

BISHOP MCGUCKEN ATTENDS 5th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AT B. A. H.

C.S.F. Installation Highlight Tonight

Installation of California Scholarship Federation members will highlight the Parents' Night program this evening. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph T. McGucken will officiate when 85 members will be given their pins. These students are noted for scholastic achievement in maintaining above average grades during the previous semester.

Receiving pins will be the following seniors: Leonard Bertain, James Farley, Mike Guthrie, James Riley, James Tancreto, Joseph Thomas, George Zarzana, James Barroso, Louis Carrigg, George Konamo, Anthony Scalora, Fred Schrorder, Charles Shaffer, John Smolich, Richard Russell, Mike Fassnacht, Carol Hobrecht, Carmen Rodriguez, Sandra Urdia, Maureen Douglas, Sharon Oliveri, and Diane Williams.

Also on the list will be the following juniors:

John Brunstetter, Peter Ferris, Robert Lera, Robert Hatton, Bruce McGagin, Steve Thomas, Thomas Madden, Herbert Rooney, Mary Doyle, Mary Jean Hunt, Gloria Moynahan, Kathy Sexton, and Sandra Smith, Chris Kirchner.

Armstrong's Mascot Flees for Final Time

Freddy the Falcon, Bishop Armstrong's mascot, has flown from his master's hand for the last time. Brother Paul, F.S.C., Freddy's trainer, released him during this final training period and he never returned.

In his short stay at Bishop Armstrong, Freddy received great notability throughout the city and even merited occasional write ups in the city's dailies.

Freddy received donations for his upkeep from members of the Bishop Armstrong student body. Students participating in the debate tournament gave generously for the support of Freddy and more

TALON

VOLUME V, NO. 2 BISHOP ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER 10, 1960

Forensic League Participates In Tournament at Stockton

Bishop Armstrong's Forensic Association traveled to nearby Stockton to participate in an invitational tournament at Stagg High School on November 5th.

Talon Staff Hears Sacramento Mentor

Mr. Stan Gilliam, newspaper advisor of Sacramento High's X-Ray and graduate of C.B.S. and St. Mary's College, spoke to the Talon staff Thursday, October 27. Mr. Gilliam's comments covered the principles of journalism with special emphasis on the first issue of the Talon.

Mr. Gilliam, familiar with parochial paper's problems, recalled that the C.B.S. Gael would come out "When Brother Walter, F.S.C., could scrape up enough money to pay the printer."

The staff readily agreed with him that times have not changed.

Brothers Selected To Head Committees

Two Brothers from Armstrong were named to head various committees of the Christian Brothers in California. Brother Ronald was named chairman of the Classical Language Committee while Brother Augustus was chosen to head the Science Committee.

Brother Barnabas, the moderator of the Math Club, remained on the Math Committee of the Province and Brother Eugene and Brother Paul continued to serve on the English Committee.

These committees meet several times a year to discuss and determine the best and means of con-

Brother Barnabas' debaters sought their first victory of the year, and looked to Jerry Lafferty, star orator at CBS, to come out with top honors in that division. Jerry opened this campaign with an original oratory on Capital Punishment. Brother Barnabas also looked to Jim Farley and Mike Guthrie to supply the executive spark in the debate department. These boys tied for first place at the final tournament last year.

Another bright spark in the B.A. roster is CBS Interclass Champion debater O. J. Williams.

The subject of the debate tournament is resolved: The United States should initiate a Federal World Government.

Students Attend Colleges On Annual Senior Day

Three colleges were visited by the boys of Bishop Armstrong on Senior Day, at Saint Mary's College, Santa Clara University, and the University of San Francisco. These colleges received the boys with a day of interesting activities.

The students grasped an idea of how college is run. Although the courses appeared to be difficult, the students lifted their expectations for the coming year.

Juniors Outnumber Senior Scholars

The junior boys outnumbered seniors on the "A" honor roll four to two when the vice-principal's office issued the list of honor students last week.

Seniors James Farley and George Zarzana of 108 were the lone 12th grade representatives on the "A" average roll, while four juniors of 206 matched their achievement. They were Robert...

Tonight His Excellency, Bishop Joseph T. McGucken will be principal speaker at the fifth annual Open House assembly given at Bishop Armstrong. His Excellency has chosen this event for yearly visit to the high school.

The Bishop Armstrong members of the California Scholarship Federation will receive their pins from His Excellency. The moderators of the C.S.F., Brother Eugene, F.S.C., and Mrs. Joseph Barattini, will present His Excellency with a list of the members.

The Choral Group, under the direction of Mr. Anton Dorndorf, will present a program of musical selections.

Mrs. Olive McNeil and Sister Mary Loyola, S.M., are planning book displays and art exhibits in the administration wing and library in the art room, respectively. Brother Barnabas, F.S.C., and Brother Augustus, F.S.C., will have exhibits in the Physics and Chemistry laboratories.



BISHOP MCGUCKEN will be principal speaker at the annual open house.

The Service Club members will direct the parents to the various structures and classrooms. The Parents' Club will serve refreshments in the cafeteria, after the assembly for all comers.

In Memoriam

The students of Bishop Armstrong High School offer their sincere prayers for the repose of the souls of Mrs. Raymond Clark, mother of Terry Clark, and Mr. Watts, father of Vanturi Watts. May their souls and all of th



YOU CAN do something about breaking the "kitchen curtain."

I'm Waiting For You

Dear Student,

Where have you been? I have been waiting for you to come to visit me, but it seems that I have wished and hoped in vain. In the mornings I eye the door, listening for the sound of your feet in the corridor, yet you do not come.

Your chair still remains empty and each day passes without my seeing your face. And where are you? Comfortably lying in bed, forgetful of the times when I sacrificed so much for you.

I endured both mockery and suffering that you might benefit from these trials. I was burdened with a wooden cross, compelled to drag it through the streets of the city to my own death on the hill. And as I hung with my hands and feet nailed down, I prayed "Father, forgive them."

Yes, my first thought was for you—your happiness, your salvation and redemption. But how many times do you stop to think of me? I have my love for you. Now I give you an opportunity to prove your love for me and at the same time receive a gift from me.

Yes, I wait for you, listen for your sound, hope that you will occupy that chair. I offer you a gift that you may offer the gift of your heart to me in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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Why Must We Be Different?

I'm going crazy! I spent two long, girlless years at Christian I ers always keeping alive a small spark of hope that someday I go to Armstrong to have all my dreams (dreams of girls) come. But what to my disillusioned eyes appear, but a school where the and girls actually seem afraid of each other!

I remember my first day as a junior when I ran to the cafeteria in hopes of meeting some absolute "dream girl." But there the truth rushed upon me—girls, millions of them, all segregated in one end of the cafeteria and all the boys far away at the other end.

Was this the dream I was waiting, hoping, and praying would one day be a reality?

At first I began blaming the faculty for this outrage. But then an even more startling fact shook me. The faculty had nothing to do with the "segregated cafeteria."

Those responsible for it were the students themselves. They wrote the unwritten law: "The girls shall sitteth here . . . the boys shall sitteth there!"

Well, not only did I cease my at-

tacks on the faculty, but I to wonder what went on i minds of the student body. it be that they were all too ested in studies to care for t posite sex? Had they for? what life is all about?

My reliable sources — me, ly — said, "No!" Then what problem, the great difficulty keeps us unsocial and bashful be, could be, it must be the son these junior and senior sonovas are afraid to sociali

So come on kids! Throw your bashfulness, socialize leave your segregated "half." make the fabled Bishop Arms a co-educational high school least, during the two short minute lunch periods, Rem boys, girls don't bite!

Spotlight . . . Student Leaders Prove Versat

Chris Lemus

Likes: Chris Stone, good music, food, Pierre (his dog), reading, playing the piano, his stereo, debates.

Dislikes: Rushing, being late, women drivers, and Bobby Darin.
Favorite saying: "Watch it kiddo" and "You don't say."

Plans after graduation: Colle sure! Not sure which one.

Activities:

Past: Student body president CBS; junior class president

Present: Senior class president president of St. Peter's CY

Cindy Taylor

Likes: Ray Conniff, basketball, walking, kittens, lavender logne.

Dislikes: Monday mornings, term assignments, collecting sects, coffee.

Favorite saying: "Next time get there on time."

Plans after graduation: Att UC at Davis to study biology journalism.

Activities:

Past: Talon photographer, Club, secretary of her class.



BA Girls Observe College Days November 6

More than ten colleges and universities were represented as the Bishop Armstrong girls observed College Day, Sunday, November 6. Various Catholic colleges from San Diego to Seattle participated in the day's activities.

The girls and their parents attended two sessions in the afternoon. At these discussions, the delegates spoke on the benefits of the college, and distributed literature and answered various questions.

A general assembly opened the day at 2:00, followed by the first session which was the girls' first choice. Following the second session at 3:30 was an opportunity to consult with a third school delegate.

The day was completed with a coffee hour where parents could relax and exchange comments on the day's offerings.

Representing the various schools were: Mr. Ronald A. Peterson, Director of Admissions, Seattle University; Mr. Robert A. Gaggin, University of Portland; Sister M. Fabian, SM, and Sister M. Helen, SM, University of San Francisco (Nursing).

Also Sister M. Patrick, OP, president, and Sister M. Joseph, OP, dean, Dominican College of San Rafael; Sister Imelda Maria and Sister Madeline Rose, College of the Holy Names.

Also, Sister Helen Benedict and Sister Gerard Marie, College of Notre Dame; Mother M. Gertrude and Mother Jean Gailhie, Mary-

mount College, San Diego College for Women and the University of San Francisco Nursing School were also represented.

C. Taylor Leads Service Club

Heading the list of Service Club officers this year is Cindy Taylor, president, assisted by Mary Lynn Birch, secretary-treasurer. Club moderator is Sister Mary Peter, OSF.

In charge of the various divisions are Sister Annemarie, attendance; Sister Mary Evangelist, fourth period lunch; and Sister Mary Dorothy, fifth period lunch.

Taking on the responsibility for the club bulletin is Deanna Rose, and the social calendar will be taken care of by Della Chandra, Sandy Urda, Tina Dowdin, and Janet Gardner.

In order to raise money for pins, the club sponsored the raffle of a \$10 Sara Coventry jewelry set, with Maria Grant as the lucky winner. Pins were distributed in a ceremony at St. Peter's Church, followed by a progressive dinner.



A PLYMOUTH FURY wins the prize as Rod of the Month from the Talon garage experts.

Ye Piston Shoppe

By YE O'L DRAGSTER

Starting this year's rod of the month is Chris Torre's '58 Plymouth Fury. This Fury tan rod has dual quads, a $\frac{1}{2}$ cam, sure grip rear end and laces. It has a stick transmission and stock engine. The interior is brown and tan.

Plans for the car's future include raising the rear, full race cam, and floor box conversion.

Chris bought the Fury, his first car, just after Christmas last year.

YOUR VOTE DID IT!

The criterion for admittance of campus organizations into the student council was defeated on October 28 when it failed to draw a two thirds majority vote. The three proposed requirements would have been the basis for the student council's decision on admittance for those seeking membership.

ARMSTRONG'S AGENDA NOVEMBER

- 11—Veterans' Day—holiday
- 15—Maryknoll film will be shown to Senior boys.
- 18—Football — B.A. vs. North Del Rio (Grant Bowl)
- 23—Thanksgiving holiday begins after last class. Dance 8:30 P.M.
- 28—Classes resume, 8:40 A.M.
- 29—Basketball — B.A. vs. Nevada Union

DECEMBER

- 1-3—Basketball — Staggs Tournament (Stockton)
- 6—Basketball—B.A. vs. Sacramento

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A Homework Formula

Through the years man has invented many devices to make his low man miserable. Among these inventions is one known in all educated society as homework.

Contrary to popular parental opinion, homework is a complicated process which consists of many difficult steps. What follows is a well-ordered system for homework formed through rough semesters of diligent but useless study.

1. For a successful homework period, retire to a spot directly opposite the TV or a convenient location near the radio or hi-fi.

2. Make sure you have all the materials necessary so that you will be able to avoid unnecessary interruptions.

These materials consist of sandwiches, cookies, milk or coke, and any other necessary viands needed to sustain you through the entire meal.

3. Arrange beforehand to obtain assignments from at least three reliable sources. This will necessitate telephone conversations with at least six different people.

4. Make a feeble attempt at answering the questions assigned for your first class. After putting forth an exhausting effort you're entitled to an hour's relaxation.

I suggest Thriller as a most relaxing program. After watching it you will be better able to concen-

trate.

5. After this brief relaxation, proceed with the rest of your homework. When you have worked for 15 minutes you are entitled to another rest period.

6. If after working another 20 minutes you have not finished all of your homework, plan on finishing it in the morning.

It is said "Persistence brings dividends" and you're promised that if you persist in following the above formula you will get the worst grades of your life.

How to Solve Cuba

In answer to the question: What would you do about Cuba if you were President? Some of our answers were:

Chris Stone: "I would give Castro a bath, shave and a new suit."

Len Panattoni: "I didn't know there was a problem."



Library Corner

How to Build Hot Rods by Eugene Jaderquist is a well illustrated production to the construction of hot rods and to some possible improvements on existing models. One chapter is devoted to the necessary tools, while another to engine removal and rebuilding.

Anne Frank: a portrait in course, fills out the story of Anne Frank, telling of her experiences at Auschwitz and Belsen and of her death at the latter German concentration camp.

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Only 45 Days Til Christmas: Get Your Cards and Wrap

Most likely you will be observing the yuletide again this year with the traditional non-religious activities of decorating the Christmas tree, sending cards and exchanging gifts.

Campus Chatter

Brother Augustus almost blew up the chemistry lab when he lit the hydrogen.

Kathy Grady lights bonfires in the chem lab to try to out do the hydrogen experiment.

Barbara Gonzales, Dolores Domingo, Alice Svlich and Marleen Stanley are writing essays on Mozart because they didn't appreciate an opportunity to listen to his music.

Barbara Cheshire really rates. Her English class sings Happy Birthday to her even when its not her birthday.

Gold Medal Quality



CRYSTAL DAIRY FOODS

Forseeing this traditional activity, junior and senior girls have, by selling cards, wrap, and ribbon, contributed in helping people realize that Christmas is on its way.

Each of the juniors is responsible for two dollars worth of merchandise, while the seniors are responsible for six dollars.

The commodities come in many different and unusual, as well as traditional varieties. The paper is gayly decorated with Santa Clauses, Christmas bells, trees and everything that fits in with the festive spirit.

The seniors' cards are just as ornamental as the prettiest ornament on the tree; contemporary angels, religious settings and beautiful nativity scenes make the cards friendly, while still depicting the true spirit of Christmas.

The proceeds from this project are going to be used for the various school activities that each class sponsors throughout the year.

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Falcons Falter In Stagg Game

Though the Falcons retained an edge over the Delta Kings statistically, they came out on the short end of the final 33-18 score. Armstrong fumbled the game away. Stagg recovered seven Falcon mis-emes and stole three passes.

The Stocktonites had racked up an impressive 33-0 fourth quarter lead when the Falcons suddenly came to life. The slippery pigskin squirted from the arms of Stockton halfback Dennis Gregory, and Lou Carrigg pounced on it for Armstrong. Six plays later Clark Aldrich dashed over from five yards out.

A three-play, 34-yard series produced Armstrong's next TD. Aldrich featured the drive with a 24-yard scamper and climaxed it with a plunge from the two.

On the game's last play Henry Reynolds culminated a 65-yard march by breaking loose on a 25-yard scoring jaunt.

Aldrich and Reynolds were the standout runners, Clark netting 117 and Henry 97 yards, each on 13 carries.

Mantecans Drop Armstrong 21-19

Heavily slapped with penalties, Bishop Armstrong went down to a 21-19 defeat at the hands of the Manteca Buffalos. Assessed 115 yards by the officials, Armstrong could hardly keep a sustained drive alive.

The Falcons trailed 21-7 after three periods when their offense began to click.

John Zupan pitched a seven yard touchdown pass to Clark Aldrich early in the final quarter to put the Falcons back in contention, but the important try for extra point failed.

Armstrong added another tally when a quarterback Fred Znider passed 18 yards to Don Bradley.

With about three minutes remaining, Aldrich broke loose for 70 yards and the apparent game-deciding score, but that one was lost on a clip.

B. A. GRIDDERS SWEEP PAIR ON ROAD TALON SPORTS



ROUGHING IT: Clark Aldrich, the Falcon's high-powered runner, found the way closed as the Delta Kings of Stagg closed in. Aldrich is averaging about 7 yards per carry for the season.

Cagers to Open '60 Hoop Campaign

Though football is king of the athletic agenda at present, it doesn't seem too early to be considering the winter rains and basketball.

TEAM STATISTICS			
Rushing			
	fb	yg	ave.
Reynolds	101	696	6.9
Aldrich	79	578	7.3
Znider	55	122	2.2
Peters	50	113	2.3
Passing			
Player	Pa.	pc	net
Zupan	26	9	174
Znider	22	6	69
Pass Receptions			
Player	pc	net	td
Bradley	11	119	1
Aldrich	3	85	0
Borges	1	45	1
Punting			
Player	punts	yds	ave.
Aldrich	8	238	29.9
Schuering	9	235	29.3

This year, according to Coach Dick Sperbeck, the team has enough depth for a successful season after last year's dismal record of 7 wins and 15 losses. The main reason for Coach's enthusiasm is the addition of four members 6 feet 4 inches or over. This height was badly needed last year and should help the team to many victories.

The coach said that he expects to win at least half of the scheduled games this year but if certain key members perform to their maximum output a great many more games can be won.

A lot depends on what happens during the first half, as it could make or break the team. With wins in the first three tournaments of the season—the Mid-Valley Conference Tournament, the Stagg Christmas Tournament, and the Yuba City Invitational—the team could build up the confidence needed to make a sound team.

Mike Green from Christian Bro-

Falcons Blast Honker Eleven

Clark Aldrich scored three touchdowns and converted twice as Fred Armstrong blanked the Will Honkers 37-0 on the Honkers' October 28.

The Falcons struck fast and twenty-three points on the scoreboard in the first quarter.

On the first play of the game Nicholas Trolio tackled Don Spooner in the end zone.

Henry Reynolds brought the cone their first TD when he scooped from the 6. Aldrich converted.

Willows fumbled on their own. Big gains by Reynolds and Znider moved the ball to the 13. Aldrich skirted left end for the TD. Znider converted.

John Zupan tossed to Glen Borges for the next score. The pass and run covered 39 yards. Aldrich converted.

Aldrich went 21 yards for a second TD early in the third period. Reynolds added the point after. Aldrich scored again late in the first quarter on a 12-yard sprint. Znider passed to Borges for the conversion.

A timely Falcon interception ended up Armstrong's final, game-clinching TD, which came 5:05 before the end. Quarterback Fred Znider skirted right end for the final 4 yards of a 21-yard five-play march.

Falcons Topple Orland Trojans

The Falcons snatched their second '60 grid victory in this county by downing previously undefeated Orland High School 33-26, Friday, October 21.

Orland scored first but was silenced by the quick Falcon comeback. On the second play after the opening kick, Henry Reynolds slung off left tackle and romped 57 yards into the end zone.

Clark Aldrich capped an eight-play, 70-yard Falcon drive late in the second quarter. On the fourth down from the 48, Aldrich circled in and outsped the Trojan secondary to go all the way.

Clark's 48-yard punt ignited Armstrong's next push. The scoring drive spanned 30 yards in six plays and was culminated on a sprint by Henry Reynolds. He danced 11 yards for the six-point

Walter Christensen's
MARTINI

El "Cito" Rivaliza A Su Mayor

Estudiantes de la clase del español del cuarto año han combinado sus talentos y esfuerzos hacia la publicación de El Taloncito. Este periódico de tamaño pequeño estará repleto de eventos recientes y estará escrito enteramente en la lengua española. Este edición se distribuirá a todas las clases de español para que la leyenda la compren-

sión de la lengua se adelanten.

Carmen Rodriguez fue escogida para la posición de editor de El Taloncito. Sus ayudantes son el resto de la clase: Delia Chandra, Carol Balassi, Julie Gemignani, Sheila Hannah, Alice McAlcer, Rosemarie Miraglia, Dorothy Pesavento, Chris Stone, Connie Tima, y Carol Valine.

Scribe Reviews Carmen

Sacramento's power elite was in full force Sunday, October 23 for the San Francisco Opera Company's production of "Carmen." Bizet's four act opera was this year's presentation in the Memorial Auditorium.

Jean Madierna, who portrayed Carmen, the fiery gypsy, sang with beauty and splendor. With such a performance, it is difficult for minor characters to contribute an important achievement.

One cannot however, overlook the poignancy of Mary Costa, who presented Micela as a warm and touching person. Guiseppe Zampiere and Mario Zanasi as the foolish lover and bullfighter, gave stark

Homemaker Quest Near

Bishop Armstrong's Senior 6th will be devoted to the Homemaking Knowledge and Attitude Test, put out by General Mills. This test is part of the Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow, an educational and scholarship program.

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TALON

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Crest Staff Will Present Dance

The staff of the Crest, Armstrong's yearbook, will present the first dance tomorrow night from 8:30 to 11:30 in the school cafeteria.

Decorations will carry out the theme of "Mistletoe Magic." Serving on the committee are Sandra Urda, Elaine Johnston, Jerry Thomas, Joe Thomas, Gary Withrow, Larry Lopez, and Jeanette McFerren.

Chairman of the refreshment committee is Connie Tima. Assisting her will be Delia Chandra and Maureen Boger.

Lining up entertainment for the evening is the committee headed by George Zarzana, who will be aided by Jim Tanereto and Peggy Proctor.

Music for the evening will be supplied by Nat Consulo's Combo.

Entertainment during intermission will be supplied by the Debs and the D-Notes. Special features of the evening include a Charleston contest and a camera contest. To the one who takes the best candid shot during the evening, the staff will award a free yearbook.

Juniors Select Dance Theme

Busily preparing for their most important social function of the school year is the class of '62. The event—the Junior Prom, of course!

"Jouissance au Coeur" (Young at Heart) has been chosen as the theme for the dance. Bob Matarola will provide the music for the evening. The semi-formal affair will be held February 10 in the Mirror Room of the Elks Temple.

Committees Selected

Tim Taromina and Carol Fagnones, presidents of the junior boys' and girls' class, respectively, will supervise the affair in the capacity of co-chairmen.

Decorations will be under the direction of Gail Bartus and Dick McKechnie. Eleanor Stassi, chairman of the publicity for the event, will take volunteers from among the student body.

Chris Stanich and Danny Peacocki will serve as co-chairmen

CSF INITIATES NEW PROGRAM

A discussion of the Apology of Plato by two St. Mary's college professors and the members of Bishop Armstrong's CSF initiated the new program of organization.

Brother Jerome, Ph.D., Chairman of the Economics Department, and Brother Edmund, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophy, led the discussion by giving students an insight into Plato's philosophy.

A preparatory discussion with faculty members preceded the event. The students read the dialogues which deal with Socrates' trial and his willingness to die for Athens.

Future events of similar nature are still in the planning, including discussions with foreign exchange students from Kenya.

NFL 'Hits The Road'

The Forensic League, led by president Mike Guthrie and manager Brother Barnabas, has begun to take an active part in Northern California's speech tournaments this year.

The group has already entered three events, competing in debating, original oratory, extemporaneous and impromptu speaking, dramatic interpretation, and humorous interpretation.

On November 5, the group traveled to Stagg High in Stockton where several of the members placed high, including Mikki Morgan, who won a gold medal for humorous interpretation.

November 19 was the date for the meet they attended in Modesto, and on December 10,

"SWEAT, BLOOD, AND TEARS" went into the construction of the Nativity scene across from the office in the administration building.

Nativity Scene Recalls First Christmas

Many weeks of hard work have been put into the Nativity scene set up against the "stained glass" windows in the Administration building. The girls in Sister Loyola's art class constructed and painted the life-size papier mache figures of the Madonna, the Infant Jesus, Joseph, the Three Kings, the shepherds, and the animals.

The scene was set up not only to be admired, but also to bring to mind the feast we are celebrating, which commemorates one of the greatest events in the history of the world—the threefold birth of Christ: His eternal birth as Son of the Eternal Father; His temporal birth as Son of Mary; and His spiritual birth in our souls.

Christmas Assembly

The student body will be dismissed for Christmas vacation this afternoon after an assembly in the auditorium. Entertainment will be provided by the language classes and the Glee Club.

The "Christmas Star," as narrator, will introduce the acts, which will be Christmas carols typical of foreign lands. They are "White Christmas," USA; "Silent Night," and "O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree), Germany; "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabel," France; a typical Spanish carol and "Jingle Bells," Spain; "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," Italy; "Las Posadas," Mexico; "Silent Night," Ireland; and "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," England.

BISHOP MCGUCKEN VISITS BA

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe was observed by Armstrong on Monday, December 12, when His Excellency, Bishop Joseph T. McGucken, visited the campus to celebrate a high Mass for the student body. This is the fourth consecutive year that His Excellency has done so.

The day commemorates the two

Girls' Honor Roll

JUNIORS

"A" Honor Roll

Kathy Sexton

"B" Honor Roll

Frances Church
Eva Basleh
Mary Jean Hunt
Ginay Reynolds
Michele Morgan
Toni Marshall
Jocelyn Stealey
Mary Ann Thomsic

SENIORS

"B" Honor Roll

Theresa Allen
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PRECIOUS MOMENTS OF TIME

How precious is a moment? Are we able to recognize the value of each fleeting minute as it comes and is gone? Do we realize that each second passed can never be regained?

Questions such as these seldom enter our minds it is true, yet they hold much more importance than we may be inclined to place upon them. If we would take time to ponder them, we would know that it is in these passing moments that our opportunities are found and the world for our future is taking shape.

THE ROAD AHEAD OF US

Life is a road that it traveled but once. If at the end we look back and see that it has been a success, we will also realize that it was in our early years that we laid the foundation for what we have gained. Behind us will be the dreams that we have had, and if they were fruitless and to no avail, then we will find that our time has been wasted.

In these early years, we may look ahead to the opportunities and visions of tomorrow. We should not cling to the dreams or the illusions that do not help us develop that future, but must concentrate on each fleeting moment to make it worthwhile.

As each minute slips past, we wither gain or lose for the coming years by what we have done in the present. We build our character and develop our culture, so necessary to success, by our willingness to be guided by stronger minds.

Therefore, we must remember that as each hour and day passes to a memory, we should keep adding to the qualifications that we will need in adapting ourselves to a career in the future.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS TO COME

Time is precious; it cannot be retrieved. All the minutes that made up the past year are gone and cannot be regained to relive in order to correct a mistake we might have made. It is behind us, never again to be made use of.

We may only go on to the next year, perhaps a little smarter for knowing what we have done wrong, and with a desire to do better in the valuable moments ahead.

When Will Christ Return?

Do you remember when Christmas was a time of rejoicing in honor of the coming of Christ? That time seems to have passed for every commercial street in every city displays billboards and store windows that disregard Christ's birthday.

Santa Claus has replaced the Son of God in this season. Advertisers have forgotten that Santa Claus brings gifts to children and joy to everyone and is not meant to peddle their products. Christmas has developed into a red and green sales pitch. Even Christ's name has vanished.

Can Christmas regain its original meaning and sacredness? When will people stop taking advantage of the birth of their Savior?

Voting: Duty and Privilege

What is the greatest blessing of living in a Democratic country? Is it freedom of religion, freedom of press, freedom of speech, freedom from want?

Surely these are important but also ranking among the top of the list is the right to vote. Being able to freely choose the leaders of our government is a right as Americans can never fully appreciate.

YOU, TOO, CAN VOTE

Just as the right to vote is a great national privilege, so also is it a wonderful school privilege. Very often, students fail to realize the great duty they exercise when they cast their vote.

Failing to recognize this responsibility, students sometimes skip over the experience and qualifications of a candidate. Personality, looks or a person's characteristics will frequently influence a voter.

Before long officers for the spring semester will be chosen. The school provides an excellent opportunity for the student body to meet, listen to, and acquire some background on the candidate. During the



SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS of the month compare notes after a recent Student Council meeting.

Club Clippings . . .

BANANA BOAT

The second Banana Boat of the school year took place on Thursday, November 17. Approximately twenty-five students from Armstrong helped in the distribution of bananas, cigarettes, and cookies to the patients at Sacramento County Hospital. The students collected the money during class to pay for the fruit and donated the cigarettes and cookies.

SODALITY

Sodality probationers have been preparing a Christmas project. The girls are making favors for the holiday to be distributed at a rest home. These will be little snow-man baskets filled with cookies and candies.

Sodalists and other girls from the student body are scheduled to make a day of recollection at the Cenacle Retreat House on Sunday, December 18. The day will open at 9:00 with Mass in the chapel at 12:00. Lunch then will be served to the girls and the rest of the day will be devoted to conferences and discussions.

Reading For Pleasure

THE READER'S COMPANION TO WORLD LITERATURE is an inexpensive pocketbook for students who want a guide through the immortal masterpieces of writing. The alphabetically-arranged book defines literary terms also. It is published by Mentor Books.

Bruce Lancaster's THE SECRET ROAD deals with the secret service during the Ameri-

Active Students "Sound Off"

"Spotlight" student of the month for the boys is Mike Guthrie, one of the more active persons at Bishop Armstrong. He has been a member of the CSF and Forensic League and was a class officer.

Among this year's activities that keep him busy, Mike includes CSF president, Forensic League president and representative on the Student Council.

Listed under his favorites are geology, sports, debating, hiking, reading, astronomy, music and school (?). "Prides and possessions," says Mike, "consist of a ham radio set and a blue '53 Plymouth."

After graduation, he plans to attend St. Mary's College at Moraga where he will take a liberal arts course.

CHRIS STONE

Armstrong student body secretary, Chris Stone, is centered in the Talon's "Spotlight" focus for this month.

Ranking first among her many "interests" is Chris Lemus. In close competition are pizza, the Music Circus, Posey's, anything red, the Four Preps, debating and Chanel No. 5.

Although she says she has only two "dislikes" she is firm in denouncing dark nail polish and "dirty" shoes. Friends will frequently find her saying "How neat!" and "Don't mess around!"

Listed under possessions, Chris names a black dog called Cisco and proudly announces "a CSI pin."

In years past, Chris has been student body treasurer at St. Francis High School and junior class secretary. Present activities consist of the student council and vice president of Forensic League.

Future plans include teaching and foreign relations.

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DEBATERS DROP TOURNAMENT

Bishop Armstrong's forensic association traveled to nearby Modesto to participate in an invitational tournament at Modesto High School November 19. Brother Barnabas' team sought its first victory as a number of members participated in individual speaking events and debating. Lacking experience, the debaters cashed only 9 out of 32 debates, and no one placed in the individual events.

More Books

Kjelgaard's *SWAMP CAT* is another fine outdoor story by a favorite author.

The debaters discussed the following topic: Resolved that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should be transformed into a Federal World Government. The intricate nature of the topic was readily noticed by the participants.

"In future tournaments," the members assured, "we will capture the sweepstakes trophy."

Seniors Take S. A. T.

The seniors of Bishop Armstrong High School took the Scholastic Aptitude Test, December 3, at the City College library. The test, given annually to the retiring seniors, determines the scholarship material of the school. Armstrong had a representative number of students, both boys and girls, tested.

Armstrong Boys Hear Talks By C.B.S. Grads On Vocations

Members of the student body heard talks on vocations from M. James Book, Brother Norman, F.S.C., and Father Church in the gym on November 22. Mr. Book, a graduate of C.B.S., is now a social worker in the district of Sacramento. Speaking on the lay vocation and the married life, Mr. Book gave interesting insights into the marriage life, and its dependence upon God.

Brother Norman, F.S.C., also a graduate of C.B.S. and St. Mary's College, and presently director of the Mont La Salle High School, spoke on vocations to the Brotherhood and the sacrifices.

Father Church, presently teaching at Armstrong, and graduate of C.B.S., spoke not only on a vocation to the priesthood but also on all vocations in general.

From the applause that followed each speaker, it was evident that the panel was enjoyed by all who attended.

Religion Department Receives Donation

The girls of the senior class have collected \$50 for contribution to the religious department of the school.

B.A. Graduate Excels At Air Force Academy

Leo Schuering, an Armstrong graduate of 1960 and brother of Duke Schuering, is added to the long list of Armstrong students who have excelled after graduation. Leo, now in his first year at the Air Force Academy, appears to be doing a good job both athletically and scholastically. He has made the Frosh football team, and at last report was receiving A's, except for one B.

The life at the Academy would seem to be very rough, according to his physical status. He has lost forty pounds since entering school. Although life is hard, Leo likes the academy and is apparently going to continue his record.

Brother Leonard Celebrates Silver Jubilee

A Christian Brother were celebrated last December 11, at the Bishop Armstrong faculty residence by Brother Leonard, F.S.C. Ceremonies included Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed by a social gathering.

Currently teaching art, history, and religion, Brother Leonard, who came to Armstrong last February, has taught in Sacramento for twelve years.

Born in Los Angeles, Brother Leonard was graduated from Mont La Salle High School (Napa) and received the habit on the Christian Brothers on the Eve of the Assumption, 1935. After the canonical year noviate at Mont La Salle and a diploma from St. Mary's College in 1939, he began teaching at C.B.S.

Brother taught at C.B.S. throughout the war years, and



then held positions at San Joaquin Memorial in Fresno, Mont La Salle, Garces in Bakersfield, and at C.B.S. again in 1953. After four years in Sacramento, he was transferred to Cathedral High

in Los Angeles. Before returning to Armstrong in 1960, Brother Leonard served as a principal of St. Peter's High School in San Francisco.

One of Brother Leonard's special and original contributions to these institutions was his enthusiasm in producing musicals. "Minstrel Melodies", a two hour production, played to full gyms in Sacramento, Fresno, and San Francisco.

Included in Brother's activities is his summer position as director and organizer of the Christian Brothers summer facilities in the Sierra National Forest at Huntington Lake, north of Fresno.

Brother Leonard's dedicated efforts in extracurricular activities and in classroom service have helped to make the last 25 years happy ones but Brother admits that "the next 25 have to be easier . . . for survival."

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B.A. Cops 2nd Place at Stagg

Bishop Armstrong, in its second regular season basketball game, topped Manteca 64 to 52. Down two points at halftime, the Falcons rallied behind high point men Paul Rotz, Don Bradley, and Mike Green. When the scoring pace was over B.A. had a comfortable late-game lead, which proved to be the mainstay of the victory margin.

In the semi-final contest against Tracy, the Falcons swamped the bulldogs 60-46. Paul Rotz netted 16 points along with teammates Don Bradley (15 points) and Joe Munizich (14 points). Tracy made the game fairly even until the B.A. sharpshooters opened up in the second half. By its lopsided win, the Armstrong quintet shot its way into the tourney finals.

With first place in the Stagg tournament at stake the Falcons were stopped by the Franklin High School Yellowjackets in a 50-42 score. In the first half the Falcons five gained a four point deficit they were never able to overcome. Their accuracy on the floor wasn't quite as sharp as the two previous nights.

Armstrong vainly fought off a barrage of baskets in the fatal third quarter, the period which attended the Yellowjacket lead considerably. Mike Green bagged Falcon top point honors with 12. After two wins in three starts the Falcons were awarded the second place in the tournament.

FUTURE GAMES

Tues. Dec. 20—Nev. Union	Here
Tues. Dec. 27—McClatchy	Here
Tues. Jan. 4—Antioch	There
Fri. Jan. 6—St. Vincents	There
Tues. Jan. 10—Stagg	There
Fri. Jan. 13—St. Marys	There
(Stockton)	
Tues. Jan. 17—Vacaville	There
Fri. Jan. 20—Napa	There
Tues. Jan. 24—Vallejo	Here
Fri. Jan. 27—St. Vincents	Here
Ton. Jan. 30—Sacramento	There
Tues. Jan. 31—H. Johnson	Here

SAC Stumbles Under Falcon Pressure

Basketball thrills came early to the Bishop Armstrong gym the evening they took on Sacramento High School as the Falcons overcame the Dragons in a seesaw battle. The final score, 52-43.



REBOUNDING IS WORK: Mike Green (13) and Brian Moore (24) are caught rebounding in the Franklin game. Green also took scoring honors with 11 points.

B.A. Blanks Norte To Finish Season

Armstrong's Falcons added the finishing touch to their season's record by defeating Norte Del Rio's Dons 14 to 0.

The Falcons wasted no time in securing their initial 6 points on a six play, 61 yards, march. Fullback Henry Reynolds capped the drive by a 10 yard jaunt into the end zone, with Ron Peters adding the extra point. The last Falcon score was made by Peters as he ripped his way through the line from one yard out and Fred Znider ran for the final tally for the final count of 14 to 0.

Opening of the basketball season against the Nevada Union Miners brought victory to the Bishop Armstrong Falcons by whipping the Miners 77-63, at Grass Valley.

Armstrong had been trailing up to the middle of the third quarter but finally came through by defeating their opponents. Paul Rotz, high point man of the game with a total of 24 points, was followed by Mike Green with 18.

Fumbles harrassed the Falcons 4 times and offered Norte chances but the Dons couldn't seem to capitalize.

Halfback Clark Aldrich chalked up 79 yards on 17 carries. Peters advanced the ball 68 yards on 11 carries. Reynolds picked up 57 yards in 13 attempts, while Znider's 11 tries went for 53 yards.

The Falcons amassed 19 first downs. They outclassed the Dons in rushing of 270 to 76.

Six Falcons Named To All-City Eleven

by Jerry Flewell

A record of 1 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie ended the Bishop Armstrong Falcons' 1960 football season. The Falcons who beat three former undefeated squads were constantly causing upsets from the season's start.

The hard nosed rushing of Reynolds, Aldrich, Znider, and Peters sparked the Falcons on many of its wins. Reynolds, 753 yards for a 6.6 average, Aldrich with 659 for a 6.3, Peters with 187 for a 4.3, and Znider's 175 for 3.5 reaped up a total of 1077 yards in 337 attempts for the Falcons.

Two hundred fifty-nine passing yards by Zupan and Znider have tallied up many yards for the Falcons but 15 snatches made by Bradley (11), Aldrich (3), and Borges (1).

Several members of the Falcon squad made the all-city team this year. Leading the list is Reynolds who ranked fourth in rushing, and Aldrich who ranked sixth. Linemen honored include DeAngeles, Callaghan, and Noyes. Also Vic Cima, an injured Falcon received honorable mention. The A's big, aggressive line made them one of the best defenses in the city and provided some holes for the runners.



TALON SPORTS

Girls' Varsity Victorious

The Bishop Armstrong Girls' Varsity has begun their volleyball season with a string of victories. The girls twice defeated Clarkburg and St. Francis, and St. J.

Walter Christensen's
EASTERN

Van Cliburn Harms Critic

by Richard Rodriguez

It used to be that the world's great artists were characterized by their aging faces and foreign names. In the case of Van Cliburn, concert pianist, we are confronted with a different personality.

At the piano he is the master. He plays with such emotion and concentration that he held his audience literally spellbound at a recent concert in the Memorial Auditorium.

Upon finishing his presentation however, this air of sophistication is gone. With a broad grin Cliburn acknowledged the enthusiastic applause and left the stage with a quick and eccentric step. Backstage, this artist who has been hugged by Khrushchev and vilified by Moscowville teenagers hovered over the group with his silky build.

Cliburn, a tall, erect, and blond-haired young man exuded boyish charm with his sincere smile. Sacramento concert music lovers will soon forget this pleasurable personality and his magic fingers.

3 Wins Xmas Contest

The result of the recent home-decorating contest saw room 213 emerging as winner. Second place went to 215. Others in order of prizes are 209 and 211.

The prizes for highest selling went to Nancy Pieretti, Marguerite Rodriguez and Pat Seanor.

TALON TESTING SERVICE

How's your g.q. I means how's your grammar quotient? Following is the first in a series of tests by the Talon Testing Service. See if you can make the proper references in the following sentences. Count 3 for each improved sentence. Score: 0-9, dunce; 10-14, freshman; 15-18, pretty good; 19-21, no sense of humor.

1. When Don Semon petted his dog on the head, he wagged his tail and barked.

2. Marianne Kassis, Marlene Pintar, and Nancy Peterson put the cakes in the oven and Sister took them out when they were done.

3. Frank Balcarich put the dog in the back of his car and in his haste to get it started, he flooded it.

4. Richard Little and Bill Todd told Darol Damm that his answers for the assigned math problems were wrong, so he tore them up and started over again.

5. After being on her feet all day, Lucia Lagomarsino was glad to take off her shoes and rest them.

6. Joe Vona told Carl Heaton and Bob Cuff who had lent him their books that he would not let them get wet.

7. Brother Paul lost Freddie's leash, so he couldn't take it for a walk.

C.S.F. Sponsors Raffle

The C.S.F. Sponsors Raffle organization has sought to establish an annual tradition of sponsoring money tree raffles. The winner of this year's C.S.F. raffle will receive the sum of \$10.00. Proceeds will go toward the scholarship fund at Bishop Armstrong.

THIRD ORDER PRESENTS PLAY

As part of the united Christian effort to bring the true spirit of Christmas to the yuletide season Sunday, December 11, the Junior Third Order of St. Francis presented as its annual project, "The Second Christmas" written by Sister Annemarie O.S.F.

Jim Capineri portrayed St. Francis and Carlene Giordano enacted the part of the narrator. The theme concerned the bringing of a second Christmas to the poor village of Riete through the celebration of Mass on a mountain top.

A donation was collected during the intermission for the Adult Fraternity. The evening closed with the serving of refreshments in the cafeteria.

SERVICE CLUB ATTENDS PARTY

Members of the Girl's Service Club will be feted at a Chili-Skating party to be held during the Christmas vacations. Janet Gardner and Alice McAleer are supervising arrangements. The event will mark the second instance of the girl's social functions as service club members.

Last month, at a dinner in Country Club Lanes, pins were awarded to each girl for service performed since the beginning of school.

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PICTURED AT REHEARSAL of "The Mummy and the Mumps" are (l. to r.) Len Panatoni, Carol Hobrecht, Jim Farley, and Lucia Lagomarsino.

"Mumps" Strike Campus; Audience Clamors for Repeat

Bishop Armstrong's Drama Club, under the direction of Sister Mary Peter, OSF, presented "The Mummy and the Mumps" on March 16 in the school cafeteria.

Starring in the three-act comedy, which concerns the hilarious happenings at Fenella, a girls' boarding school, were Jim Farley as Sir Hector Fish; Leonard Panatoni as Brisky Briscoe; Bob Southern as Bill Laidlaw; Mikki Morgan as Fanny Slammon; Lucia Lagomarsino as Miss Agatha Laidlaw; Carol Hobrecht as Anna Hampton; Christina Dowdin as Maude Mullen; Wendy Douglas as Duleie Dumble, and Bob Miller as the sheriff.

Kept busy working "behind-the-scenes" were Frances Corsiglia, Mary Ann Tomasic, Kathy Manzano, and Sandy Smith. Their jobs included finding a mummy case Jim Farley's size; an umbrella urn, and a pair of scissors with one point broken, wrapped in red yarn.

The cast plans to take cutting from "The Mummy and the Mumps" to Sacramento State College this spring and will also travel to San Francisco, where they will enter the tournament sponsored by Saint Mary's College.

Recently elected officers of the girls' CSF are Delta Chandra, president; Sharon Oliveri, vice-president; Connie Timm, secretary; and Mary Doyle, treasurer. Officers for the boys are Jim Farley, president; Tom Madden, vice-president; Bob Lera, secretary-treasurer.

Other members of the CSF for this semester include: Kathy Fox,



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LEADERS DISCUSS BA'S ADVANTAGES

Incoming juniors took the Bishop Armstrong entrance exam March 25 at 1:00. Before the girls took the test, five members of student council outlined the spiritual, social and scholastic aspects of the school.

Cindy Taylor, student body vice-president introduced speakers. In addition, Cindy spoke on the Student Council, class officers and the social activities at BA.

Sodality prefect, Sandra Urda, briefed the girls on the spiritual activities. The Sodality, Sodality probationers, retreat, daily Mass, and confession were among items that she mentioned.

Kathy Sexton, Junior Class President, spoke on the various extracurricular activities that an Armstrong student may participate in. Included in her topics were Talon, Crest, Drama Club, Library Club, Service Club, and the NFL.

Scholastic attributes of the school highlighted the speech of Carmen Rodriguez, student-body secretary. Her discussion covered the California Scholarship Federation, honor roll, perfect attendance, and CSF investiture.

Final speaker on the program was Chris Stone, Senior Girls' President. She explained the athletic curriculum of the school. Some of the important activities that she mentioned were the choosing of cheer leaders, songsters, rally committees, Pep Club, and GAA.

Entertainment for the event was provided by the Debs and Christina Dowdin.

IN MEMORIAM

The faculty and students offer their sincerest prayers for the repose of the soul of Delia and Josephine Chandra's father. May he rest in peace.

Armstrong Juniors Take Scholarship Test

The National Merit Scholarship Program is a national search for students showing outstanding potential ability to fit from a college education. In accordance with this program, boys and girls from the 11th class took the National Scholarship Qualifying Test administered March 7 in the school cafeteria.

The NMSQT is a three-part test of educational development with emphasis on broad intellectual skills, rather than specific knowledge in limited fields.

On the basis of this test, approximately 10,000 of the scoring students will be named semi-finalists in May of this year. They will be listed in a booklet which is widely circulated at colleges, universities, and scholarship agencies.

After careful studies, the juniors pick from this group a number of finalists. Each receives a Certificate of Merit attesting to his outstanding performance in the program. The final step is the selection of Merit Scholars from the group.



NEW CSF OFFICERS are, (l. to r.) Jim Farley, president; Tom Madden, vice-president; and Robert Lera,

THREE SENIORS MAKE "A" ROLL

Three seniors made the "A" Honor Roll in this first segment of the second semester. They were George Zarzana, Mike Guthrie, and Brian Moore, Juniors who qualified for this scholastic honor were Bob Hatton, Tom Madden, Herb Rooney, and John Sharp.

Spotlight . . . Student Leaders Saluted

Brian Moore

Energetic Brian Moore makes the scene this month as student body president. Sports and eating are listed among his interests while his pet peeves include not getting any "hits" in baseball, getting up in the morning, and, the old favorite, homework!

When the phrase "Be reasonable!" is heard, you can bet that Brian's around.

Brian is proficient in football, basketball, and baseball, all of which he has participated in for the past three years. He also was a team member of the Legion and Winter League.

Besides sports, Brian has been elected homeroom president three consecutive years. He was president of Block CB at Christian Brothers and president of Block A. Presently, he leads the student body and is first baseman on BA's baseball team.

His future plans include enrollment at St. Mary's College at Moraga.

Carmen Rodriguez

A familiar face around Armstrong is that of Carmen Rodriguez, student body secretary. One can easily see why Carmen was chosen to be featured in this month's SPOTLIGHT since she is presently editor of the TALONCITO, and a member of the CSF, Crest, Service Club, Student Council, and Pep Club.

In past years she has kept herself busy with the TALON, senior class treasurer, and CSF president and secretary.

Listed among Carmen's "likes" are driving her aunt's Valiant, Frank Sinatra, mushroom pizzas, stereos, the World Series, and J. F. Kennedy. On the other hand, she includes extra work in Spanish, wild-goose chases, writing letters, and physics tests among her pet peeves. Friends will often find Carmen saying "You imp!"

Fred Znider

Last, but not least, our camera focuses on sports-minded Fred Znider.

Fred ardently dislikes having to have his car pushed, spaghetti, and "matsa balls." "Go home!" is his favorite saying, so don't annoy him! Listed among his hobbies are keeping his car working and chasing all "mortal



PRESIDENT Brian Moore and treasurer Fred Znider look on as Carmen Rodriguez prepares the minutes for the next student council meeting.

WHICH WAY IS RIGHT?

"Come on. Don't be such a coward." As the words ring in your ears, you are faced with a decision, though you may little realize its effect upon your character and life. Before you are two alternatives. One is to remain with the crowd, to do as they want despite your own convictions. The other is to be "different," as the conformists would term it.

Perhaps it would be good to analyze both choices before you make your decision this time. What good will the first do for you? Maybe it will keep your "friends" for a little longer, though there is a possibility that you may disagree in the future. Or it may even make you more popular with the crowd.

What will you lose by "going along with the crowd?" The most important thing you will lose is your individuality. Before you know it, you will be constantly run by others, never voicing your own opinion in any matters. In time you may even forget your own principles and ideals and merely accept those that the group has set.

These facts don't satisfy you? Turn to the OTHER alternative. Should I dare to

Education Becomes Debate of History

The topic of American education is fast becoming one of "great debates" of our national history, comparable to the historical debates about our foreign policy after each of the world wars and the debate on President Roosevelt's New Deal in the 1930's.

It is not a debate which started this year or any previous year when Americans were suddenly startled to find a man-made moon circling the globe, thrust there by the technological and scientific prowess of our Cold War adversary, the Soviet Union. Three chief factors may be singled out as causes of the current controversy.

First, it became apparent following World War II that the recent increase in births would soon confront our elementary and secondary schools with the formidable problem of providing more space for seating pupils and more teachers to man the classrooms.

Second, the achievements of the Russians in successfully competing with us in what too many have assumed was our special advantage — scientific and technological progress — rudely awakened the nation to the fact that not only was our educational plant in need of expansion, but that there might be other serious lacks in our school system.

Third, however, as the educational debate has matured, we are coming to realize that there is another, perhaps even more important, factor at work which lurks, the task of reappraising our educational system. And that is that the world is in one of its most revolutionary phases of change — a fast-paced change involving technological development undreamed of even a few decades ago by all but the most highly trained scientists; change in the economic, social and political realms which is world-wide; and change which is affecting every aspect of our own national life.

To turn to the problem of education today, then, is to find oneself examining a host of topics concerning America, its history, its way of life and current

Helpful Hints

Here are a few tips on how to create utter chaos in the classroom:

1. Always arrive late in the morning. This will give teachers an opportunity to do a little work in trying to figure out a punishment you after school.
2. In putting your books under the desk, be sure you get them about two feet from the floor and then just drop them. This will make the teachers appreciate the times that you ARE quiet a lot more.
3. Don't ever bother to raise your hand. It's more democratic to have everybody equally display his knowledge by answering all at once.
4. Don't volunteer for anything. Let everyone else do the work while you sit back and take it easy.
5. When you correct your peers in class, don't bother to write the number at the top of the page. Let the teacher count them himself—and he can't count past twenty-five, you're safe!

changes in ideals, its fears in a world facing possible destruction with other nations caught in a nuclear arms race and its hope in a world poised on the threshold of man's greatest adventure—the conquest of space.

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So You Think You Know?

Leonard Bertain

Babies and language are the essential ingredients of civilization, and speakers of language no more know where it came from than babies know where they come from. Oh, in a sense we know. We know that we all are inventing it every day of our lives, and that everybody has been since before somebody grunted the first meaningful grunt.

As language we know a

great deal about it; but as an invention, we know almost nothing. We know that there must have been a time when there was no language, but we do not know how, when, or by whom language came into being.

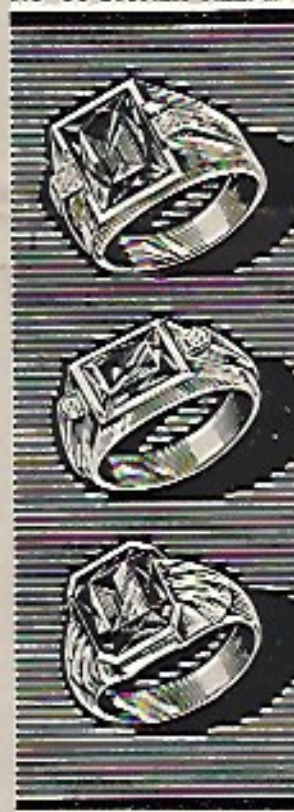
Sir Thomas Browne supposed that Hebrew was Adam's language, that it was native in mankind, and that a child reared in solitude would speak it naturally.

If we believe the teaching of Johann Herder that language arose from efforts to imitate birds, and animals, or from the babblings of little children, we cannot go along with the satirists who found special names for these theories: The Ding-Dong Thesis; The Ee-Ee Thesis; The Bow-Wow, The Pooh-Pooh, and The Whistle and the Grunt Theses; or as many as you like.

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The Week-end

The Missing Soul of the School

By Richard Rodriguez

Sunday at the school beneath the cross is like no other day (excepting Saturday) namely because there are no classes. Missing from the building is its soul. The man in the little box who collects funds from the students has fled and the office sits in unusual silence and order.

The huge black gate is unsuccessfully keeping out visitors who avoid the obstacle by way of the normally unwalked upon grass. Those who do enter the empty halls are eyed occasionally by a t-shirted brother looking out of his bedroom window. The smell of Thursdays "sloppy Joes" finally has left the campus. The "God bless you Mr. Kennedy" door is closed unnoticed by any visiting Nixonite who wouldn't understand.

The altar for Friday's mass is compactly stored away and the gym smells of lockers and cold

concrete. The doors facing the field which swing open during mass on windy days now hide weeds which comprise 50 percent of the schools' area.

The parking lot is empty and the halls. The posters hanging being read by no one. The chairs in the cafeteria make no noise as they stare at one another. Tomorrow they will be used as even the preachers of "Integration" will retreat to their co-ed sexes' tables, victims of...

The occasional face in the window remains until the sun finally goes down leaving the campus in darkness, alive only in mind.

GIRLS ENTER CONTEST

Five students in Sister Loyola English class were recognized as budding poets. The girls are Cynthia Taylor, Germaine France, Carol Rodriguez, Carol Valme, and Sandra Urda.

Three Dollars License Fee... For What?

Mike McCarthy

I got my drivers license the other day; however, I don't think that I made a friend of my instructor or whatever you acclaim him to be. I received a 71%, passing by two points (I'll never tell anyone but you). The trouble occurred when I stopped at every intersection, and when I drove in the wrong lane down Broadway. Personally, I think that he was a nice man down under by letting me come back while I still had those two points. Just one more intersection and pfft.

I never suspected those darn intersections. As a matter of fact, I thought that he was marking his sheet so often because I stopped too fast. So I stopped slower. Anyhow my parents are scared now and I can't take the car out of the

garage by myself until I get more "driving" experience.

The man told me after the test that stopping at every intersection was not a sign of a good driver. At the bottom of the correction sheet he put, "Stops at intersections and R.R. crossings." I'll be darned if I can remember a single R.R. crossing. That guy was pretty sneaky.

The whole department was sneaky. I'd secretly planned to smile when, and if, they took my picture. I was getting the courage to smile, but neither the courage nor the smile came, just a nervous twitching. He got that. Don't smile, just look like you've failed the test. I didn't even thank him, for I was scared of what effect my thanks might have.

After they took my photograph I left. I had to go past the tester's office on the way back

to my car, he was there, but still couldn't say anything. He stole a glance at him and was looking into the distance towards the graveyard in back of the Motor Vehicle Department. That did it. I asked my mother to drive home. When I described the test to her, she broke my heart by exclaiming reflectively, "Just think of the chances those fellows take

I'm not really sure how I give those of you who are license seekers any pointers. The only thing I can tell you is some of the things I did so that you will learn. Here they are: Don't signal right and then turn (he missed that); don't stop on green lights (-1 points); finally, don't ask him what he means when he says, "signal when you turn left," (that's a test of patience).

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT are Brother Andrew, Jim Farley, Mike Guthrie, John Maina, and Danny Kabuthu. John and Danny are exchange students from Kenya.

Students Visit Armstrong

Recently two foreign exchange students from Kenya, presently attending St. Mary's College, spoke to the members of the CSF and guests. Daniel Kabuthu and John Maina related to those present a summary of the

present conditions in Kenya.

Elaborating on the political situation, John Maina reported that Kenya was a British colony predominantly Negro. Since more Negroes are receiving educations, reading and writing being necessary qualifications for voting, he stated that the various political offices are being filled with Negroes.

Economically, Kenya is an agricultural state obtaining its main source of revenue from the resources of the Kenya Highlands. Other economic finances are received from the beer and cigarette industries. The trade of Kenya carried on primarily with the United States, excludes Russia entirely.

Club Clippings

Student Council

The student council members for the next semester are: Brian Moore, president; Cindy Taylor, vice-president; Carman Rodriguez, secretary; Fred Znyder, treasurer; John Dudek, boys' senior class president; Chris Stone, girls' senior class president; Bernie Church, boys' junior class president; Kathy Sexton, girls' junior class president; Sandra Urda, president of the Sodality; Pete Ratermann, Legion of Mary president; Len Bertain, editor of the Talon; Cindy Taylor and George Zarzana, editors of the Crest; Delia Chandra and Jim Farley, CSF presidents; Larry Lopez, Pep Club president; Richard Noya, Block A president; Marsha Birch, GAA president, and Mike Guthrie, NFL president.

Delia Chandra is the chairman for the planned student council election to be held on April 21st.

Gold Medal Quality



Bro. Barnabas Wins Grant

A National Science Foundation grant, valued at \$3,000, has been awarded to Brother R. Barnabas, F.S.C., who teaches physics and math here at Bishop Armstrong. He will attend Notre Dame University for the 1961-62 school year.

Brother Barnabas, while currently teaching here, is completing studies for an M.A. in physics at the University of California at Davis. Brother will attend the Institute for high school teachers of

mathematics at Notre Dame.

Studies under the grant begin for Brother in June with a summer session to prepare the recipients of the grants for the year's work. These National Science grants are sponsored by the federal government under the National Defense Act to improve the teaching of science and math in high schools.

Bishop Armstrong is not Brother's first assignment since he has previously taught at St. Mary's High, Berkeley, Garco High Eakersfield, and St. Mary's College.

BA Students Take Semi-Final Honors

Thirteen Bishop Armstrong students qualified as semi-finalists for the state scholarships awarded by the California State Scholarship Commission.

They are David Drinkwater, Michael Guthrie, Cynthia Taylor, George Zarzana, James Kiley, Jeremy Higgins, James Tranceto, Sandra Urda, Carol Hobrecht, Maureen Douglas, James Farley, Lucia Lagomarsino and Joseph Thomas.

Basis for selection was on the score of the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board. Next step of the Board in determining the finalists is the assessment of financial need and a review of the semi-finalists' high school transcript.

Snow Lures Classes

Marsha Birch, chairman of the annual senior snow trip, announced that thirty-three senior girls took part in the event which was held at Soda Springs on March 4th.

On the casualty list were Dorothy Pesevento and Julie Gemignani both with sprained ankles, and Kathy Roberts with a sprained wrist. Betsy Morebeck suffered a back injury.

A week later, on Saturday, March eleventh, a bus load of junior girls attended the junior snow trip which was also held at Soda Springs. Kathy Sexton, chairman of the snow trip, said that no serious injuries were reported.

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Team Takes Big Strides

The BA cindermen, under the coaching of Frank Callan, are moving steadily forward with a small but strong team. The Falcons have lost meets by margins only 11 points. Handicapped by lack of field competition, they must rely on their skill on the field.

The spring team has been hindered by the loss of Jim Murphy, who pulled a muscle earlier in the season. Larry Reed has done a competent job of filling the position vacated by Murphy. Armstrong's lone opponent's, Steve Neuberger and Jim Coreoran, in the 110 and 130, respectively, have both placed in their events.

The mile run is marked by a promising Rick Deus. Mike Fassnacht and Dick McKechnie round out the team with their efforts at the high jump and shot put.

Seniors, Juniors Split Charity Hoop Tilts

The junior and senior cagers split in a successful benefit basketball game. The Rinky Dink contest saw the junior "stars" down the seniors 41-34, while the senior varsity dumped the juniors 43 in the second tilt.

The first game was close until the final quarter when John Zuan and Jim Coreoran began to widen the margin for the juniors. Dick McKechnie and Tom Madden controlled the boards for the visitors; Jim Barroso and Jim Tanceto were high scorers for the juniors.

The varsity game was a near tie for the seniors, who led all the way. Joe Munizich poured enough 23 and Paul Rotz meshed for the winners. Mike Green and Clark Aldrich turned in fine performances for the juniors.

PAUL ROTZ slashes a single against Norte del Rio. The Falcons dumped the Dons 8 to 3.



Yuke Heads Ironmen

Led by city junior champ Jerry Yuke, the varsity golf team has bested six straight teams. La Sierra (3-1), Johnson (3-2), twice, Sacramento (10-2), and Norte (12-0) were early victims of the Falcons while last week El Camino was added to the defeated list.

Jerry Yuke, winner of all his matches, is followed by senior Tony Scalora. Junior Chuck Zeller and senior Irv Jenkins hold down the three-four spot. Pete Ferris is fifth.

JV divot-diggers include Charlie Shaffer, John Brunstetter, Doug Mengali, and Pete Laurendeau.

Matches are scheduled with most of the metro teams and Brother Patrick, coach, has plans to enter the squad in the Northern Section CIF playoffs.

Falcons Even in Diamond Play

The Falcons dropped the season opener to Lodi 3 to 2 on the winner's diamond. Armstrong collected just 3 hits, two singles by Bert Bonomi and one by Doug Crawford. Lodi 3rd baseman Tom Benedetti hit a three-run homer off starter and loser Mike Green to give the Flames the win.

Dave Quinn hurled Bishop Armstrong its initial win against Norte del Rio 8 to 3. The Falcons scored 8 runs on 7 hits and played errorless ball throughout the game. Paul Rotz lined two singles and drove across four runs.

It was a close contest until the final inning, when Armstrong erupted for four runs on a walk and three singles.

In his second start, Mike Green struck out nine and pitched 5 hitless innings to lead the Falcons past Yuba City 8 to 3 at Land Park. Armstrong pushed across 4 runs in the third inning on a walk, four singles and a double by Larry Marcelli. In the fourth, Don Semon tripled as the Falcons drove

across three more. Armstrong capitalized on 4 errors to bring home the 2 remaining tallies.

In their fourth outing, the Falcons suffered a 3-1 setback at the bats of Marysville High. The visitors utilized 3 errors and a single to produce their winning margin. Armstrong got its lone tally in the 5th inning on a smash single off the bat of Clark Aldrich. Paul Rotz collected two hits for the afternoon and Don Semon turned in an outstanding game at shortstop.

Senior Stat. Box

	HR	Pts.	Games	Ave.
Barroso	214	90	5	18.0
Mosher	108	41	4	10.3
Traverna	204	30	3	10.0
Bagley	102	28	3	9.3
Hopkins	102	21	3	7.0
Tanceto	108	18	4	4.5
Serna	204	18	4	4.5
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Ferreirae	102	12	3	4.0
Pacheco	204	12	3	4.0

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BA Students Voice Opinions

By Mike McCarthy

This article is the first installment of a new feature in the Talon, in which you, the student, are the writer, the reader and the critic. In it we hope to present your opinions and ideas.

A group of students was asked what they thought of the Talon. From those who commented, we present the decent ones.

... President Brian Moore: (unfortunately we were not able to reach President Kennedy) "I think the Talon needs fore features, and students ought to have opinions in the paper."

... Mike Guthrie (passing by): "Yeah, I think so too." ... Brother Leonard: "What paper Oh! It is improving, needs more pictures, print isn't dark enough." ... Carol Anderson: "My name isn't in it" (please note remedy.)

... Jim Farley: (emphatically) "They should have more features, more editorials. They misspells a few words."

... Roene Duncan (with a sweeping gesture): "Throw out all the advertisements." (sorry, no ads, no Talon) ... Brian Colbert: "I look for things that are novel and interesting." (a very interesting and novel answer).

... Brother Paul: "Style and context steadily improving. You can quote me."

... Nancy Peterson: It just has a lot of articles that don't mean much."

Sodality Plans

Plans for the remainder of the semester have been completed by the newly elected officers of the Sodality.

Scheduled events include a panel discussion on the importance of women; the reception of probationers, senior's permanent act of consecration and junior's temporary act on May 11. The annual Sodality dinner will be held on May 3.

Members hope to have as their speakers in the following months, Father O'Neill, Mother Dennison and representatives from the Newman Club.

Chairmen chosen to organize these events are Carol Di Napoli, Pat Klutz and Kathy Mandella.

At the last Sodality meeting, the members heard the experiences of a postulant life as four Armstrong graduates of last year visited the school. They were Mary Jean Larrabee, Joyce Bell, Sally Torres and Sharon Walker, who are postulants at the Mercy Novitiate in Auburn.

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NEW SODALITY OFFICERS proudly congratulate one another. They are Sandra Urda, president; Barbara Tima, secretary; Theresa Allen, treasurer, and Carol Valina, vice-president.

Students Join Junior Club

Several of Bishop Armstrong student's are members of the newly-formed Sacramento branch Junior Achievement, Incorporated. Among them are: Peggy Proctor, Andrea Sledge, Eleanor Starn, Cindy Taylor, and Jim and Jo Waterman.

Mr. George Barton, from offices of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce, directs the program. The activity is sponsored and financed by the local business and industries. Junior Achievement, Inc., is a nationwide organization. It is dedicated to familiarizing American teenagers with the success of the economic theory of privately owned business.

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Ceremony Climaxes Graduates' Efforts

Bishop Armstrong will graduate 299 students in the fifth annual commencement ceremonies tomorrow evening, June 13, 1961. The diplomas and awards will be presented at 8:00 p.m. in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

Sister Mary Celestine, S.M., and Brother V. Eugene, F.S.C., co-principals, will present the graduates to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph T. McGucken, Bishop of Sacramento, who will, in turn, award the students their diplomas and individual honors.

Principal speaker of the evening will be the Reverend Eymard Gallagher, editor of the Catholic Herald. Class valedictorians will be Michael Guthrie and Carmen Rodriguez.

The General Excellence trophies will be presented to Michael Guthrie and Maureen Douglas. George Zarzana will receive the St. La Salle award for excellence in religion; the recipient of the Bishop Armstrong Memorial Award is Andrea Sledge. All other awards



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Armstrong Receives \$7800 Lab Grant

Brother Eugene, F.S.C., co-principal of Bishop Armstrong, announced that the school has received a \$7800 grant for a language laboratory, to be put into operation in Lab C in August of this year.

The Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activity in Wilmington, Delaware, is responsible for this grant, which will aid students studying the first four years of French and Spanish and third and fourth years of Latin, all offered here at Armstrong.

This lab will consist of 39 stations for the students. Twenty-two of these will be listening stations only, ten will be listening and responding, and seven will be listening, responding, and recording stations.

Tentatively, there are plans to open the facilities on weekends to religious teachers in the elementary schools who are teaching a foreign language.

were made during a special Honors Assembly held at the school on June 12.

The class of 1961 and the school chorus, under the direction of Mr. Anton Dorndorf, will sing at the graduation.

Cindy Taylor receives the Outstanding Student Award of California Savings and Loan, and Sacramento State College is awarding scholarships to Delta Chandra and Sharon Oliveri. Other scholarship winners are Joseph Thomas, George Zarzana, and Jim Farley, all from St. Mary's College, and Michael Drinkwater, from the U.S. Military Academy.

Academic students in many high schools in California take this test given by the College Entrance Examination Board. Then the results of this test as well as the high school academic record and extra-curricular activities of the applicant were taken into consideration in selecting the semi-finalists. The final choices for the scholarships were based on need with regard to the college chosen.

These scholarships provided by the State of California will provide up to \$900 tuition for the winners at colleges of their choice, and they are renewable.

Principals Award Students for Efforts

Students who worked throughout the year to maintain the highest scholastic average in their studies were honored this morning at an awards assembly in the auditorium. Brother Eugene, F.S.C., and Sister M. Celestine, S.M., presented the students their awards.

Juniors Elect Fall Leaders

Armstrong has selected the four student body leaders for the fall semester of '61. The election climaxed four days of campaigning by the hopeful candidates.

The new student body president is Pete Laurendeau. He will preside over the student council meetings, represent the school at extra-curricular functions, and serve as mediator for students and faculty. Pete is on Armstrong's golf team, and was president of 104 this last semester.

Kathy Sexton succeeds Cindy Taylor as vice-president. It will be her job to serve as parliamentarian at student council meetings, and to act in place of the president in case of his absence. She adds this second highest office to her many other activities, which include the Sodality, the Talon, (she's in charge of edito-



NEWLY-ELECTED student body officers are (standing l. to r.) Bob Southern, treasurer; Pete Laurendeau, president; Colleen Flynn, secretary. Vice-prexy Kathy Sexton is seated.

leen Flynn. Colleen is a reporter on the Talon staff, was home-room representative during the first semester this year, and is in the Sodality.

Three Students Win State Scholarships

Three Bishop Armstrong School students, Jim Farley, Sandra Urda, and Joseph Thomas were named the winners of state scholarships as the result of a test taken last December 8. The three winners were selected from among a group of 13 semi-finalists from this school, and are among the 700 students throughout the state to receive this award.

Michael Guthrie and Maureen Douglas received General Excellence Medals for consistently earning outstanding marks. The La Salle Award for excellence in religion went to George Zarzana, and Andrea Sledge was presented the Bishop Armstrong Awards.

Bank of America Awards

Bank of America trophies for excellence were won by Charles Shaffer, fine arts; Carmen Rodriguez, liberal arts; James Farley, science and mathematics, and Patricia Maher, vocational arts.

Certificates for excellence, awarded by the Bank of America were art, Charles Shaffer; business, Pat Maher; English, Maureen Douglas; foreign language, Carmen Rodriguez; laboratory science, James Tancreto; mathematics, James Farley; and social science, Michael Guthrie.

Achievement Medals

Sharon Turner was honored as the outstanding commercial student graduate, and received the certificate of merit from the Sacramento Legal Secretaries Association.

Best Commercial Student

"Thanks For The Memories"

Have you ever fallen in front of a group of people? Well, one day at Bishop Armstrong I was casually walking with three of my friends for lunch. At this time a class of senior boys was going to a science class. We girls were all talking and laughing since it was a beautiful sunny day and everyone was in gay spirits.

As we turned toward the cafeteria, one of the girls jokingly pushed me off the sidewalk. Everyone started laughing—including me—until I caught my foot in a hole and fell flat on my back.

By this time I had a full-size audience. I felt the deepest shade of red possible come over my face. However, this really didn't bother me until one boy yelled, "How does it feel to be co-ordinated?"

This was certainly not a pleasant memorable moment but one which stands out as being very humorous.

Betty Jo Weber

An unforgettable event in my senior term at Bishop Armstrong High School occurred in my junior year. The time was late in the school year; the setting, the last class of the day; the class, history; and the weather, hot.

The bell rang ending the class and everyone got up and started rushing out, shouting and hollering as he went. It seems that a certain prefect of boys happened to be outside the door and, when we opened it, there he stood.

Well—it seems that class wasn't dismissed that day until around 3:30. That is the one class I'll never forget.

Chiff Harder

As the past two years flash before my mind, one thing which stands out is the last day of school in my junior year. This day wasn't really too much different from any other day in the past week except for one thing—it was the last day of school. I remember it as if it happened yesterday.

We all were excited when the bell finally did ring for the dismissal. We all said our good-byes and for the next few days we were all on cloud nine. I could hardly believe it—summer vacation had actually and officially started.

That was almost a year ago now. With almost all of my friends who shouted with joy at the end of our junior year, I now stand in silence, for the close of our senior and final year is upon us. Among the many faces there are

closing will undoubtedly not resemble the end of our junior year.

Kathleen Hardesty

The most memorable event of my year at Bishop Armstrong was my first Mass here.

The bell rang, and I started walking stiffly toward the gym. Since I am not a Catholic, I had only been to Mass two or three times before, and now I was both excited and scared at the same time.

I was hesitant about going in but one of the girls grabbed my arm and directed me toward the bleachers. We sat down and she helped my trembling hands find the right place in my missal. While the priest entered, we stood, and then the Mass began with the student body reciting the responses.

I don't know exactly what it was—maybe the kindness that was shown me by this unknown friend—but all of a sudden I wasn't afraid or hesitant any more. It was beautiful—a whole school worshipping God together. It was then that I realized the closeness and unity of this school—a closeness based on belief in God.

Sherie Bruce

Thank You

The TALON staff extends sincerest thanks for sharing with us some of these unforgettable moments at Armstrong. And to each of the graduates, our congratulations and "thanks for the memories."

"Words to Live By"

Look to this day

For it is the very life of life.

In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence:

The glory of action,

The bliss of growth,

The splendor of beauty,

For yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision;

GRADUATION OPENS

Four years of strife come to an end tomorrow—about 32 hours from now. And though some deny it, practically all must admit that although the time has come to leave all this behind, something prompts us to tears and reminiscences.

Why? Because a significant portion of our life is being left behind upon accepting that diploma. While we all want to move on, there is a natural reluctance to saying "good-bye" to all that represents security.

The Thing That Lies Ahead

When you stop to think about it objectively, there are much greater things ahead than behind—some will accept the . . . responsibilities of marriage; some will go on to college; some will join the service; and some will begin making a living and a financial foundation for the future. All will eventually go their different ways, and it's something to look forward to with anticipation rather than dread. We are stepping into a new world, in a sense, one in which there will be more privileges and more duties.

But who would want to start over? If given the opportunity, we'd probably make the same mistakes—and if we could begin again knowing what we know now, it would certainly be not only boring, but frustrating.

Look to This Day . . .

There will be good times and bad for all of us, as there have been in the past. Some days will be wonderful, others tragic. But by everything we'll learn. And when the day comes when we find ourselves referring to these days as "the happiest of our life," let's stop and ask ourselves how much truth there is in that—for isn't the present just as good?

We grow a little with each day's experience, but only time allows us to realize this. As we increase our scope of knowledge, how dull it would be to revert into a world where this would have no place. We wouldn't fit in

because we don't belong to the past, but to the present. Each day is ours, to use now. Time is precious—hard to come by and too easily lost.

Till We Meet Again . . .

Now, as graduation draws nearer, there will be gay celebrating and tearful parting. We'll go on living as before, with time, once again, changing our perspective of these four years. The good times will be long remembered, and the bad will become humorous. If we meet again, we'll talk over "the old days," bring each other up-to-date on who we haven't seen for ten or fifteen years, all our children (their braces, the Little League) and what we've been doing with ourselves since '61.

Yes, a lot of changes will be made—in all of us. Some will succeed; others fail. But each of us chooses his own way of life, and develops it as he sees fit. We may fall short of our goal, but the importance lies in the attempt. Never let it be said that we didn't try.

Are You Thinking?

Try your back on this test and see how alert you are:

1. Why can't a man living in Winston-Salem, N.C., be buried west of the Mississippi River?
2. I have in my hand two U.S. coins which total \$55 in value. One is not a nickel. Keep that in mind. What are the two coins?
3. A woman gives a beggar \$50. The woman is the beggar's sister, but the beggar is not the woman's brother. How come?
4. How many animals of each species did Moses take, and how many species did Noah take aboard the ark with him?

ANSWERS

1. Because he's still living.
2. One is not a nickel, the other is a fifty-cent piece and nickel.
3. The beggar is a woman.
4. Moses didn't sail the ark. Noah did.

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Student Council Sponsors Last Dance of Season

"Thanks for the Memories" was the theme chosen for the last school dance of the year. This student council sponsored dance was held on Friday, June 2.

The dance was a combination dance and party. Admission was free to all those holding student

body membership cards.

Sandra Urda and Pete Raterman were the co-chairmen of the project.

Each homeroom was asked to put on a one-minute skit depicting some memorable moment of the year.

An abundance of balloons gayly festooned the gymnasium. Cakes, donated by the student council members, provided the refreshments.

To add to the festive mood, a variety of games was played at the dance.

Summer of Decision

Once every year students all over the country are given a three month reprieve from the pressure of their scholastic activities.

The onset of summer vacation is greeted in manifold ways. Parents look upon vacation as a necessary evil. Teachers, on the other hand, look at it as a time of pure delight. And the students, well, they look upon it as a mixture of both.

No one can deny the fact that three months of no tests, no term papers, and no HOMEWORK is a joyful thought. However, it is equally true that summer can start to drag toward the close.

This summer will seem especially long to us. To those seniors who will be departing for college, the time between graduation and entrance into college will seem interminable. You will be all too anxious to go forth into your new world.

To those who will be spending their last summer before their graduation, it will also be long. The expectation of your senior activities will make every day seem like a week.

This summer will be a summer of expectation and decision. These coming three months could be the most important in your life. Enjoy them, but don't waste them.

Thanks for Your Confidence

Since it is usual procedure for a president to announce his acceptance and thanks, I will not destroy this custom. Not on the basis that it is just a custom, but out of appreciation, I would like to thank you for your cooperation in voting for me.

Elected me Student Body President means that you put your complete trust and confidence in me as your leader. And since you did, I assure you that my efforts will be aimed directly at the betterment of Bishop Armstrong.

It is this hope of spirit and leadership that will aid in the development of our school spirit. I also admonish any of you inter-

ested in helping and developing our school, to express willingness suggestions, and criticisms to myself or the other elected leaders.

I would also like to sincerely thank those of you who devoted your time and help in my campaign for without you, I would not have been elected.

These Memories Made of Stars

Throughout the year many memorable things have occurred within the portals of Bishop Armstrong High. Think for a moment. Do you remember . . . the first day you entered Armstrong . . . what was your first impression of your teachers . . . our first dance "Getting to Know You" . . . the job our first semester officers did . . . the first issue of the Talon . . . our first rally . . . the football games we won (or lost) . . . the food served in cafeteria . . .

Freddie's escape . . . quarter report cards . . . the Herald's subscription drive . . . the LaSalle Day Picnic . . . the CSF money tree raffle . . . the day junior class rings came . . . the senior yearbook pictures . . . The NFL's fight for a seat on the student council . . . those missed deadlines and late articles . . .

"Freddie's Fantasy" . . . the junior prom . . . semester exams . . . the day the girl's chemistry classes made sulfur dioxide . . . the Friday mass in the gym . . . those late articles . . . the junior picnic . . . the Crest dance "Mistletoe Magic" . . . the senior boy picnic . . . the excellent job the second semester officers did . . . those holidays working on the Talon . . .

"Rhapsody in Blue" . . . the appearance of the Claw . . . the NFL debates . . . the senior class will . . . the Drama Club play . . . the service of our Library Club . . . the Sodality dinner.

Youth Adoration Day . . . the noisy election campaigns . . . the senior class snow trip . . . the faithfulness of the Service Club . . . those missed assignments . . . What else do you remember?

Cindy's Comments

Remember your arrival at Armstrong? Perhaps you shook in your boots, but fired with a new junior's enthusiasm, you struggled to "fit in," to be a success in your "Armstrong years."

New classmates meant new ideas about others, new friends, closer ties with old friends. Competition between groups and individuals built barriers that were melted only when combined forces were needed to produce a big activity or show.

When a visitor complimented your school you beamed with pride . . . you felt the glow of satisfaction when your group's project was found to be successful . . . you commiserated with your fellow losers in the other case.

Your days ran the "gamut" of feelings from tragic to comic, each day offering a new thought, joy, sorrow, or laugh.

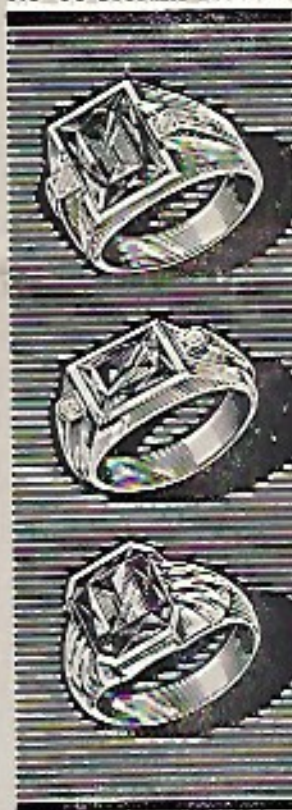
Would you like to start over? I hope not! If you're satisfied with what you've given for yourself and received from Armstrong, then you aren't afraid to try out your wings for fear they "ain't growned enough."

It won't be a drippy din of farewells to our friends and school but a sincere "Thanks for everything. It's been wonderful."

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By Pete Veglia

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Since a majority of Henry's calls sent him up the middle, to gain on his own. When the opposition closed in on him he ran in high gear, fighting for the extra yardage few runners are given. That was the Reynolds, always driving, legs churning till the whistle blew his progress to a halt.

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Little Paul embodied much of the spirit of Armstrong's court five. He was hustling all the way whether driving for two points up the middle or hawking the ball on defense. His set-shots were quick but deadly and made him a threat from anywhere on the floor.

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Win, Place, Show Tracksters In Big Meets

Highlighting and closing out the 1961 track season Bishop Armstrong's relay team copped third place at the Davis Picnic, held at the University of California at Davis. There also, Richard McKechnie won the shot put and Jerry Reynolds captured honors in the broad jump.

Ironmen Champs

Bishop Armstrong's golfers, holding a 24 win, 3 loss record, are uncrowned city champs. Every Metropolitan League team fell to the B.A. linksmen, including the league leaders, McClatchy, defeated twice.

Brother Patrick, coach, credits the best season in Armstrong's history to the ability and determination of the squad.

Team members include Jerry Duke, city junior champ and winner of other tourneys; Chuck Zeller, Pete Ferris, Tony Scalora, and Jenkins and Charlie Shaffer.

Explaining that the Falcons could not compete in the Metro league because of a local CIF ruling which forbids private schools to participate, Brother Patrick stated, "Some day this discriminatory rule will be amended and the boys will receive the credit they deserve."

Throughout the season the Falcon cindermen won, placed, and showed in such important meets as the Davis Picnic, the Roseville Invitational and the Sub-Sectionals at Gridley. At the Sub-Sectional, Larry Reel and Nick Trolio became eligible for the 100, 220 Northern Finals at Chico.

Coach Callen stated that the team was successful this year, but the members 13 juniors and a senior lacked needed experience. His outlook for next season, however, was more than optimistic, as he said that Armstrong "would definitely be on top" in '62.

The Greatest Game

"The starting lineup for the Bishop Armstrong Falcons; Paul Rotz and Joe Munizch at guards, Don Semon and Brian Moore at forwards, at center position Mike Fassnacht." That sentence spoken in an impartial monotone, mingled with the boos and the cheers of the crowd, the stuffiness of the gym and the flash of uniforms.

I was in that starting lineup, "at center position, Mike Fassnacht." These five words will remain with me forever. For I was starting that game, 6 foot 6, loose jointed, uncoordinated, the typical Icabod Crane of the

Falcon Flashbacks Provide Material for Talon Sports

As a recent assignment each member of a senior class was asked to reflect upon some past moment in his sports career which he deemed important. Though not heroes, the two athletes whose papers were selected as examples thought seriously of their responsibility to the particular sport in which they participated.

basketball court. But none the less I was starting.

Though I was on the Falcon's varsity for two years and played in a number of games before, this was my first starting performance. Coupled with the seemingly high achievement, I was also given the honor of being co-captain. I didn't break any scoring records (in fact went scoreless) but this will always be my greatest game.

OUR BEST EFFORT

By John De Angelis

After a hit and miss season, the Bishop Armstrong football team traveled to Orland, California, for one of the final games. Orland had been rated the No. 1 team to beat in Superior California for many weeks. The idea of a victory was a thrilling thought to all who rode on the bus that day and the tension was at a high point when we arrived.

From the moment the first play started, I knew the night was to be one of our best efforts. After a fairly close first half, we gradually edged away and at the end had ourselves an impressive victory.

DIAMOND NINE

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Armstrong's winning rally came in the bottom of the first. Green walked, was sacrificed to second by Don Semon, and Larry Marietti then delivered a base hit. Marietti and Green next tried a double steal which resulted in Green scoring from third. Burt Bonomi walked and Paul Rotz was hit by a pitch. Brain Moore brought in the second run with a squeeze bunt and then a third tally scored when Doug Crawford and Jim Fox both walked, forcing in Bonomi from third.

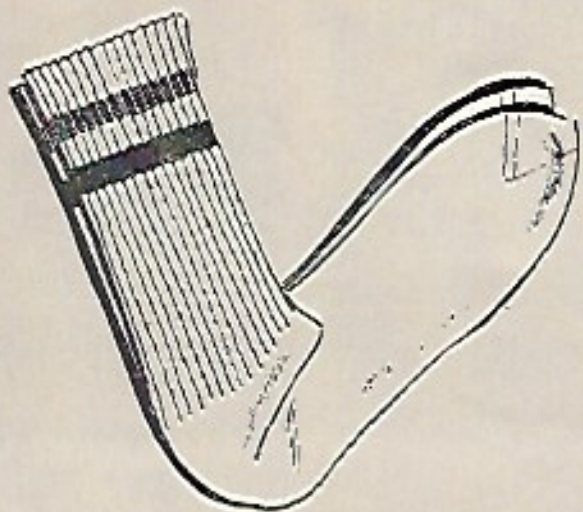
Sperbeck Guides BA to Record

Under the coaching of Dick Sperbeck, Bishop Armstrong's Falcons have completed their most successful seasons in basketball and baseball since the school was founded. The basketball squad compiled a record of 19 wins, losses against an awesome assortment of opponents. The Falcon diamond nine won 16 while losing only 4, with victories over six conference champions.



Coach Sperbeck attributed the success of his cagers partially to the fact that they had some height this year, a factor missing in former seasons. He said that his baseballers won because they were such a well-rounded team. He stated that the Falcons would probably rank number one in Superior California diamond play if such ratings were available.

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AWARDS...

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Peggy Proctor and Diane Williams received nursing scholarships from the Women's Auxiliary of the Sacramento Medical Society.

College of the Holy Names in Oakland honors Jeremy Higgins with the President's Scholarship.

Gold seals of life membership will appear on the diplomas of Maureen Douglas, Jeremy Higgins, Elaine Johnston, Sharon Oliveri, Carmen Rodriguez, Sandra Urda, Diane Williams, James Farley, James Tancrito, Michael Guthrie, and George Zarzana. Congratulations to all of you!

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In addition, they belong to the School Library Assistants Association of Northern California, which gives them recognition on a statewide level. This adds to the stature of BAHS as a participant in extra-curricular activities and academic programs of our community.



Boys Compete in Honor of St. La Salle

To initiate the activities of La Salle Day at Armstrong, Msgr. James Poole celebrated Mass in the auditorium for the boys. Thus began the junior's annual day of relaxation from classroom and studies.

Held in honor of the founder of the Christian Brothers, St. John Baptist de la Salle, activities revolve around track and field events and entertainment, furnished by the students themselves. The performers were chosen through their individual homerooms.

And it was this homeroom competition that spirited the efforts of the boys. 104 was rewarded for their efforts after compiling the greatest number of points throughout the day.

Included among the events were relays, sprints, distance runs, egg-throwing, wheelbarrow race, tug-

o-war, fat man race, backward relay, marathon race, and a baseball throw for accuracy.

Pete Veglia's interpretation of Bob Newhart on the Gettysburg address won first prize in individual performance.

Editor Scores in Test

Leonard Bertain, co-editor of the *Talon*, placed second in the competitive mathematics test administered at St. Mary's College on May 9.

For his efforts, Leonard will receive four volumes of Newman's *The Wonderful World of Mathematics*, a slide rule, and a portable drafting machine and compass and ruling pen set.

Other Armstrong participants were Gary Withrow, John Shar, Jim Sikora, and Jerry Flewell.

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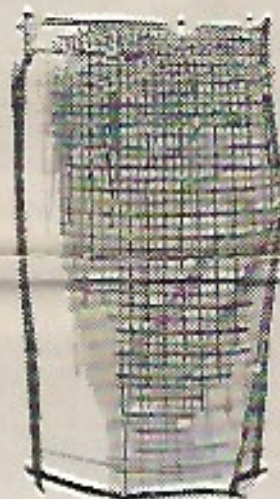
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