They Have Condemned Her to Life?"

## Mercy Killing: Case not closed

By Karen Kraemer  
Tribune Staff Writer

"They have condemned her to 'life'?"

This paradoxical exclamation expresses one current, widely held opinion on the recent court decision to keep Karen Ann Quinlan alive by artificial means.

Is keeping her technically alive, while no hope exists for a life with any quality, any more cruel or unusual than condemning someone to death and thereby reducing the quantity of life?

One reason why Karen's controversial case is being so heavily publicized is the urgent need for answers to the questions it raises.

Is euthanasia still a dirty word, or is it time for us to face the fact that mercy killing might be a solution to some of the problems caused by our runaway medical technology?

Euthanasia falls under two categories, compulsory and voluntary. Compulsory euthanasia would mean that by law, anyone suffering from a certain malady, whatever the court decides that to be, would automatically be put to rest with or without their consent.

Although this was an acceptable practice in ancient times, it sounds a bit inhuman for our modern, "civilized" society.

But what about the Karen Ann

Quinlans who cannot speak for themselves? Can anyone accept the responsibility of speaking for them?

Miss Quinlan's attorney has said, "You can't just extinguish a human life because she's an eyesore." But what can we do if all our hospitals become filled with machine sustained people? Isn't it possible that doctors being afraid of creating another living vegetable, might decide not to turn on the respirators in the first place—condemning to death some people who might have recovered?

Voluntary euthanasia—when mercy killing is performed at the request of the patient—is more easily condoned (but still not accepted) by our society. In fact, bills have actually been proposed (although never passed) to legalize this form of euthanasia.

A bill of this type would have to clearly define how the euthanasia is to be administered and who may receive it.

One such bill brought before the New York legislature prescribed a patient in the presence of two witnesses:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare as follows: I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and am suffering severe physical pain caused, as I am advised by my physician, by a disease for which no remedy affording lasting relief or recovery is at this time known to medical science.

"I am desirous of anticipating death by euthanasia and hereby petition for permission to receive euthanasia...."

Judge Muir may have closed the case of Karen Quinlan, but not the issue of euthanasia.

## New marijuana law creating confusion

By Glenn Wallach  
Tribune Staff Writer

The passage of SB 95, the new marijuana law, has apparently been misunderstood.

The Public Relations Department of the LAPD says that many people believe that marijuana is now legal and have been smoking it openly. This is just one example of the confusion and controversy that has surrounded the new law.

SB 95, which becomes effective January 1, 1976, makes possession of an ounce or less of marijuana a misdemeanor—the maximum penalty is a citation with a fine of up to \$100. For possession of an ounce or more (with no intent to sell), the maximum penalty is a possible fine of \$500 and six months in county jail.

Penalties become more severe for the intent to sell hashish or more than an ounce of grass. According to the new bill, the minimum sentence is a year in county jail, while the maximum is five years in state prison. These new penalties are quite a bit less than the old sentences that were often of indeterminate length and could last up to ten years or more.

Beginning January 1, the LAPD will be carrying around pocket scales so that confiscated marijuana can be weighed on the spot. There are some in the department who question the new law. Although it will certainly be enforced, some, like Police Chief Ed Davis, think its passage was a grave mistake. Others agree with Davis and say that when marijuana laws are de-emphasized, people often have misconceptions about similar laws.

A spokesman in the Public Relations Department said that he felt there should have been more study

into the question of the dangers of marijuana.

Although the Governor has signed the bill and any argument is meaningless now, Linda Hunt of the ACLU said she is surprised that there has been no organized effort to repeal the law in favor of the old penalties.

There is an effort to repeal the law, however, but for a completely different reason. The National Organization For Repeal Of Marijuana Legislation, or NORML, wants the present law replaced with total legalization of marijuana. It seems that people are never satisfied with their good fortune.

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# The 'Other' Back Stings Taft, 32-21

**By Russ Rubin**  
**Tribune Sports Editor**

San Fernando running back Ray Williams ran 27 yards on the first play of the fourth quarter to score what turned out to be the winning touchdown as the Tigers ended the Taft football season with a hard-fought 32-21 victory last Friday at Birmingham Stadium.

The semi-final win sends the Tigers (10-2) to the Memorial Coliseum to defend their city title against the Banning Pilots. For Taft (8-3-1), it marks the end of a year in which Coaches Hal Lambert and Ray O'Connor took an unfamiliar unit and made it into a strong, well balanced team that went farther in the play-offs than any Toreador squad since 1965.

Coach Lambert had said earlier in the week that in order for the Toreadors to stop San Fernando's wishbone offense, the key would be to stop fullback Charles White. He added that he feared the unheralded Ray Williams as much as the other backs. The Taft defense did hold White in check. Charles gained only 33 yards on 13 carries. However, Lambert's fears became a reality as Williams gained 116 yards on only 14 carries as well as scoring 2 touchdowns and a 2-point conversion.

After Williams' touchdown run and his two-point conversion put San Fernando ahead 26-21 in the fourth quarter, the Tiger defense went to work.

They held Taft on its next pos-

session and when the Tigers took over, they drove all the way to the Toreador 31-yard-line. The Toreador defense then put on one of their best stands of the year, dropping San Fernando for losses on three consecutive plays and forcing the Tigers to punt.

Steve Boyle's punt was downed on the Toreador one with 6:47 left in the game. Then on second and 9 at the 2-yard-line, Taft was the victim of a freak play. Garvin tried to hit Fisher over the middle, but the ball was tipped in the air and landed in Kevin Williams' arms giving the Tigers possession on the Taft 5-yard-line.

Taft's defensive line put up a good stand, but on fourth and goal, White drove into the end zone from

the 1 and San Fernando had gained a spot in the finals.

The Toreadors, however, showed the character of their team as they drove inside the Tiger 5 before Tom Grimes was stopped inches short of the goaline as time ran out in the game.

Taft scored first in the game when Grimes intercepted a Kenny Moore pass and raced 18 yards for a touchdown giving Taft a 7-0 lead with 4:32 left in the first quarter. The score stood like that after the first 12 minutes.

San Fernando pulled within 1 point at 7-6 when Kevin Williams made a scintillating 75-yard run after the Tigers had taken possession on their own 25 following a Taft punt. The extra point was

wide.

On the ensuing kick-off, Jeff Fisher had a great effort to the Taft 40. Tony Ervin then exploded for a first down at the San Fernando 37. Then on 2nd and 4 at the Tiger 31, Garvin threw a perfect strike to the streaking Fisher to complete a 31-yard touchdown pass. Grimes' conversion gave Taft a 14-6 lead with 5:54 left in the first half.

The Tigers rallied to score on an 8-yard run by Ray Williams to pull within 14-12 as the half ended.

After San Fernando had gone ahead 18-14, Taft took the lead once again late in the third quarter when Mort Kishimoto banged over from the 1 to give Taft a 21-18 lead.



Toreador in Trouble: Varsity soccer player Ofer Haigil is about to get the ball kicked out from between his legs by a San Fernando player. Looking on

for the Toreadors is Tom Helms. Earlier this week, Taft defeated Granada Hills, 4-0, to move into sole possession of third place in the West Valley League.

Photo by Melton

## Granada rips Taft; Soller paces win

Dave Soller scored 31 points and the top-rated Granada Hills Varsity basketball team broke open a close game in the third quarter enroute to an 81-58 victory over the Taft Toreadors last Friday.

The Toreadors rallied to trail only 44-42 with 5:40 left in the third quarter, but then the roof fell in on them. They went five minutes before scoring again.

Granada, taking advantage of numerous Taft turnovers, rolled off 14 straight points to take a commanding 58-42 lead and for all purposes, end Taft's bid for an upset. During that span the Highlanders put their rebounding strength to work, easily controlling the offensive and defensive boards.

Bret Davis supported Soller's performance by adding 17 points. Steve Furlong led Taft with 12 points felled by John Ries and Scott Milne at 10 each.

Taft trailed by only five points at halftime, 51-46.

In the early portions of the first quarter both teams were very cold in the shooting department. Granada led only 1-0 with 5:32 left in the period.

But between the shooting of center Furlong and guard John Ries, the Toreadors hung close throughout the quarter and trailed only 18-16 as the second quarter began. Ries came off the bench to knock in 8 points and match Furlong's total.

Reed Hummel picked up the scoring slack in the second quarter,

but the Highlanders expanded their lead to 33-24 with only about five minutes left until halftime. Soller, after pumping 8 points in the first stanza, added 11 more in the second quarter to lead Granada.

Taft didn't give up, however, and closed its deficit to 33-30 with three minutes left in the half. The two teams then traded baskets and Granada claimed a five-point lead at halftime.

The leading Taft scorers at halftime were Furlong with 12, Ries and Hummel with 8 and Milne with 6. For Granada Hills, Soller had 19 and Davis had 17.

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The Taft Junior Varsity basketball team also lost to the Granada Hills Highlanders in a tough decision, 59-54.

By losing, the Toreadors wasted an excellent performance from Chuck Schmidt. Schmidt popped in 20 points to lead all Taft scorers and played a superb defensive game all night.

Also scoring in double figures for Taft was Larry Wilburn. Wilburn came off the bench late in the first quarter and sparked the Taft attack with some excellent outside shooting.

The Toreadors hung close throughout the game and never trailed by more than 10 points. The next game for the Junior Varsity will be Friday against the Monroe Vikings at Taft.

## Booth stars in soccer win

Taft's Varsity soccer team chalked up two wins last week, defeating Sylmar, 4-0, and El Camino, 1-0. Their league record now stands at 3-3.

Taft's forwards finally began getting aggressive in the Sylmar game. Having scored only three goals in its last four games, the forwards scored all four of the goals against Sylmar. Tod Booth had three of them, making him at this point in the season one of Taft's most valuable players. Kirk Davidson scored the other goal.

The Taft-El Camino game wasn't as one-sided as the score may seem. The forwards controlled the ball most of the game, keeping the ECR defense busy. But it wasn't until late in the first half that Tod Booth scored Taft's only goal. It was enough, however, as Henning Jensen got his second shutout of the year.

On December 16, Taft will stage a rematch with San Fernando. Two days later, next Thursday, the Toreadors will go into action again against El Camino.

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### In Other Action

## Simenz to run in finals;

Taft's Varsity cross country squad failed to qualify for the city finals as they placed fourth in last Saturday's city preliminary round at Pierce College.

Twenty-four teams entered the preliminaries and were divided into three divisions of eight teams each. In order to qualify for tomorrow's finals, a team had to finish in the top three places.

The Toreadors finished behind University, Kennedy, and Poly. Nevertheless, John Simenz, Varsity's premier runner, will run in the finals as an individual, since he finished sixth overall with a 14:59 clocking.

The JVs, led by junior Ken Hillblom, finished second in their preliminary race with a total of three runners placing in the top ten to qualify Taft for the finals. Hillblom came in first place with a time of 15:45, ten seconds better than his previous personal best of 15:55, which he ran in league finals two weeks ago.

Todd Ferris finished fourth with a time of 15:56 and Greg King had a seventh place clocking of 16:11.

Ron Maroko led the tenth grade team to a third place finish in the city prelims. This qualifies the tenth grade squad for a spot in the city finals. Maroko was the only Toreador to place in the top ten, finishing at 11:10.

The Toreador Bee basketball team was narrowly defeated by Granada Hills last Friday, 49-47. The score was close throughout the game, but the Highlanders were able to get the points when they needed them.

High scorers from Taft were Jack Schactel and Gary Howerton, who both had eight points, while Geoff Brown and Rich Burns each had seven.

The Cees fared somewhat better, though, thrashing the Highlanders, 50-32. DuWayne McNight and Jim Murdy led a well balanced scoring attack for the Toreadors, pumping in 12 and 11 points respectively.

The girls Varsity tennis team advanced to the city finals by defeating Grant, 6-1, last Tuesday. Taft will now be pitted against the Palisades Dolphins for the championship on Friday at Los Angeles Valley College. Debbie Rocker and Debbie Pearl won both their matches to give the Toreadors a shot at their second consecutive championship.

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