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Girls, too, this time!

College-Prep Classes to Receive Speed-Reading Course

For the second year, Armstrong's college preparatory students will have the opportunity to expand their reading skills through a special speed-reading course, to be offered during the second quarter. Classes will last for ten weeks.

Double or Triple Speed

Among the highly technical devices to be used are films, various slides, and a shadow scope. Each one of these instruments will force the student to read faster while comprehending the material flashed before him. Tests proving the effectiveness of this method point out that the average person can double his speed, while the more advanced individual can as much as triple his reading rate.

The class will be worked into the English schedules, with Sr. M. Loyola and Father O'Brien instructing the girls. The boys will be under the direction of Fr. Paul and Fr. Patrick.

S. Club Numbers 31

The faculty honored 31 girls with membership in the Service Club. They were chosen on the basis of their leadership and cooperation.

The girls are Margaret Olson, Pam Butts, Carol Deragisch, Sharon Glavin, Suzanne Sickels, Ginny Reynolds, Dorothy McCormack, Pat Manning, Margie Hamilton, Mary Steinauer, Mary Doyle, Sandy Smith, Janet Welsh, Mary Ellen Rivera, Toni Marshall, Nancy Ferguson, Kathy Mamola, Denise Dauenbauer, Jodie Houy, May Hoefling, Frances Corsiglia, Kathy Flynn, Frances Church, Jean Whitlock, Gloria Moynahan, Helen Maney, Veronica Konesky, Susan Waymire, Sarajane Mower, Barbara Tina, and Geri Unrein.

Sr. M. Regina is moderator.

IN MEMORIAM

The faculty and students of Bishop Armstrong High School extend their sincere

Sections Elect Leaders

Following a new election procedure, the homerooms have elected their representatives. Voting for office became compulsory because it was felt that the students should be made more aware of the responsibilities involved. Ten student body card holders had to sign each petition before the candidate was eligible.

The balloting in the senior girls' homerooms elected Claudia Caccarelli, 209; Helen Maney, 211; Pat Raikes, 213; and Diane Spinella, 109.

The various sections of the junior boys chose Jeff Love, 208; Larry Clark, 210; Lawrence Kenobbe, 212; Robert Epperson, 214; and John McCarthy, 104.

The junior girls have chosen Kathy Crowe from 111, Marsha Jensen from 203; Rosemarie Mattoz from 205, and Mary Lou Stilson from 207.

The results of the senior boys elections were not available at press time.

Five New Teachers Join Faculty

BA welcomes five new teachers to its faculty this year.

Brother Warren, FSC, has been transferred to Armstrong from Cathedral High in Los Angeles, where he also attended high school. He is in charge of the mathematics department, teaching senior math and physics, as well as trigonometry.

Brother Anselm, FSC, comes to BA from Mt. La Salle, where he instructed boys in the junior novitiate. This year he will teach history and English, and serve as moderator of the National Forensic League.

From Our Lady of Fatima we have **Sister M. Regina, SM**, who has classes in business math, book-keeping, clerical training, civics, and sociology. She is in charge of



BISHOP McGUCKEN addresses two thousand Sacramento students on the current Rosary Crusade rally. The Mass was celebrated in BA's outdoor grotto.

Schools Assemble for Annual Mass

On Tuesday, September 19, all the Catholic High Schools in Sacramento and the greater north area, including Notre Dame Acad. from Marysville, assisted at the annual Mass of the Holy Spirit, for the first time here on the Armstrong campus.

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph T. McGucken was the celebrant. The annual Mass offered each year to ask God's blessings during the school term. Also present was Msgr. James Poole, Superintendent of Schools in the Sacramento Diocese.

Bishop Addresses 2,000

From the top step of the outdoor altar in the grotto, the Bishop addressed the 2,000 students congregated there. He called upon us to be "missionaries of the Family Rosary in our homes for the blessing of our mother and father." When we recite the rosary we will find fresh strength to fight the dullness of school life.

His Excellency went on to say that we must accept the truth that with the grace of God we can carry our cross lightly, one of our chief sources of grace is the Holy Rosary. It is through our efforts that the family will be more strengthened in the bond of the Family Rosary. The bishop concluded with the reminder: "The family that prays together, stays together."

Contest Reveals Freddy's Identity

"Let's Get Together," the school dance, was the scene of much speculation as to who might be inside BA's famous Falcon suit.

During intermission, Pete Lendreau announced the winner of the week-long contest held to determine interest in our mascot.

From the many guesses submitted had taken concerning who hid behind that huge yellow beak, Larry Reel won. For taking the time and effort required to enter the contest, Larry received a bid to the Senior Ball — commitments of the Student Council.

Oh! Who was Freddy? In case you haven't heard — George

Attention, Seniors!!!

Don't forget that the deadline for graduation pictures is

EDITORIAL

Can We Play, Too?

All the incentives and advantages of belonging to a league of local athletic competition have been denied Bishop Armstrong High School from its founding in 1956.

Likewise, Christian Brothers School has been denied from its founding before the turn of the century.

Simply stated, private schools have been forbidden to belong to the Sacramento-San Joaquin section of the California Interscholastic Federation (which governs the leagues in this area) because they are not public schools. This is a constitution of the local CIF.

Only Around Sacramento

Is this rule ("no private schools allowed") practiced throughout California? No. Everywhere else in the State (i.e. in all the other sections of the CIF) private schools are not only allowed but encouraged to be members of the CIF and local leagues.

What can be done to change this clearly discriminatory ruling? The only way to change the constitution of the local CIF is by direct vote of the "Board of Managers", a group of men who, by their silence, have not recognized the admission of private schools.

Policy of Silence

The Talon has imitated the school policy of accepting this difficult situation in silence. This because like Bishop Armstrong High School, this newspaper has never held sports or athletics to be the object of a school. But when an abuse is manifest, and when an abuse shows every indication of spreading, the Talon feels it is time to stand up and be counted.

The Talon, moreover, has become more aware of the implications of this unjust ruling because of the squeeze it puts on future football scheduling.

Two facts illustrate this squeeze:

(1) Athletic Director Richard Sperbeck was informed on Monday, September 25, by local Principal Bert Chappell that Hiram Johnson High has played its last games against an Armstrong eleven ("no room on a crowded schedule");

(2) Armstrong's appearance at Hughes stadium against Sacramento High last Friday is BA's last at that nearby stadium ("no room for BA on crowded schedules of city schools so no room at stadium which is for their exclusive use").

Do You Really Care?

The Talon feels that Armstrong has been more than crowded off the scene: the school has been

Editor's Note

The editors of the Talon welcome letters from all readers of

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"HE WHO CAN TAKE IT!" John Zupan, Armstrong quarterback, is caught in a play that didn't work. McClatchy defenders are led by all-city half Tom Relles (44). Bee photo.

Callen's Wreckers Dump Warriors 14-7

Bishop Armstrong's Falcons plunged into one of northern California's roughest football schedules on September 15 at Hughes Stadium with a 14 to 7 victory over Hiram Johnson. The Warriors held the lead at the end of the first half but Armstrong scored twice in the third quarter, enough to stay out in front for keeps.

Johnson took the ball in their first series and marched 69 yards in 11 plays to go out in front, 7 to 0.

On the first play of the second half, Dave Rakela, a 170 pound junior, raced up the middle 84 yards to put the Falcons on the scoreboard.

After stumbling through the Warrior line, Rakela tore loose, out-speeding Johnson's Jim Smith with an elusive fake.

Seconds later the score was tied

as Mike Clemons, another junior, kicked the extra point.

Three plays later Rakela went over guard for 19 to the Warrior 5. John McCarthy scored four four plays later and Clemons kicked the extra point to make it 17 to 7.

Early in the first quarter an off-side penalty nullified a spectacular pass-touchdown play. Joan Zupan laded back from the Johnson 27 and lofted to Borges in the end zone.

Down Dragons 13-6

Couch Frank Callen's Falcons downed the Sacramento Dragons for the first and possibly the last time Friday night, 13-6. As a departing gesture to beautiful Hughes Stadium, the Falcons were able to put together two sustained drives which spelled the end of a long drought of victory for BA over the last five years.

It was a running game all the way for the Falcons as they piled up 243 yards in rushing. Clark Aldrich rambled 125 yards in a dozen and a half carries, scoring the two TD's.

The Battle of Systems Falcons, Eagles Feature Shotgun vs. T Tomorrow Line Balances Undeclared



TALON SPORTS

Late Lion Score Clinches Stalemate

A late touchdown by the McClatchy Lions deadlocked the score at 14-14 as the Armstrong Falcons kept their rating as first team in Sacramento County October 20.

Climaxing a 86-yard drive in the first quarter, quarterback John Zupan fired a 33 yard pass into the arms of halfback Clark Aldrich to put Armstrong ahead by 6. Mike Clemons kicked the extra point to make it 7-0.

With 3:27 remaining in the half the Lions scored on Cobleigh's 4 yard dash with Relles adding the extra point to make it 7-7.

In the second half, the Falcons tallied up another 7 points when Dave Rakela again came through with a 28 yard burst over the goal line followed by Clemons' fourth-straight extra point of the season.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Lions made a concerted drive to tie the score. McClatchy's Tom Relles, in a crucial play, darted around end for the extra point after Tash's touchdown.

The last minutes of the game found McClatchy with the ball again desperately trying to score. The attempt failed when Relles' long pass downfield was intercepted by Don Pintar.

In the third quarter Rick Gordon unleashed a long pass to fellow-dragon Johnny Newman for the Dragon's lone tally. A big break for Armstrong came when

Tomorrow night the El Cerritos Eagles will meet the Bishop Armstrong Falcons at the El Cerritos High School. Play will pit the Eagles' spectacular shotgun offense against the respected T of the Falcons. Kickoff time is 8 o'clock.

Although the Eagles have a lowly 1-1-1 record, they do have a strong Norte squad last year and are suspect as favorite of the Capital Valley Conference. Running the Eagles is senior quarterback John Sabo, and star backs Barry McFadden and Lesher. Flanker Bobby Olson proved a valuable part of the attack.

First Over Sacramento

Fresh from their first victory over Sacramento High, the Falcons boast an undefeated record. With quarterback John Zupan, halfbacks Clark Aldrich and Rakela in top form, the Falcons have their team at full strength for the first time this season even though they have defeated Hiram Johnson and tied the McClatchy.

Line Play Key

At the defense Nick Trovati turned back nearly every play on his side this year. Glenn B. is a rugged line backer, has his share of tackles. On the offensive line Gene Rafferty accomplished the job with opening blocks and smart maneuvering, while Deragich has been invaluable at center.

John McCarthy, Don Brantley, Barney Brust, John O'Malley, Campbell and Larry Reel have done notable jobs. The members of the squad, though noted individually, are responsible for the BA undefeated slate.

Gold Medal Quality



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American Humor Puzzles German Foreign Student

By Colleen Flynn

An international flavor has been added to the Bishop Armstrong campus in the person of one Ingrid Hardy. Although she lived in Germany for the greater portion of her life, Ingrid is actually Czechoslovakian. She moved to German soil when she was quite young, and the Hardy family settled in Munich.

While living in Germany, Ingrid attended a private school. She pointed out that the main differences between the two school systems is the extracurricular activities and strictness.

In America the schools offer many outside activities such as games, dances, clubs, etc., while in Germany the students just attend school. American schools are not quite as strict as the schools in Germany.

School Brings Turmoil But That's All The Fun

by Mary Doyle

Well, it's over three weeks since school has started, and here we are again off to the races. For the seniors this year will be hectic but happy. For the juniors—well, they're in on the fun, too.

Meeting the teachers for the first time may have frightened them a little, but they're over it now and are as experienced hands as the veteran seniors.

Clubs are now rushing ahead full steam. It is as if all the organizations were going forward at jet speed. Speaking of jet speed, have you ever had to be at three meetings at once? Don't try it. The nerves can't take it.

Tests, oh yes, we can't forget them, can we? Undoubtedly, you have had your first test by now. If you're like me, you've probably had eight or nine, including some surprise quizzes.

Lunch, now that's a bright spot in an otherwise drab day. For thirty minutes you relax over frozen sandwiches (in the winter) and the lovely snack bar line. But lunch does have other bright spots. Squashed angel food cake really perks up your day.

And how about homework? It really doesn't take very long—but the books. Are they HEAVY? Wait until it rains. That's when the fun begins. In case you didn't know, in the rainy season there is a GORGEOUS mud puddle in front of the school — TWO FEET

DEEP! Try to get around that balancing Physics, English and trig books PLUS avoiding cars. Muddy homework, anyone?

Well, onward and upward . . . There's a lot to be done this year.

Mass Said Daily

Tuesday through Thursday voluntary Mass is celebrated in the speech arts room. Mass begins at 8:00 and ends around 8:30. All students are urged to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as often as possible.

Confessions are heard every morning during the Mass. They are also heard during the lunch periods. Schedules are posted on the confessionals.

Because the Mass is being celebrated, all students are asked to avoid unnecessary noise in the vicinity of the speech arts room.

Three Staff Members Earn Paper Positions

Three busy girls with pen in hand are busy informing the public of Armstrong's activities.

The correspondent for the Sacramento Union is Mary Jean Thibodeau. Mary Jean is the editor of the Talon, senior class proxy, home student, and CSF member. College at Santa Clara forms the immediate future.

Another of the Talon's part-time editors, Mary Doyle, was chosen to be the correspondent for the Sacramento Bee. Besides being an honor student and a member of the CSF, Mary is active in Sodality and Service Club. Her career in teaching seems probable for Mary.

The former editor of the Francis Assisian, Sydney W. W. is Armstrong's correspondent for the Catholic Herald. An active member of the Sodality, Sydney is also a top student and a member of the CSF. A Talon staff member, Sydney hopes to have a career in journalism.

PRIEST WINS ACCLAIM

"It was a case of rushing in where angels fear to tread." This is the way Father Patrick O'Brien summed up his approach to "Why Catholic?" in a recent issue of CATHOLIC PREVIEW.

Father O'Brien, who teaches religion in the girls' department, was appointed by Bishop Joseph T. McGucken to direct "Why Catholic?" last year.

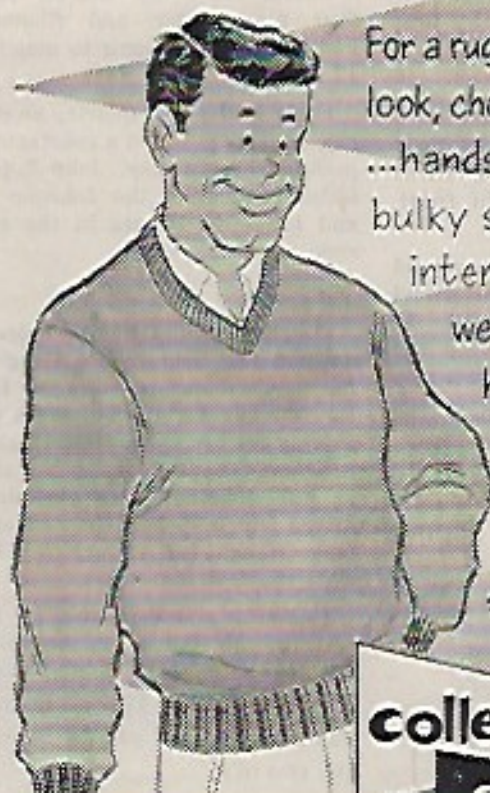
"Why Catholic?" is one of the two such programs in California. As the Catholic Preview said, "Today millions of words are being spoken and printed about television—mostly critical. In the Diocese of Sacramento something is being done about it in terms of the Faith."

TALON PRESS CARDS

Editors and past reporters received their Talon press cards last week. The cards, signed by the editor and moderator, expire in February.



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THAT'S ABOUT IT . . ."

by Richard Rodriguez

Pen, Notebook Prove Useless As Scribe Visits Student Confab

One of the fond desires of my adolescent youth was realized this month when I was told to write an article on the first student council meeting. Armed with a

Lindy pen and a Spiral notebook (to retain an air of authenticity) I ventured into what is called the Student Body Room.

Amidst a group of girls I found the President, Pete Laurendeau, selling Student Body cards and asked him if I could sit in on the meeting. He didn't answer but I decided to stay.

After ten minutes of uniform confusion, the Principal asked that the meeting start. After the prayer the Treasurer, Bob Southern, got up and said in a mellow voice, "We've got \$144.47 in the treasury. That's about it."

Friday's Contest

After discovering that there was no old business the group proceeded to discuss the prize for the Freddy the Falcon Contest (in which students were asked to submit the name of the person who wore the paper mache mask which is vaguely reminiscent of a Falcon's head).

Imposter Identified

Bob Lera, who was the contest chairman, reported that Larry Reel had correctly identified the imposter as George Cholmers whereupon a discussion arose as to what prize would be appropriate.

Someone suggested that Reel be given free admission to all the games but since he was already on the football team the prize would hardly be adequate. Thereupon a proposition to give Larry a ticket to the Senior Ball was submitted by the Secretary. Lera then generously added that since the treasury contained \$144.47, Reel should be given a ticket to the Junior Prom as well. The principal laughed and tactfully said the idea was insane.

The group finally voted that the prize would be a ticket for the Senior Ball (it passed 5-2).

Suppose He's Hurt

Then as this matter seemed to

be finally settled someone asked what would happen if Larry wasn't at the dance. To worsen matters someone added that Reel had a bad foot (acquired at the last game) which might prevent him from wanting to dance.

About this time Tim Taormina, former presidential hopeful, entered as an observer.

Since the contest rules stipulated that the winner of the contest be present, another problem arose. Laurendeau said that the rules must be enforced and that if Reel was absent no prize would be given.

"Only If Present"

The question of changing the resolution to include the phrase "only if present . . ." arose. Everyone looked hopelessly at each other until Taormina instructed them what "Robert's Rules of Order" says about such situations. Lera, president of the Forensics Club suggested they suspend with "Robert's Rules . . ." to which all gave a nervous laugh.

After the oral reading of the rules the group then voted "that if he didn't come no prize would be given." The group all breathed a sigh but Mary Jean Hunt, TALON editor, sympathetically added that the school would be unfair to Larry who was injured in combat for it. The group then began another discussion which ended quickly.

"That's About It"

Thereupon reliable Bob Southern stood up again and said that the band for the dance would cost \$76.75. John Sharp, Crest editor, reported that Bob Kent, who was to sing at the dance was hospitalized with a broken jaw . . .

After these lighthearted announcements commenced, a prayer was said as the meeting ended.

From Zazu Pitts To Immortality

In the days after Hiroshima even into the fifties, schools taught their students that in event of attack they were to crawl under their desks. The times we are in however, require surer survival plans.

The current crisis (in Berlin) in which we are supporting a "liberty or death" program is prompting enough to seek shelter in the event that bombs start falling.

At school a particular problem presents itself since the average student lives 2.8 miles from his school. The necessity of a school shelter is obvious.

Therefore a class in the seventh period of questionable character should be formed to dig the shelter. It could be built in the waste land in the back of the school and would contain facilities for all the student body.

The project can begin now. The teachers would assign a certain number of cans of Metreox to each student. It would also be advisable for the administration to send away for some movies to say . . . Zazu Pitts or some other woman of distinction.

When there wouldn't be any movies we could always keep ourselves busy keeping the law. Sings the "Secrets" from revealing our domain.

And who knows? Perhaps archeologists will find us in one thousand years and our skeletons can hang in some museum, record of the age of the enlightened man.

Editors Await The Untouchables

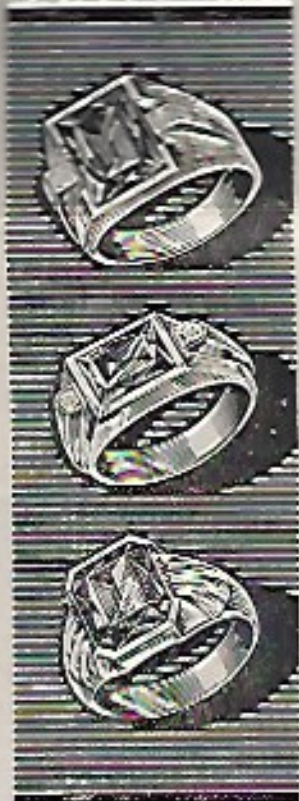
About twenty cub reporters are being kept under wraps by moderator Brother Patrick. They meet weekly in room 104.

These new scribes are being trained in writing news, features and editorials and will be available for editor use (or misuse; editor's note) for the second issue of the TALON.

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'Spotlite' Centers on Student Leaders



Bob Southern (left) and Colleen Flynn look on as Pete Laurendeau signs a student body card.

There's always a lot of interest around campus in our student body president, Pete Laurendeau, so we've asked him some questions that we hope to settle a few people's curiosity. Listening?

First of all, he likes dancing, the Music Circus, eating, and girls. (Now that we've established that he's normal in this category, we'll move on.)

Dislikes. He don't seem to know. The reporter got a rather blank gaze when she asked the question. She suggested that maybe he didn't like making quick decisions, and gave him time to think it over. Ten minutes later, he still hadn't come up with an answer, or maybe he was still pondering about whether or not he liked snap decisions. Anyway, no reply.

Pete said his most prized possession was a C. S. badge (?). He was a little vague as to just what it was, but, at least, now you know.

He always says, "Oh, rats!" — usually when he's forgotten to do something or has been asked to make one of those hateful spur-of-the-moment decisions again.

This year, Pete's on the football team, and belongs to the Pep Club, the Talon, and the student council.

Following graduation, he'd like to go to West Point, because an Army career sounds good to him. We hope he makes it!

Our student body treasurer, Bob Southern, told us a lot about himself. He likes French, lots of food, Brother Ronald's homework assignments, and, it goes without saying, May Hoefling. His dislikes? Well, there are those slow student council meetings, KROY, and watching the Falcons lose.

He's involved in the Talon, Crest, Drama Club, NFL, student council, Service Club, and Pep Club.

Bob hopes to attend the Air Force Academy in the not-too-distant future, to prepare for a career in the service. We wish him luck!

Colleen Flynn is our active student body secretary. We found out many things about her from the information she gave our "Spotlite" reporter.

For instance, her most prominent "likes" are pizza, metallic-blue Thunderbirds, Paul Anka, and anything played by Ferrante and Teicher.

She says she spends most of her free time watching TV, and the No. 1 hobby is talking on the phone.

Her most prized possession? Why, a driver's license, of course. You value most highly those things for which you have to work hardest. (No offense, Colleen! We aren't criticizing your driving — we all have our faults . . .)

At present, she belongs to the Talon staff, Pep Club, Sodality, and the student council. Previously, she was student-body treasurer at Saint Francis and homeroom representative of her section last

S Semon Leads Senior Parade

\$55,000 was paid by the Boston Red Sox for shortstop Don Semon, '61, to make him the highest priced bonus baseball player in Sacramento history in late June after school closed for the summer. Semon, who batted .353 for the Falcons for two seasons, will start out at the Bosox spring training camp next spring.

Jerry Yuke, another '61 grad, captured the Chinese golf tournament for the third straight time two weeks ago when he bested the field by 13 strokes. Yuke is currently attending Sacramento State College, majoring in dentistry.

A 76 yard run by former grid star Henry Reynolds proved the outstanding play of Sacramento City College's opening game

against ARJC. Reynolds scored another in SCC's second win, receive the plaudits of local sportswriters.

Former gridgers Rich Ne Fred Zneider and John DeAng are playing for Ray Clem Sacramento State team. Vic Cina is holding down the at City College. The CC baseball coaches are also keeping their eyes on Paul Rotz for their court man.

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Twenty One Make Honor Roll

On October 25 six per cent of Armstrong's boys merited a place on the Honor Roll.

Achieving the necessary grade point average for the "A" Roll were seniors Robert Lera, Bruce Pyle, and Eugene Rafferty, and juniors Larry Clark and Bart Mondino.

The "B" category claims seniors Alan Fenech, Herbert Rooney, Bob Southern, Charles Casey, and Timothy Hanna, and juniors William Fisher, Michael Gray, Thomas Lasken, Michael Macie, Fred Oliver, Larry Fodor, Joseph Gill, Bill Harvey, Victor Melnikoff, Johnnevan Shay and Thomas Tanner.

The girls' report cards weren't distributed in time for the names of the honor roll students to be published.

Debaters Enjoy Taste Of Success

The NFL anticipates a successful season, having won two sizeable victories already.

Clifford Russell, a newcomer to the club, captured first place honors in oratorical interpretation at the Turlock Tourney. Jerry Laferty placed second the same day in impromptu speaking.

The club will seek additional honors at Modesto tomorrow.

Bee Hosts Reporters

Nine members of the Talon staff, accompanied by Brother Patrick, FSC, attended the Sacramento Bee's Newspaper Clinic on November 1.

Many members of the Bee's executive staff addressed the reporters throughout the day.

Mr. George Helmer, managing editor, told the assembled journalists about the problems of gathering the news. Advertising manager Robert Van Stambrouch, then explained the in's and out's of advertising—designing and selling.

After the mechanics of a newspaper were clarified by Charles LaCure, the reporters were conducted on a tour of the plant.

Mid-Day Treat

After the inspection, which included visits to the news and press room, the guests were treated to chicken dinner.

The afternoon session found the group divided into fields of varied interest; editorials, photography and home economics. After the six-hour seminar, Donald O. Selman, personnel manager, spoke on job opportunities.



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CLOTHING TEACHER Miss Marcella Robinson greets some interested guests at last week's open house. The scene was typical of others all over the campus.

Bishop McGucken Attends Scholastic Honor Assembly

His Excellency Bishop Joseph T. McGucken invested thirty-six CSF members during a special assembly at last week's open house.

The glee club, under the direction of Anton Dorndorf, opened the program. After Br. Eugene, boys' principal, welcomed the guests, the speaker's rostrum was turned over to Mrs. Josephine Baratini, co-moderator of the CSF. She presented the girls to His Excellency, as did Brother Eugene with the boys.

Following the presentation of pins, Bishop McGucken addressed the audience.

Thirty-six Recipients

Those students received into the club were Mary Doyle, Jeanette Francoeur, Jeanne Freyberg, Mary Jean Hunt, Toni Marshall, Mild Morgan, Kathy Sexton, Sandy Smith, Margaret Carter, Marsha Cullivan, Pam Freeland, Sharon Gordon, Connie Herzog, Gayle King, Maureen Lastiri, Carol Luther, Kathy Quinn, Laura Walton, Sydney West, Susan Yonker, and Mary Lou Stilson.

Bob Lera, Herbert Rooney, Tom Madden, Pete Ferris, Bob Hatton, Gene Rafferty, George Chalmers, Alan Fenech, Robert LaMontagne, Larry Clark, William Starr, Bart Mondino, Fred Oliver, John Sharp and Tom Tanner.

Special Honor

Council to Discuss Criterion Problem

One of the foremost objectives of EA's present administration is to settle the long-debated problem of the entrance of new clubs into the Student Council. At the time of this writing, there are no established rules governing the admittance of these organizations.

The proposed method of solution is a criterion that would serve as a guide for the incumbent representatives in their decisions regarding the future of the petitioning group.

Committee Appointed

Student-body president Paul Laurendeau has appointed Brother Robert Lera as head of the committee that will draft the criteria and then submit it to the student council for discussion. The remainder of the committee is comprised of Jane Cook, Sue Demmel, and Mike McCarthy.

It is hoped that the council will exhaust their discussion of the issue within the coming weeks and that the fate of the criterion can be decided once and for all.

Parents View Student Wares

It was the annual "back to school" night for the parents of Bishop Armstrong students on Thursday, November 9. The campus was open from seven to nine o'clock in order to give everyone an opportunity to meet the faculty and visit points of interest around the school. The classrooms and administration building were open for inspection.

The art classes displayed the work of the students throughout the last quarter, and attracted many admiring tourists. The clothing class showed the results of two months' labor, and also proved a popular spot.

The highlight of the evening was an assembly for all the visitors, at which His Excellency Bishop Joseph T. McGucken presented the CSF pins to those who had achieved membership for the semester.

Thanksgiving Frolic Is Set

Brown and gold hues will accent the scene of "Autumn Intermezzo," to be presented by the Crest this Thanksgiving eve.

General chairmen John Sharp



Here Comes The Banana Boat



As the end of each month approached, two or three boys went around to each homeroom to ask for money, so that they might buy bananas for the elderly patients. (Bananas, since aged people can

eat only something relatively soft). Then on one occasion, as the collection was about to take place, the monotony of class routine was broken as someone yelled, "Here comes the Banana Boat!"

The phrase took to the winds and soon became so popular that the group was named "Banana Boat."

Since 1958, the Banana Boat has experienced a change in leadership. Brother Paul, FSC, became the second moderator; he was succeeded by Brother Luke, FSC, who is presently in charge. The Banana Boat has expanded in membership from the original five to the present number which fluctuates between 15 and 20 persons.

The purpose of the Banana Boat over the years remains the same: to visit the sick and to bring a ray of hope to those lost in the loneliness of old age—Larry Fodor

On November 2, a group consisting of about 15 students and three Brothers made their monthly journey to the Sacramento County Hospital. Their purpose was to bring a little encouragement and momentary joy to the elderly patients, most of who will spend the remainder of their lives bedridden. They achieve this by bringing bananas, cigarettes, and cookies, accompanied by a friendly smile and an occasional song.

This group has been in existence since 1958. Then, just as now, they visited the sick around the end of each month. Their work has never been publicized; they're not looking for recognition, they merely seek to help others.

About four years ago, under the sponsorship of the Legion of Mary, and under the leadership of Brother Andrew, FSC, this organization was born.

6 Years of Failure Challenge The Criterion Committee

For the past six years the criterion put up to the students for vote by the council has failed to pass. The fact that no one knows just what a criterion is (both council members and voters) may have had a great deal to do with its failure.

A criterion is defined as a general principle, a standing law or standard by which things are judged. The court judge has legal criteria, or standards, by which he judges the law when a case comes before him.

In the case of our student council, at present and for six previous years, a criterion of qualifications has been needed by which a club wishing to join the student council may be judged. Such a criterion would simply give the minimum qualifications a club must have to enter.

This year a criterion committee has been appointed with the specific purpose of doing something to remedy the failures of the last six years, and it has introduced its first piece of legislation, which has been accepted. It is a seven-step outline of the procedure a club must go through to enter the council.

Though not in itself a criterion, this seven-step procedure is logical because, before a club can be recognized it must first have the means to present its case. This is it. It's either now

Facts About U. S. Foreign Affairs Revealed

In September, 1959, the United States threatened intervention in a foreign country, namely Laos, because of a supposed invasion by communist troops into that area. But, in fact, the entire affair was a fraud.

No military invasion of Laos had taken place. The U. S. government was totally ignorant of the facts.

The Laos fraud and many other incidents of government by misinformation have been brought to light in William J. Lederer's latest book, "A Nation of Sheep." For anyone who has read "The Ugly American" by Lederer and Eugene Burdick, "A Nation of Sheep" is the answer to all the questions implied in "The Ugly American."

"A Nation of Sheep" names places, dates, and persons involved. It states the actual facts of how the U. S. has blundered in foreign affairs and has actually aided our enemies. It states just what the average American should do about

Who Ever Goes To Daily Mass?

During their junior and senior years of high school a number of students enter as many school clubs and activities as they can.

However, there is one phase of school activity which is almost completely overlooked.

By exerting very, very little effort, students can place themselves in a position to reap more benefits than could ever possibly be obtained in any organization. The only requirement is that the students go up one flight of stairs and walk thirty feet into a room. That's all there is to it.

What is this gold mine? It is the Mass. Few students realize the benefits which are lost daily by their absence from the morning Mass in the Speech-Arts Room. Are these rich opportunities to be left untried? It is up to you—Bob Hatton.

The staff of the TALON wish to extend their wishes for a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Effective Leadership Requires Cooperation

Bishop Armstrong has a student council whose duty is to represent the 650 members of the student body; to lead and organize members for any occasion. If the council has any time over from these duties, it may try to embark on one or two projects.

Let us examine the record of the council for the last nine weeks and see how well it has accomplished these duties. There is very little publicity concerning boys' senior class representatives (and this publicity was supplied by the faculty). Only thirty students voted at this election which was seven weeks late. Has the council lost interest in such matters?

If John Q. Student wanted a copy of the school constitution where could he find it? In the student body room where should be? No! Why? Because there are no copies in print. Shouldn't this, the propagation of the constitution, be one of the foremost obligations of the council?

Has the council embarked on any new projects? Yes, a criterion has been presented to the council (the same that was vetoed by the student body last year.) The council, far, has vetoed the criterion and set up a committee to revise it. This committee has asked members of the council for opinions to improve the criterion. Only a negligible number of members have responded with opinions.

Should not the members show a more active interest in the welfare of the government? After all, they are the representatives of the students.

These are shortcomings. It is the responsibility to correct these shortcomings and see that they do not happen again is the responsibility of every member of the council. Of course, the chief responsibility rests with the president. He must have the support of the entire student council to succeed.

—Pete Ramo

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CSFers JEANETTE FRANCOEUR and SANDY SMITH count the beans in the fish bowl. The CSF raffle was sponsored throughout the first part of November. The winning number—11820.

11,820 Ways To Get A Headache

Have you ever wondered how to spend Friday afternoon? You probably came up with a variety of ideas. Perhaps you thought that you could play a game of tennis, go swimming, or do a myriad of other things. Well, if this didn't suit your fancy, perhaps you did what I did one "crazy" afternoon. I counted beans. Yes, that's right, counted beans.

Right now you are probably saying, "This kid's cracked." Well, you're right! Anyone who would spend a whole afternoon counting beans is "cracked." Unfortunately the beans had to be counted so I and some others suffered through 11,820 red beans, little red beans.

Right up to the end they kept telling me that it was all for a good cause. Some one told me it

would help my math, but to tell you the truth I don't think it did. How counting all those beans aided the CSF scholarship fund, I'll never know. If you ask me the only thing it did was to dampen my enthusiasm for baked beans.

Turkey's Secret Confab Crashed By Reporter

By Maureen Lastiri

Informed of a secret meeting of the turkeys of the nation to abolish a great American holiday, a Talon reporter crashed the meeting, which was held last week.

A rebellious spirit was quite evident. Finally, moved to action by the many derogatory speeches that the gobblers made, the reporter mounted the speaker's platform and fearlessly defended the holiday in question despite the hostility of the audience.

While pleading with the conspirators to reconsider their hasty action, the scribe cited peace, prosperity, religious freedom and numerous other personal blessings as reasons for preserving the annual tradition of offering thanks for them.

In conclusion the reporter stated that any self respecting turkey would cheerfully make any sacrifice, no matter how great, to help further this celebration.

At this, a great change of emotion swept the audience and they

They Call This Logic?

By Larry Fodor

On Hallowe'en night I came upon a cat and a mouse. Now mind you, this wasn't a typical cat or a mouse. These two were intellectuals. The cat was a disciple of Plato, while the mouse was a follower of Euclid. They were bald and skinny (typical of that breed of thinkers).

You're in the Book

When students make news, they also make history for their school. Many news-makers have come from Armstrong and a file had to be provided for the events that happened because of them. So all noteworthy items were placed in the "Library Scrapbook."

Not just a volume of dry happenings, the scrapbook holds a vital attraction to those students interested in the school. Did Armstrong really win the game they played against McClatchy in 1957? It's right there in "black and white," carefully preserved by Mrs. McNeill and her assistants.

When the cat was about to eat the mouse, suddenly he said, "you cannot tell me what I am going to do with you, I shall eat but if you can tell me, I shall let you go." The mouse then answered "You are going to eat me." Of course, like all good philosophers, and mathematicians, the spake in Greek.

The cat was perturbed on hearing the mouse's response and sat down to "seek the truth" concerning what he should do. Then he noticed me, from the house of Bishop Armstrong and pleaded with me to settle his problem about what he was going to do with the mouse. I told him to let the mouse go, then catch him again and eat him. The mouse called me an uncouth . . . (I hate little rats) but the cat thanked me for the advice and bade me farewell.

So I departed, and continued my dreary journey in this mathematical twilight zone. On my next stop I encountered three cows, belonging to Sir Isaac Newton. Sir Isaac wanted to know how many of his cows would eat all the grass on six acres of land, in six weeks. Since I am a firm believer in the theory of minding my own business, I suggested that he find the answer for himself.

Then, as I left Newton, a gambler sought me out. "I have one pair of fair dice; the other is loaded so that the possibilities of getting 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, are $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, and $\frac{1}{8}$, respectively. I would like to find the odds of throwing over 7, under 7, and 7 with the pair. I told him to see Newton.

I don't know how, but finally escaped from this land of mazes and puzzles. And from this unusual experience I came to the conclusion: Mathematics — (cow plus cat over mouse plus dice equals logic).

Editor's note: The three questions above were actually asked in the math quiz sponsored by St. Mary's College and the College of the Holy Names.

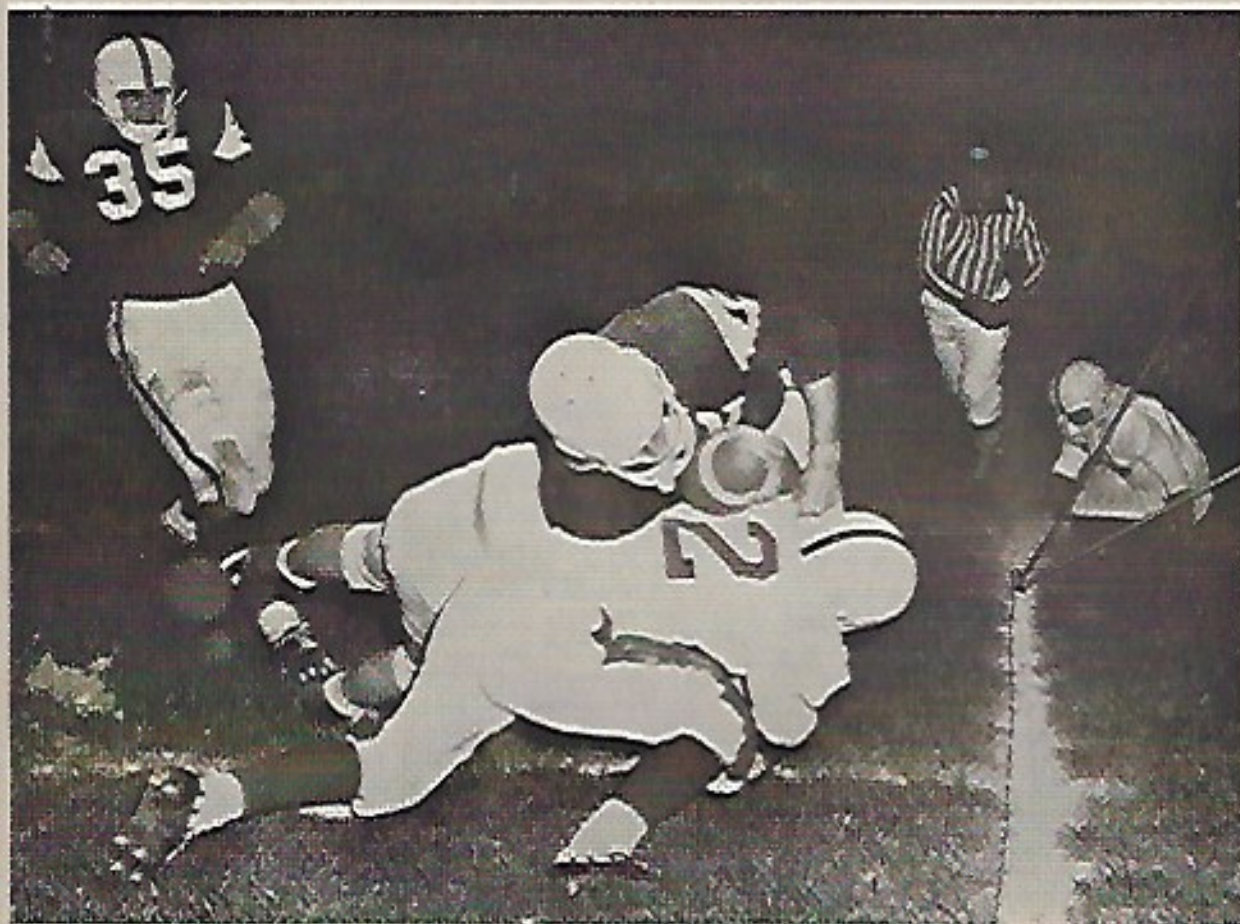


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JOHN ZUPAN (12) brings down one more at El Camino game in defensive play.



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7	1570	237	1807	258.1	12

Defense—Opponents

7	1181	368	1549	221.3	7
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Punts	Att.	Bl.	Yds.	Av.
BA	24	0	787	32.8

Pass	Att.	PC	PInt.	Nyg.	Pt.
BA	55	15	6	237	6

Rush	Tcb.	Nyg.	Av.	Pt.
BA	296	1570	5.3	10

Convert.	Att.	Bl.	Pt.
BA	19	3	12

B. A. Cagers Ready With Five Veterans

With five returning letter-men and some up and coming juniors, another prosperous basketball season is expected. Back-court man Mike Green, who last year was second in scoring only to Paul Rotz, is looking forward to another fine year. Under the boards hauling in rebounds it will be Don Bradley and Doug Crawford, who are 6-4 and 6-3, respectively.

Falcons Prime For Highlands Game

Tonight, at eight o'clock in Grant Bowl, Bishop Armstrong will climax its current grid season with a game against the Highland Scots.

On the Scot's eleven the man to watch is their passing quarterback, Bill Enloe. Enloe has completed 45 per cent of his passes for an average gain of 12 yards. His most frequent receivers are Mason, Hopson, and Green. Highland's passing has made up half of their yardage gained thus far

Another prospect is Jim Welsh, a transfer from Mont La Salle. Welsh has a fine set shot and is big enough to help out on the boards. Juniors Joe Gill and Carl Boyer are starting to take form. Gill, who last year was the leading scorer at C.B.S., has a powerful drive.

This year Armstrong will be facing one of its toughest schedules. In addition to playing in the Capital Valley Conference Tournament, the Falcons will face Orland, Antioch, Courtland and others. Armstrong opens its season against St. Marys of Berkeley on November 24.

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Three In a Row:

Fired Up Falcons Rally From Deficit, Dump Modesto

By Jim Welch

A fired up Falcon eleven's second half rally downed Modesto 21-12 as halfback Dave Rakela rambled for three touchdowns last Saturday for a sparse crowd at Grant Bowl.

The victory gave Armstrong a 6-1-1 record, its best since the championship days of '58, and saved "face" for the capitol city. This lone victory was the only win of the season for a metropolitan area team over a Central California Conference eleven.

Capitalizing on a Panther fumble, a habit the Modestans were forced into because of bruising tackles, Armstrong scored early in the third period on a 14 yard carry by Rakela.

Minutes later the Falcons' tough defense added a safety as a Modesto punt was blocked in the end zone. Armstrong went ahead 8-6. With BA in the lead to stay, Rakela ran for two more touchdowns of 14 and 4 yards.

Stout defense jobs were turned in by Larry Reel and John Zupan who stopped Modesto's passing attack time after time.

Falcons Over Eagles

Coming from a 6-0 deficit Armstrong scored three times in the second half and downed El Camino 19 to 6. Backs, Clark Aldrich and John Zupan combined for 226 yards in the victory.

El Camino drew first blood late in the second period on a line plunge by Barry McFadden. It took the Eagles just nine plays to go 55 yards for the touchdown. The PAT failed as Sabo was stopped short of the goal line.

On the fifth play of the third quarter fullback Aldrich rambled around left end for a 65 yard touchdown run. Mike Clemons promptly kicked the extra point and Armstrong led 7-6.

Minutes later linebacker Don Bradley recovered an Eagle fumble. After six plays quarterback Mike McCarthy scored on a one yard plunge.

Down Warriors 26-20

Although Armstrong won the game 26-20, it lost the services of all-city back Clark Aldrich, who suffered a dislocated elbow when



DON PINTER (24) leads Clark Aldrich (22) through El Camino line for good gainer.

Orland Downs Undefeated B. A. In Closest Game Yet

Orland knocked Armstrong from the rally and defeated the Falcons in a stunning 14 to 13 victory over the Falcons at the Trojans' field on October 13. It was the first loss of the year for Armstrong and Orland's eighth straight win including three wins last season.

Armstrong grabbed an early lead of 7 to 0 and added to it in the third quarter on a 56 yard run by Aldrich. Orland was held scoreless for the first three periods but turned on the steam in the final seven minutes.

The Falcon's first score came after a near touchdown by Orland in the first minute of the game. The Trojans intercepted John McCarthy's first pass and ran it back to the Armstrong 13-yard line. But the Falcons pushed Orland back to the 39 and took the ball over on downs.

Clark Aldrich climaxed Armstrong's 70 yard 11 play drive with a 10 yard run around left end. Clemons kicked the extra point and Armstrong led 7 to 0.

The Falcons scored again in the third quarter on Aldrich's run.

Clemons' kick was wide and the score was 13 to 0.

With the game almost in the bag for Armstrong, Orland took over after Pete Willover's punt went out of bounds on the 38 yard line. Six plays later the Trojans went over for the touchdown and added the extra point.

Orland picked off an Armstrong fumble on the 30 and ran the distance to tie the score 13 to 13. Seconds later the Trojans made the extra point that stole the game from the Falcon's claw.

Falcons Roll Over St. Marys Rams 27-12

Despite the absence of Clark Aldrich, the Falcons rolled on in their march to regain a number one ranking in Sacramento County with a 27-12 victory over the Rams of St. Marys.

Utilizing the running abilities of John Zupan and Dave Rakela, BA rolled to its first score with two minutes left in the first quarter. Rakela capped the drive with a 55 yard jaunt, on a reverse, for the score.

Striking again quickly, the Falcons took advantage of a St. Marys fumble, recovered by Barney Brust, to put another score on the board. This time Zupan had

bounced back in the final quarter to finally quiet all fears of posting another pair of touchdowns and icing the game. John McCarthy sneaked over with the first score of the second half and Zupan, this time at quarterback, accounted for the final tally with his second TD of the evening.

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REQUIEM FOR A LITERARY MAGAZINE

By Larry Fodor

In 1958 Bishop Armstrong High School had a literary magazine. It was published twice a year. In it were selected pieces of writing from the examples of student literary efforts.

In the first magazine this Foreword appeared "... We hope that in the future, what we have begun with high hopes, will be improved and continued by an interested . . . student body; so that this publication of student work may become the means of focusing attention on our best students—and, we hope, potentially professional writers."

The hopes of the TALON staff of 1958, who published the "Literary Magazine" have succumbed by indifference, and thus the magazine has died.

"IN MEMORIAM"

"Literary Magazine," some called him, was a normal literary magazine, mimeographed on pink paper. It yielded to death rather early in its life but seeing that death, a necessary end, will come when it will come . . .

Like all normal living things, Literary Magazine had his friends, and enemies. In our deceased magazine's case, the enemies seemed more dominant so as to cause his fatal departure from the world of live literary magazines.

Many have said that "Literary Magazine" was a good magazine, and so, most likely, on the day of Resurrection of all deceased literary magazines, it will arise from the death and join the living once again.

Yes, with the death of B. A. H. S. "Lit. . . Mag. . .," a potential great of the literary world left us with such nostalgic memories, the magazine was buried.

May it rest in peace. (But, does it?)

SECURITY FOR . . . GAS?

I would like to relate to you a most odd situation I got myself into the other day.

As a lot of people have observed the "Prayer to Know One's Vocation" is printed on a plastic card that is very similar to credit cards. Another thing that enters into this is Brother's suggestion that we place these cards in our wallets, the exact place where you would carry your credit card if you are one of the type of persons that your parents trust one with.

So one morning I was running a little behind schedule but I was also low on petrol for my "wheels," so I pulled into the service station. Being unlucky I got an attendant I knew well and usually enjoy bothering while I have the time, but I was late and he knew it and he knew he had me. He did everything as slow as he could and did everything he could think of. He gave me the works; windshields, water, oil, battery water, transmission fluid, tires, ash trays and rear view mirrors. I tried to stop him but it wouldn't do any good for he would only lose me more time in writing up my ticket.

He got finished and came to get my card and I said to him, "How about if I leave my credit card here as security and come back after school and sign the ticket when I pick it up."

Seeing that he had caused me enough grief he said, "Sure, that will be fine Mr. McGrew."

Revenge was all I could think of as I noticed the time wasted. Out came my prayer card. I thrust it in his hand excitedly, drove off, and came back in two days.

THE BITTER LIFE

A Bored Society Equals A Portrait of Decay

It is afternoon, a few minutes to eternity at any Bishop Armstrong in anyone's mind. Behind the facade of occasionally crowded hallways, unwalked upon grass and comparatively new brick buildings lies the bitter life . . .

The empty stare of a teacher looking out a window as the class at work, looking at anything as long as it's nothing . . . a group of homely girls in the cafeteria talking and laughing louder than anyone else, hoping to be seen . . . the span of daydreams that fills a class when the prayer monitor reminds the class to remember God's presence . . . a confessor in the confessional waiting to hear confessions that never are confessed.

Fat people looking at the weekly menu on the bulletin board . . . students typing to scratchy waltz records . . . dead flowers in front of a chipped statue of the Madonna . . . wide-eyed youths listening to feats of intoxication and escape from the law told by excited sad faces . . . a class started into reality by a book banging on the floor.

The day ends and students return to their lockers filled with old lunches . . . a Brother with a perpetual smile greets unhappy passengers who board his equally perpetual schoolbus . . . a group of

student leaders hold a meeting decide a new angle for another dance . . . a teacher hurries leaves his classroom anxious keep a golf date . . .

And suddenly life, realizing eyes of an onlooker, becomes fearful and covers herself in a veil crowded hallways, unwalked upon grass and brick buildings . . .

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Program Climaxes Campus Life for '61

The student body will attend a closing Christmas assembly this afternoon during 7th period. Bob Southern, student body treasurer, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The holiday program will include a short skit, community singing, selections by the choral group, under the direction of Anton Dorndorf, and a few numbers by Brother Paul's French class.

Sister Peter and Brother Paul handled the planning and supervision of today's entertainment.

Juniors Begin Planning Prom

"Scheherazade" will theme the Junior Prom on March 3. Bob Matarola and his band will provide the music for the dancers from 9 to 12 at the semi-formal affair.

Committee Heads Chosen

Mickey Cox and Larry Clark are co-chairmen of the event. In charge of decorating the hall are Marsha Jensen and Bob Epperson.

Jane Cook and John McCarthy head the publicity committee, while Larry Kenoble and Luana Pinnaco are supervising refreshments. The bids will be selected by Larry Clark and Sue Demmel. Jeff Love and Rosemary Mattos will be chairmen of the cleanup committee.

The band was secured by Mary Lou Stilson and John McCarthy. Bids will be on sale several weeks prior to the event.

Viewers Appreciate Art Classes' Work

The progress of the art department can readily be seen by a short walk through the Administration Building. Both the boys' and the girls' classes have contributed to the creative and original displays showcased there. Appreciative passers-through have admired works ranging from simple drawings to more complicated plaster sculpture. Each artist has put lots of time into his contribution, hoping to reach the desired goal of perfection.



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CHEERFUL HELP is offered by (clockwise) Colleen Flynn, Kathy Sexton, Bob Lera, Pete Laurendeau, and Tim Taormina.

Cafeteria Displays Jolly Reminders of Sacred Season

The Christmas Spirit shone brightly this week in BA's cafeteria. Due to the work of several volunteer students, under the sponsorship of the student council and chairman Colleen Flynn, the hall was decked with colorful displays of the holiday season.

12 Foot Pine

The giant 12 foot pine pictured above was the focal-point of the decorations, which included Santa's, snowmen, and cherubs, all silently reminding

the school of the cheer and charity that should characterize their actions during this happiest of holidays.

Woodcutters Tim Taormina, Larry Reel and Mary Jean Hunt previously felled the huge pine in the Sierra Christmas Tree Preserve.

Boys Donate Apparel To Collection Drive

In conjunction with the Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Drive, the Legion of Mary recently sponsored a drive to gather articles of wearing apparel for the needy overseas.

Many Recipients

Poverty-torn countries such as Korea and Formosa will profit from the generosity of the boys. The clothes will be shipped in bulk to Red Cross centers, orphanages, hospitals, and missions abroad.

Danny Haag and Pete Ratterman supervised the project that

'January Frost' Greet New Year at BAHS

"January Frost," to be held January 6, will be presented Block "A" and the GAA. A dressy-sport dance will be staged in the cafeteria from 8:30 to 11.

Co-Chairmen

Judi Courtney and Don Bradley, leaders of their respective organizations, are co-chairmen of the event. The decorations of the event, which carries out the winter holiday theme, will be headed by Yolanda Mendosa.

Refreshments are under the direction of Jolila Davis, and Dorothy McCormack is in charge of publicity. Don Bradley will supervise the clean-up workers.

Parents' Guild Enjoys Student Performances

Bishop Armstrong's Parents' Guild had a special Christmas meeting last night at 8:00 in the cafeteria. Several students volunteered to entertain the adult group following the monthly business procedure. Jeanette Francoeur was in charge of auditioning and rehearsing the show.

First Date

Mary Linda Porter did a monologue on her first date. Sharon Glavin sang "O Holy Night", and Mickey Cox, Marlene Mikulin, and Joanne Hopkins enacted, "You Can't Get a Man With a Gun." Bart Mondino played the accordion and Pete Veglia did an impersonation routine.

The Talon Staff extends to everyone its wishes for a happy Holiday Season.

54 Hours of Reflection

Campus Will Observe Annual Retreat

For three days the students of Bishop Armstrong will set aside their academic schedules and turn toward spiritual betterment. On January 10-12 the annual retreat will be observed. This year Fr. Hillmann and Fr. Feringo will serve as retreat masters. During this time, they will endeavor to give any assistance that they can to the students.

Full Schedule

During the course of the day, the students will attend three lectures, assist at Mass, have the opportunity to discuss personal problems with the priests, and read spiritual literature.

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"Cheer Up . . . Worst Is Yet to Come" . . .

Negative Notions Never Show a Bright Side

If booing the referee, if riding opposing players is a sign of good sportsmanship, then B.A. has quite a lot of sportsmanship. But if these things are a sign of bad sportsmanship, then we, students of Bishop Armstrong, are indeed poor sports. Of course different people have different thoughts on the subject, and there are those misguided souls who are firm believers in jeering everything that goes against them and care not at all about the dignity of B.A.'s reputation. They think it is part of the game.

School's Reputation

We have done quite a bit of booing this basketball season and it has, no doubt, harmed B.A.'s name.

We admire St. Mary's for their obvious good sportsmanship, all the schools do. That school doesn't boo and it is a good host.

Here we are loud-mouthing at our home games and doubtlessly embarrassing our guests, and our school. Of course, we are great hosts until the going gets rough.

Positive Action

Instead of booing the guests do we ever think of cheering our boys? It's as if the guests have offended us in some way when they score, or get free shots for being fouled. If we are offended when we are bettered, then we do not deserve to win.

Booing is complaining, any way you look at it; it is like whining, a beaten complaint.

Bad Sports

No one deliberately likes to be a bad sport, yet we have been bad sports because we forget the game is not being played entirely for our pleasure, but for the schools and the team members. The referee isn't bribed and he isn't aiding any one side. He doesn't enjoy being booed, for his good calls or for his mistakes.

Booing is no joke, its effect on a student body's reputation are dark. However, the school that plays the good host or the good guest is respected and admired.

Use your own judgment in showing your emotions at games, but think twice about booing.

Hum-m of I.B.M. Breaks Empty Silence at Night

Night has fallen on the campus beneath the cross. The hum of the I.B.M. machine becomes unbearable in the ghostly classrooms.

"The Empty Deadness of a Soulless School at Night"

Inside a typing room a typewriter sounds rebelliously amidst its silent brothers as a tardy reporter frantically meets a deadline. The writer pauses then writes . . . while outside the familiar hallways, veiled in blackness of night, take on an air of intrigue. The gym in the gray blackness of night takes on immense portions and each sound echoes across the floor. In the cafeteria only the odor of a consumed lunch fills a room of empty chairs. Posters posted up by various clubs appear foreign as they beg for dim recognition. The silence is broken only by a barking dog. His bark breaks the misty solitude of the horizon on the field.

Occasionally a light goes off in the Brother's residence or the shades are drawn as the Brother's have become strangely secluded. An insect dies ingloriously of old age amidst the weeds . . . a spider captures a victim . . .

And inside the classroom the typewriter prints the last words of his late article: "The Empty Deadness of a Soulless School at Night . . ."

On New Year's Day all Catholics, sleepy or not, are required to assist at Mass, as it is the feast of the Circumcision, which is a holyday of obligation.



Tracks Made For Running Admits Trampled Reporters

The other day I was walking down the hall, minding my own business (girls). Suddenly I was knocked unconscious by what I assumed to be a "flying mare" or a charging unicorn. As I recovered from my temporary paralysis I managed to stumble into the cafeteria and eat my lunch.

Blue Mondays, Insecurity Frustrate Average Savage

So many ideas of school spirit and morale are bandied about that the end result is confusing. Just what is morale?

"It is the enduring attitude whereby we can come face to face with our difficulties and hopefully and courageously attack them. Too often, when we are faced with a seemingly insurmountable series of difficulties, we just give up in despair with the "give up attitude."

If we indulge in feelings of self-pity whenever things aren't going our way, we are not coping with the situation as nature and intelligent students but rather as insecure children.

If our morale is high, we will do our best to conquer the hardships which beset us, instead of submitting to feelings of depression and frustration.

In order to acquire a high standard of morale and keep it at a constant level we must learn intelligent ways of overcoming our difficulties. Having done this, we can begin to influence those around us by our attitude.

"High morale on campus is dubbed school spirit. We can greatly influence school spirit by morale, courage and determination. Blue Monday is the hardest day of the week.

A cheerful outlook will banish many doubts.

When I regained my usual posture I eliminated the mentioned mythical creature the cause of my fall. After more minutes of contemplation I was convinced that I was hit by one of my fellow students just happened to run into me.

I think that running in the tearing about and such posture are wholly uncouth and unbecoming (especially for those who were trampled by a herd of humans).

Being a peace-loving (chicken) I tried almost all odds to erase such behavior from the campus, but one. As I hope before resorting to such methods, I plead to all runners, athletes, and those to please refrain from putting their talents in the halls. This is a place for everything; running they make tracks, and let us abide by this phrase of social behavior and run around like maniacs.

Council Plans Holiday

The student council has scheduled Thursday, December 21, as the date on which they will hold their holiday dance. Kath is general chairman of the event.

Heading the decoration committee is Tom Kuzmiel. Ratterman is in charge of freshments, and the refreshments will be handled by Bob Kern and his committee. The band is Bob LeBernie Church, while the

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Kelly Artist . . .



Art Classes Welcome Christmas Holidays

Bishop Armstrong has gone "all out" for Christmas this year. In every corner of the school, gay reminders of the Christmas holidays may be seen.

The center of these decorating activities is the girls' art room. During the past two weeks aspiring artists have literally covered the windows with Christmas scenes.

This has not happened without mishaps. It has been said that the enthusiasm of one budding artist was so great she even attempted to paint the outside ledge.

Canvases of different sizes shapes have been turned into Christmas tapestries by the stroke of a brush. Some of these tapestries are as large as rugs.

Color is the keynote of the window scenes. Reindeer with bright red sweaters have been added to the traditional chubby Santa Claus. A quiet village awaiting its share of Christmas "loot" completes the room-length mural.

A trainload of gifts overlooks the girls' corridor but this is only a beginning. Statues, made by last year's art classes, form the main tableau in the Administration Wing. There is some speculation concerning the little visitors who came in last year's straw. A repeat performance by the mice seems to distress those concerned with the project.

Manger scenes painted on the first and second floor windows complete the decorations.

All of this brings to mind a very bothersome thought. How are they going to clean all those windows?

Are You Lucky? Can You Survive?

Today's the day! Christmas vacation has finally arrived. Two weeks and one day of no homework, no tests, no worries . . . or is it?

Think for a moment. Just how much rest did you get during last year's vacation? I imagine, if you're as disorganized as I, you did more during vacation than you usually do during the regular school time.

The whole question is, "Will you get any rest this year?" There is only one way to find an answer to this difficult preponderance. Draw up an imaginary plan for the vacation. Then look at it and you will soon see that you will never accomplish all the things you have listed. Why? That's simple. There just isn't that much time during the two weeks.

Christmas shopping will fully take all the time for the first

Scientists Prove Armstrong Center Of Dread Disease

Are you a chronic contest taker? Well, if you are, you are only one in millions who suffer from "contestitis." It's a serious disease and contagious.

Here at Armstrong it is impossible to conquer this disease. As a matter of fact, Armstrong is the center of the disease. BA has more contests than one could enter.

"Who's Freddie?" started a whole series. Before this contest, you enjoyed relative peace and quiet.

As for outside contests which are connected to the school, they're really something.

The Extension Teen Board contest required the analyzing of the entire October issue of the magazine plus a 500 word essay. The prize, if won, would not only compensate the seven participants needed to complete the quest, but a trip to Chicago plus a \$500 scholarship.

One of the most unusual contests ever held at Armstrong was the CSF bean raffle. It was either a piece of mathematical genius or a wild guess that brought Nancy Ferguson with 100 beans of the actual number.

All in all experts agree — if you are constantly exposed to "contestitis," you'll finally succumb. See you at the next contest!

week. You will be lucky if you aren't still shopping on Christmas Eve.

Then there is the problem of wrapping all these presents. If you are the proud possessor of thumbs, this will take quite a bit of time.

Once you make it through the holiday proper, you just might manage to survive the rest of vacation. If you do, you will be one of the lucky ones.

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Topping Bella Vista and Napa Makes Three Straight For BA

The Armstrong Basketeers made three in a row by beating Bella Vista 55-31 in their fourth game of the season. Senior Mike Green netted 25 points, on 12 field goals and one free throw. Forwards Don Bradley and Doug Crawford controlled the boards, as each nabbed eight rebounds.

Armstrong outscored the Broncs in every quarter and led at half time 26-14. Again it was the expert defensive play of guard, John Runstetter, which plagued Bella Vista throughout the game.



DON BRADLEY, BA's top rebounder shoots for 2.

Over Napa

By topping Napa 47-35 Armstrong made it two in a row. The Falcons controlled the boards by nabbing 41 rebounds to the losers with Falcon Don Bradley accounting for 12 of these recovered rebounds.

Doug Crawford paced the Falcons by putting in six field goals

and three free throws. Armstrong hit 20 for 44 from the floor for a 48 percent average. Junior Joe Gill scored two field goals, putting Armstrong ahead for good.

Girls Plan Playdays For GAA Activities

Playdays star in the athletic future of the Bishop Armstrong's girls this year. These playdays will feature various sports which all of the girls with sporting blood admit they enjoy. The schools that Armstrong's G.A.A. will compete with in volleyball and basketball games will host the events.

The girls will try their skill at bowling on the first playday scheduled for December 2nd at Norte Del Rio High. All sports will be available at the playday January 13 at La Sierra. The event will end late in May with swimming and spring sports at Woodland and the Grant District Invitational.

In the immediate future, the girls' varsity squad will meet Lor-



TALON SPORTS Alumni Game Success For All But Team

Previewing of this year's Falcon's took place on Tuesday, November 21 at the annual Mission Benefit basketball game. Despite the 33-36 upset, Falcon Coach Dick Sperbeck, felt that the hoopers are headed for a successful season.

Leading the Falcons in scoring was Doug Crawford, who scored 16 points.

Paul Rotz, beside leading the alumni's plays, also was the high scorer with 13 points.

Admission was charged everyone, even the officials, with the \$225 gate going to the missions.

etto High for the annual volleyball game. Friendly rivalry runs high between the two schools.

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CAGERS COP CONSOLATION TROPHY AT STAGG, 58-57

Armstrong won the consolation championship of the Stagg Tournament, by topping Tracy 58-57. The Falcons led at intermission 35-33 and never lost the lead.

Senior Doug Crawford led the scoring with 21 points even though he fouled out in the third quarter. Forwards Don Bradley and Mike Green followed with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Armstrong controlled the boards by out rebounding the Bulldogs 48 to 16. Bradley was credited with 20 rebounds while Green hauled in 11. Forward Joe Gill had six points by pushing in three field goals.

The win was the Falcon's fifth against two losses.

DUMP LINCOLN

Falcons scored an easy 52-37 victory over Lincoln of Stockton in the consolation tilt. Forward Mike Green led in the scoring department by netting 17 points. Green also accounted for 11 of Armstrong's 52 rebounds.

Midway in the second period Coach Dick Sperbeck pulled out the first string and Lincoln surged to a 21-20 halftime lead. However in the third quarter the Falcons' first string put on the pressure and compiled a 35-26 advantage. Juniors Joe Gill and Carl Boyer netted eight and six points respectively.

SQUEAK BY TRACY

Armstrong was stopped 64-33 by Edison, in the first game of the Stagg Tournament.



JUMP BALL between the Alumni and Varsity helped the missions in the \$225.00 benefit game.

32-7 Win Over Highlands Ends Tremendous Season

With a 32-7 win over Highlands, Armstrong brought its 1961 football season to a 7-1-1 close. The Falcons scored late in the first quarter when linebacker, Don Bradley scooped up a blocked punt and raced 46 yards for a touchdown. Quarterback Mike Clemons pitched to halfback John Zupan and Armstrong led 7-0. In the third quarter the Falcons exploded for three touchdowns. Zupan intercepted a Highlands pass and four plays later went in for the score. Clemons then passed to Bradley for the PAT.

Minutes later the Falcons scored again. Quarterback John McCarthy tossed a 46 yard pass to end Glenn Borges for the touchdown. The extra point failed.

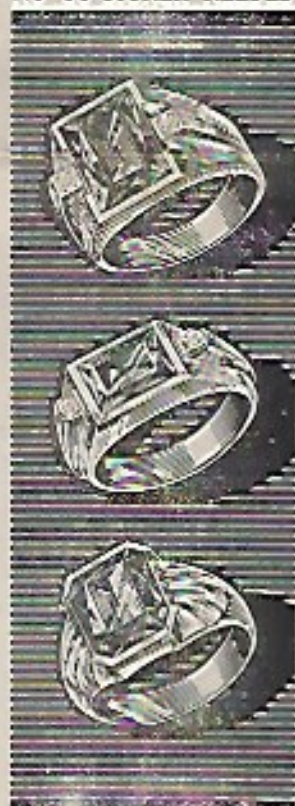
Late in the third quarter defensive back Don Pintar intercepted a pass on the Highlands 46 yard line. Eight plays later halfback, Dave Rakela, went over right guard for the score. Armstrong then led 26-0.

In the final quarter the Falcons struck again. Reserve half, Dan Knappman, raced 65 yards for a touchdown. The extra point failed when Clemons' kick was blocked.

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BA Drops One to St. Marys, 58-50 Recovers Against Marysville, 55-48

The Armstrong eagles lost their first game of the season, 58-50, to St. Mary's of Berkeley. Although the Falcons had a six point lead in the first quarter, they were outscored in the remaining three periods. Backcourt man Doug Crawford led both teams in the scoring department with 23 points. With 1:50 left

GREEN SELECTED

Mike Green, Falcon All-City baseball and basketball player, was awarded the top prep baseball award by the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce at the Awards Banquet, Dec. 9.

Green was chosen over such athletes as Don Semon (signed with Boston Red Sox for \$35,000) and others.

Green pitches and plays outfield.

the Falcons were trying to protect a one point lead, when Gael guard Art Jamison was fouled. Jamison connected on both free throws to put St. Mary's ahead 51-50.

The Gaels then scored seven more points with no Falcon retaliation.

First Win

The Falcons got back on the right foot by downing Marysville 55-48 in their first win of the year. Armstrong was led by seniors Doug Crawford and Mike Green, who netted 16 points each. The Falcons compiled a 33-21 half

All City Elections End FB Season

By JERRY FLEWELL

Two Falcons, John Zupan and Clark Aldrich, were elected to the 1961-62 Sacramento Bee-KFBK All City Football Team. Aldrich and Zupan, along with Barney Brust and Don Bradley, also made the Sacramento Union's Team.

This was the climax to the best football season Bishop Armstrong has seen in its six years of existence. The team's record of 7 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie will be long remembered and an inspiration to upcoming teams.

time lead and the reserve team coasted to the win.

Forwards Don Bradley and Pat Geary combined to account for 60 percent of the rebounds.

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Volleyball Inter-Class Stats Up to Dec. 1

SENIOR CLASS

JUNIOR CLASS

"The Holiday Life:"

Sleep in Unheavenly Peace

Christmas is approaching and throughout the land cries of "Alleluia" pierce the cold air of winter. A teacher wishes his class Merry Christmas as half of them scramble out of his room and he stares vacantly at you as if he understands that nothing is really wrong in this the best of all seasons of the year.

Sad young girls in the blue garb of the Salvation Army stare despairingly into the expressionless faces of the mass of uniformly confused shoppers. In department stores young and old men wish youngsters a "Merry Christmas" and you wonder whether the face behind the cotton mask has been smiling since the time when you sat uncomfortably on his knee.

Jewish mothers telling their children the "legend" of the first Christmas . . . people drinking bottled egg nog and listening to a tired recording of White Christmas . . . youthful carolers in hospitals singing "Joy to the World" as they pass a deaf man's room . . . a student feeling relieved of his holiday obligation as he brings a can of peas for the Food Basket.

In the dark hours of Christmas Eve, tree vendors warming their hands in the heart of the fire of burning trees . . .

German pupils singing Spanish songs to a smiling but ignorant audience at the Christmas pageant . . . daughters of Rebekah exchanging boxes of stationery at their annual Christmas party . . . students eating lunch ignoring a sad looking tree which punctuates the lifeless activity of the cafeteria . . .

And then somewhat anti-climatically and all adore the babe in the manger as he sleeps in unheavenly peace . . .

Will You Use Eggs To Hail New Years?

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot . . . and days of Auld Lang Syne . . ." now a familiar, almost traditional song of "ringing in" the New Year.

Undoubtedly you would be surprised if a friend came up to you and gave you an egg, but this was the custom of the ancient Persians on their New Year. Since the egg hatches into new life it signified much the same as we mean when we say we are "turning over a new leaf."

Queen Elizabeth I acquired over a hundred pairs of gloves by the custom taken from the Romans of giving gifts on New Years to the emperor. "Open houses" are held today in deference to the earlier custom of formal visiting.

New Year's Eve is a much celebrated night when everybody watches the New Year come in. The New Year is acknowledged with many resolutions which are broken as soon as the novelty fades.

RESURRECTION OF LITERARY MAGAZINE TRIGGERS HOPES

At that time very few people came to bring spices, that they may annoy the last remains of the Bishop Armstrong Literary Magazine. On the second day of the second week of November few writers from the Talon staff came to the tomb. And those that came were saying to one another, "Who will roll the stone of indifference back from the entrance to the tomb for us?"

And looking up they saw that the stone had been rolled back from the entrance of the cave for it was very large. But on entering the tomb they saw a junior clothed in a soiled white robe and wearing "frat" shoes, and they were amazed.

He said to them, "Do not be frightened. I am going to help resurrect the Literary Magazine who was foully disposed of by the disinterested barbarians of the A. L. A. (anti-literary association). Go now and tell all that you meet that the magazine is risen and on its way. Tell intellectuals and non-intellectuals alike that it shall be seen in your midst again and you will see its glory again."

And behold they went away each to his own home to spread the good word to their met. And when they heard, the people praised revival of this potential god of the literary world and were exceedingly glad . . .

Editors Cramp Writers' Itch

With the birth of newspapers a new breed of men, the journalists came into being. Take a look at the three types of journalists.

First we have the editor. They're a mean bunch. They see themselves as enlightened despots, willing to drive all porters to their inevitable ward—ulcers.

Second, we have the columnist or feature writers. Columnists given most of the recognition of the public.

Third, we have the back of the newspaper in the form of reporters. They are the down-to-earth of all three of newspapermen. Reporters ally pursue a never ending for "the story."



Merry Christmas
to you and your family
from

Walter Christensen's
EASTERN

STUDENT BODY officers for the second semester are (l. to r.), Tim Taormina, treasurer; Donald Bradley, president; Jeannie Freyberg, vice president; and Nancy Ferguson, secretary.



Bradley, Freyberg Elected To Head Student Gov't

Decorating the school corridors last month were campaign posters for eight hopeful candidates for student body office. The final results of the election were announced amid cheers and groans on January 26th. The duties and responsibilities of Student Body President rest on the shoulders of Don Bradley. The presidency is not a new experience for Don because this past semester he served as president of the Block "A". During the football season he was All-City, and at present he is on the first string basketball team.

Newcomer Is Veep

Coming from Spokane is the new student body Vice-Presy Jeannie Freyberg. In her first semester at BA she held membership in CSF and was on the honor roll. She will replace Kathy Sexton as parliamentarian for the Student Council.

Taking charge of the Student Council minutes and official correspondence and head of the Junior Red Cross occupied most of Nancy's time during the first semester. While at St. Joseph's, Nancy was Vice President of the Student Council.

Taormina Treasurer

Tim Taormina will handle the school's finances in the capacity of Treasurer. During his junior year, Tim served as Class Representative, at which time he headed the planning of the Junior Prom. While at Christian Brothers he also acted as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Father Thomas Leaves For New Assignment

Father Sylvester Thomas was recently transferred to the Los Angeles diocese at his own request. He wishes to be near his home be-

Senior Girls Attend Graduates' Dinner

Highlighting the senior girls' recent activities was their annual dinner held this year on February 14, in the Armstrong cafeteria. Moriarty and Pat Raikes, in charge of the menu, planned the meal around a baked ham entree. Ten mothers assisted the cafeteria workers in the preparation of the meal.

Pep Club Holds Tame 'Twist' Hop

Eleanor Stassi and Bernie Church headed the Pep Club sponsored dance last Saturday night, February 10. Gene Connelly and his band provided the music for the dance.

Valentine Theme

The "Valentine Twist" theme was tastefully carried out with hearts and streamers. Focal point of the decorations was a large heart accenting the silhouettes of two "twisters." Claudia Ceccarelli and Cliff Russell were chairmen of the committee.

Carol Fagunes and Dick Cisneros were in charge of the publicity. Bonnie Donato made arrangements for the band and Janet Sherley and Colleen Flynn took care of the refreshments.

Helen Maney's serving committee was composed of several junior girls. Micki Morgan headed the entertainment program.

The Valentine's Day theme was carried out by Claudia Ceccarelli's decorating committee.

Class Prophecy

Micki Morgan, Frances Church, Eva Basich and Franco Corstiglia read the class prophecy, which they wrote. This was followed by the announcement of the new Senior homeroom representatives.

Other committee chairmen assisting Mary Jean Hunt, general chairman of the affair, were Helen Kloepfel, chairman of the finance and Diane Spinella, in charge of invitations.

Faculty Invited

Sister M. De Sales and Ms. Barnhini, were moderators of the planning group. Invitations were extended to the entire girl faculty.



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JESUITS WILL VISIT ARMSTRONG TO CELEBRATE BYZANTINE RITES

On March 30th in the gymnasium the students at Bishop Armstrong will participate in the Byzantine Catholic Liturgy. A Russian Rite Mass will be offered that day by either Father Andree Urusov, S. J. or Father Karl Patzeit, S. J., from San Francisco. The purpose of the Mass is to promote better understanding between the different rites. Because the offering of a Russian Rite Mass requires many things not used in our own Latin Rite Mass, the students of various classes and clubs are furnishing the articles that are needed.

The art classes are painting the necessary icons for the Mass, and the boys are building the Iconostasis while the girls are sewing the covers for the altar and tables.

Display in Hall

In the hall of the Administration Building there is a display of a miniature model of the objects used in offering the Mass.

IN MEMORIAM

Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of the stepfather of Pat

Juniors Plan 'Scheherazade' Prom Theme



A Persian decor of red and gold

HONOR ROLL

Girls—A Honor Roll

Kathy Sexton
Mary Jean Hunt
Gayle King
Helen Tevlin
Laura Walton
Sydney West

Girls—B Honor Roll

SENIORS
Marlene Apps
Frances Church
Jeannette Francour
Jeannie Freyberg
Janice Joyer
Tom Marshall
Michelle Morgan
Anne Pierce
Patricia Raikes
Gini Reynolds
Susanne Sickles
Sandra Smith
Joelynn Stealey
Mary Steinsaver
Deborah Young

JUNIORS
Yolanda Arill
Frances Baida
Margaret Carter
Marsha Cullivan
Catherine Drinkwater
Ann Federico
Pamela Freese
Sharon Gordon
Ann Gutowski
Barbara Haley
Virginia Hobered
Laura Landry
Connie Leung
Diane Moore
Lanna Pinasco
Kathleen Quinn
Sharon Sodeman
Mary Lou Stilian
Susan Yonker

Boys—A Honor Roll

SENIORS
Robert Lera
Herbert Rooney
Jerry Lafferty
Bruce Pyle
Eugene Rafferty

JUNIORS
Lawrence Clark
Thomas Laska
Bart Mondino
Fred Oliver
Lawrence Podar

Boys—B Honor Roll

SENIORS
Alan Fenech
Peter Ferris
Robert Haton
Thomas Madden
John Sharp
John Brunstetter
Stephen Proctor
Bernard Brust
William Granucci
Ishmael Rasul
John Wallace

JUNIOR
William Bokan
William Fisher
Theodore Herms
Lawrence Swoboda
Joseph Gill
Donald Ross
William Harvey
Victor Melnikoff
Johnvan Shan
Thomas Tayer

The couples will dance to the music of Bob Matarola and his

Student Administration Takes Big Step

The student government at Bishop Armstrong is not in a position to do anything earth-shaking. Its constitutional purpose is to cooperate with the faculty administration. Thus it does things the faculty would otherwise omit, such as arranging dances; organizing special events, rallies, charter-busses and other functions dealing with the student body.

Efficiency, then, is the gauge of a council's usefulness. Then also, council offices are not merely honorary offices but have specific functioning duties.

This past administration did well in most of what it could do. The president was conscientious—he held about eight off-campus meetings to discuss government operations—and hard working.

His administration was the first in six years that succeeded in passing a criterion for judging clubs desiring to join the council, and it also put part of the treasury money into a savings account to gain interest.

The council sponsored two dances, decorated the cafeteria at Christmastime, and provided entertainment for the Parents Guild meeting, among other things.

The government was lacking slightly in chartering busses to football games and in having a B.A. representative at the safety council, and at one meeting there was not a quorum. These were errors but they were not glaring and were by no means a condemnation of the government.

Bishop Armstrong student government is still maturing. It has only been in existence six years. Each year the government will gradually become smoother, more

Retreat Resolutions Broken Already?

The week of January 10-12, the entire student body made a retreat, and judging by the cooperation of the students it was, for the most part, a success. During the time of the retreat our spiritual life was enkindled again with the fire of Christ's love.

Our souls were "ignited" with sanctifying grace received through Mass and the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.

The extra graces given us through the retreat were sufficient to enable us to make an attack on the problems of our spiritual life. Our spiritual "fires" burned stronger and brighter than ever.

But just as a fire slowly changes from bright licking flames to lifeless ashes, the symbol of decay, and burns itself out unless it is continually refueled, so too our resurgence of spiritual life may be burning itself out. It may be reducing itself to ashes if we are not refueling it with graces made available through daily Mass and Communion.

We must endeavor to continue in the spirit of the retreat or else we will find ourselves slipping back into the same position in which we found ourselves just before the retreat.

All our good works and endeavors will be reduced to ashes unless we work to keep those flames of spiritual life alive and roaring efficient and useful to the school. This past administration was a big step in that direction.

EVEN SENIORS MISTAKE MEANING OF EDUCATION

What does an education really mean to you? Does it mean a year of avoiding work for a few years? Do you think that you fully understand what a good education actually is? Webster's dictionary defines an education as "the impartation or acquisition of knowledge, and the discipline of character." Taking the root of the word, the Latin *educere*, which means to lead forth or to draw out, we can form its meaning in a more general sense.

An education is an unfolding or enriching with regard to knowledge and skill, and a fulfillment of the intrinsic nature of a person. Nowhere is it stated that an education is a footstool for monetary gain or material wealth.

An education is a privilege which which millions of people are denied, yet it is taken so for granted by many people that its value is overlooked. A person should seek to increase his knowledge so he can better understand this world

and thus make his contribution however small, to its welfare.

Far too many people take a pragmatic view that they will only study what will enable them to get a good job and become wealthy. They find it hard to understand why they are forced to take subjects which to them have no practical value for the future.

A good education should be desired so that a person may truly full and rich life, be able to better appreciate this world, his material success or failure, and avoid incidental and insignificant

WHERE'S THE FLAG

What sets Bishop Armstrong High apart from every other school in the nation on weekday mornings? It is something very simple—something which is taken for granted at most schools and completely overlooked at B.A. It is the raising of the flag.

How many of our patriotic students have noticed that for weeks the image of the United States and California flags rippling in the breeze high above the ground in front of school has been purely imaginary? Probably very few have noticed and even they didn't bother to say anything. That shows just how much attention we give the flag.

Although the duty of raising and lowering the flag is relegated to the groundsman, who has perhaps forgotten, it should not be his job to raise the flag. Nor should the Brothers be charged with it, for they are busy enough. It should be a matter of pride among the student body that one or several students take care of the flag.

The students should be especially proud to fly their country's flag since the school received so much publicity concerning the C.I.F. They should be willing to accept the responsibility of citizenship along with the privileges.

In some high schools the flag raising is an important ceremony performed just before school begins and the attention of the entire student body is required.

This ceremony is not necessary

SORRY STAFF

The TALON has over the following members of the staff:

Margaret Olsen, Diane Pam Downs, Mary Ann Lillian Dufra.

WIT 'N WISDO

An Englishman thinks a Frenchman, standing; a Frenchman, pacing; an Irishman, ward—Austin O'Malley

England and America are countries separated by language. G. B. Shaw

Man is the only animal that blushes or needs to.

It is a luxury to be un-

—R. W. I.

FATHER THOMAS

(Continued from page 1) school was opened. Thomas has taught all the courses the entire time served as director of counseling to the entire body.

Father Edward Christ of St. Peter's, welcomed Thomas as his assistant years ago, and the town was hard to put the new

Hymn to a Hero:

E.B.'s Secret Hobby Relieves World's Baser Frustrations

Once upon a time in the land of Contradiction there lived a man named E. B. Auctor. E. B. was not an imposing man, his one ambition was to be accepted by the elite of the town. He read all of Dale Carnegie's and Emily Post's books in the hope of realizing this end.

Little by little by watching closely what the upper crust was doing and wearing, he gained in social stature. Once he had achieved this goal he found it hopelessly anticlimactic. He then visioned himself as



BROTHER JUSTIN, F.S.C., a new faculty member, is interviewed by TALON reporter, Nancy Ledden.

BA Acquires New Banjo Player

Armstrong has again opened its doors to the new faculty. One additional name to the list is the name Brother Justin, F.S.C.

Brother Justin was reared in Bakersfield where he attended the Christian Brother's School, a co-instructional high named Garces High School.

From there he went to Mont La Salle novitiate near Napa. Brother Justin comes from St. Mary's College in Moraga. He has been assigned the teaching of one class of Spanish and three classes of typing.

Although Brother is not teaching it, his major was economics.

Among Brother's list of hobbies are included sports and music. He plays both the banjo and guitar and finds folk music most enjoyable. When asked if he

sang, his response was: "What's the use of playing if no one sings?"

According to Brother, he likes most sports, especially football. In both his grammar and high school days he was on the teams.

His reaction to the idea of a co-instructional school was favorable as he himself attended one.

"The spirit of Armstrong seems real good except that the yelling seems awfully weak compared to the 800 male voices I am used to."

As this goes to press, Brother is racing home to practice his banjo.

The Sodality Elects Jeanette Francouer

With the closing of the first semester the Sodality once again have elected their leading officers. The office of prefect will be turned over to Jeanette Francouer by her predecessor Sharon Glavin.

Susan Waymire, the past vice-prefect, will be replaced by Jodie Houy. Margaret Hamilton will succeed Roene Duncan in the office of secretary.

The money will be guarded by Mary Doyle, taking over Veronica Konesky's office as treasurer.

Missioners Visit School

Sisters Mary Aloisius and Cristina, members of the Medical Missionaries of Mary came to Armstrong last week to ask for prayers, money, and sacrifice.

Their congregation which was founded in 1920 has missions all over Africa. Sister Mary Aloisius has worked at many of these mission stations, including a leper colony.

The Sisters brought with them a film showing their work in Afri-

ca. It illustrated the great need for medical aid in the areas where the Sisters are working.

A leper colony formed the main feature of the film. Also, in the film was St. Luke's Hospital which is the largest hospital the Sisters have in Africa.

During the question and answer period, Sister Aloisius stated that there were many vocations among the natives with whom they work. The biggest obstacle to overcome, she said, is the witchdoctor.

The Sisters have been in Sacramento for the last three weeks.

BA Gains New Teachers

Semester's end brought faculty changes and new teachers to Bishop Armstrong High School. Father Schons, who formerly taught Spanish in both the girls' and boys' language departments, is the new librarian.

Replacing Father in the Spanish classes is Mrs. Marian Irving. She will teach in both language departments.

Mrs. Olive McNeill, former Armstrong librarian, has accepted the position of head librarian in one of the city's new schools.

CFS Hosts Meeting

The importance of good reading and Newman Club will be the topics of the night meeting to be sponsored by the girls of the California Scholarship Federation.

Mr. Oliver Durant and Miss Margaret Harrison, both of the Sacramento City College campus, will be the guest speakers at the discussion. Mr. Durant will speak about reading while Miss Harrison will give some background on the activities of Newman Clubs in Sacramento.

A question and answer period will follow the main lecture.

Cookies, punch and coffee, furnished by the C.S.F. will be served after the meeting.

Co-chairmen of the talks are Toni Marshall and Mary Doyle.

All faculty members, students, and parents have been invited to attend the affair to be held in the near future.

Sodalists Sponsor Fashion Modes On Night of 27th

Sodalists are busily preparing for their annual fashion show which will be held Tuesday, February 27th in the school cafeteria. Decorations for the event will be around the Seattle's World theme. Multi-colored balloons and gay flags add to the fair atmosphere.

The main decorative centerpiece will be a surprise to those attending the event. Other decorations will include travel posters and centerpieces. Sodality will serve as hostesses to greet the patrons.

Models for the show will be chosen from students who attend Bishop Armstrong. They will be chosen from both Sodality and non-Sodality. A representative from Marlene's Department Store of Southgate Shopping Center will select those who will participate in the show. Boys' fashions will be furnished by the Boys' Society.

Sister Mary Peter, Sodality moderator, has announced that May Hoefling will be the general chairman of the show. She will be assisted by Jeanette Francouer and Mary Doyle.

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Orland Tops Falcon Five

Opening the annual Orland Jam-boree, the Falcons set down Anderson 52-36. It was a comparatively easy victory as Armstrong opened a 15-8 first quarter and never fell behind. The sharp shooting of Doug Crawford led all scorers as he picked up 20 markers.

Guard Mike Green boosted his season's average by putting in 19 points. Anderson is currently ranked 5th in Superior California with a 15-3 average.

Overpowered by height and sharp shooting, Armstrong bowed before Orland 70-52. All American Myron Erickson led the Trojan attack with 23 points. Orland opened up a 33-28 halftime lead and were never in trouble.

Seniors Doug Crawford and Mike Green led the Falcons each netting 13 points.



TALON SPORTS

B.A. WINS 15th AT HIGHLANDS

Getting off to a fast start blended with strong defense work, paved the way for a 30-15 Armstrong win over Highlands. The game was highlighted by Bradley's rebounding and Mike Green's ball control. Green led scorers, compiling 16 points.

Armstrong led 20-17 at the end of the first half and never lost the lead. Highlands couldn't get going as they were held to 11 points in the second half. The victory gave Armstrong a 15-7 season's record.

B.A. FORWARD DOUG CRAWFORD shovels in bucket in game against McClatchy. The basket was good but it wasn't enough to take the game. —Picture courtesy of Bee

Green, Crawford Pace Falcons to 3-3 Mark

Dropping their second game in less than a week Armstrong fell before McClatchy 47-36. During the first half the Falcons led by as many as six points but after two quarters the score was 22 all. Late in the third quarter Lion Mike Syas put the Lions ahead to stay.

Falcon Doug Crawford and Syas tied for scoring honors, each with 14 points.

Hitting for his season's high, Doug Crawford led Armstrong to a 57-40 victory over Antioch. Antioch kept pace in the first half, trailing 21-20. However, in the third quarter Armstrong outscored the losers 18-8.

Double Overtime

Two foul shots were the difference as Norte Del Rio upset Armstrong 47-46 in a double overtime loss.

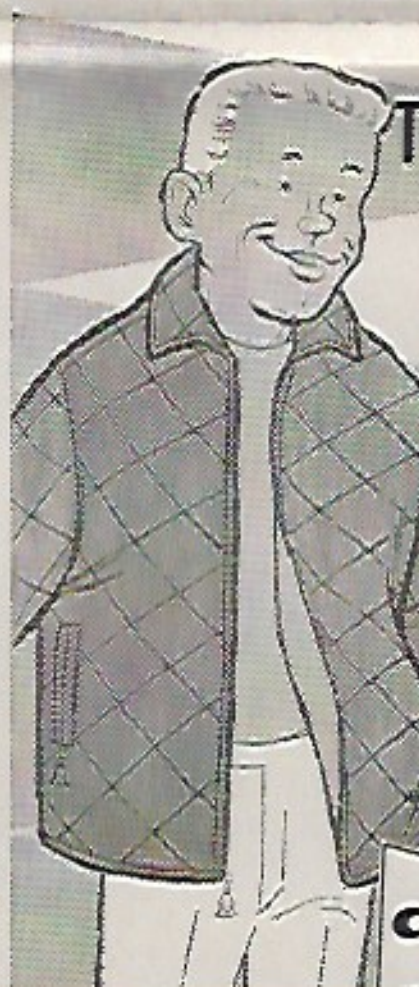
Behind the sharp shooting of Doug Crawford, the Falcons pinned down Johnson 49-41. Armstrong took an early lead and led at half time 33-19.

Crawford was hot at the foul line as 11 of his 17 points came on free throws. Junior Joe Gill hit for 13 points. Center Don Bradley dumped in ten points for the winners.

Armstrong, using a 12-minute stall, cooled off Sacramento 35-29. The Falcons, led by Joe Gill had a hot first half, leading 25-18. However, in the third quarter Armstrong froze the ball.

The Falcons didn't score a point during the period and held the Dragons to one basket.

For the second time this season, McClatchy downed Armstrong 45-42. Led by corner man Ed Sullivan the Lions erased the Falcon's seven-point lead. Armstrong had its own way for three quarters



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GILL HITS 19

Joe Gill netted 19 and Doug Crawford 14 to lead Armstrong to a 55-43 victory over Woodland. The Falcons led at half time 33-22 and from there, they never fell behind.

It was Gill's best night as a Falcon, sinking seven field goals and 5 free throws. Tall Don Bradley controlled both the offensive and defensive boards as he led in rebounds.

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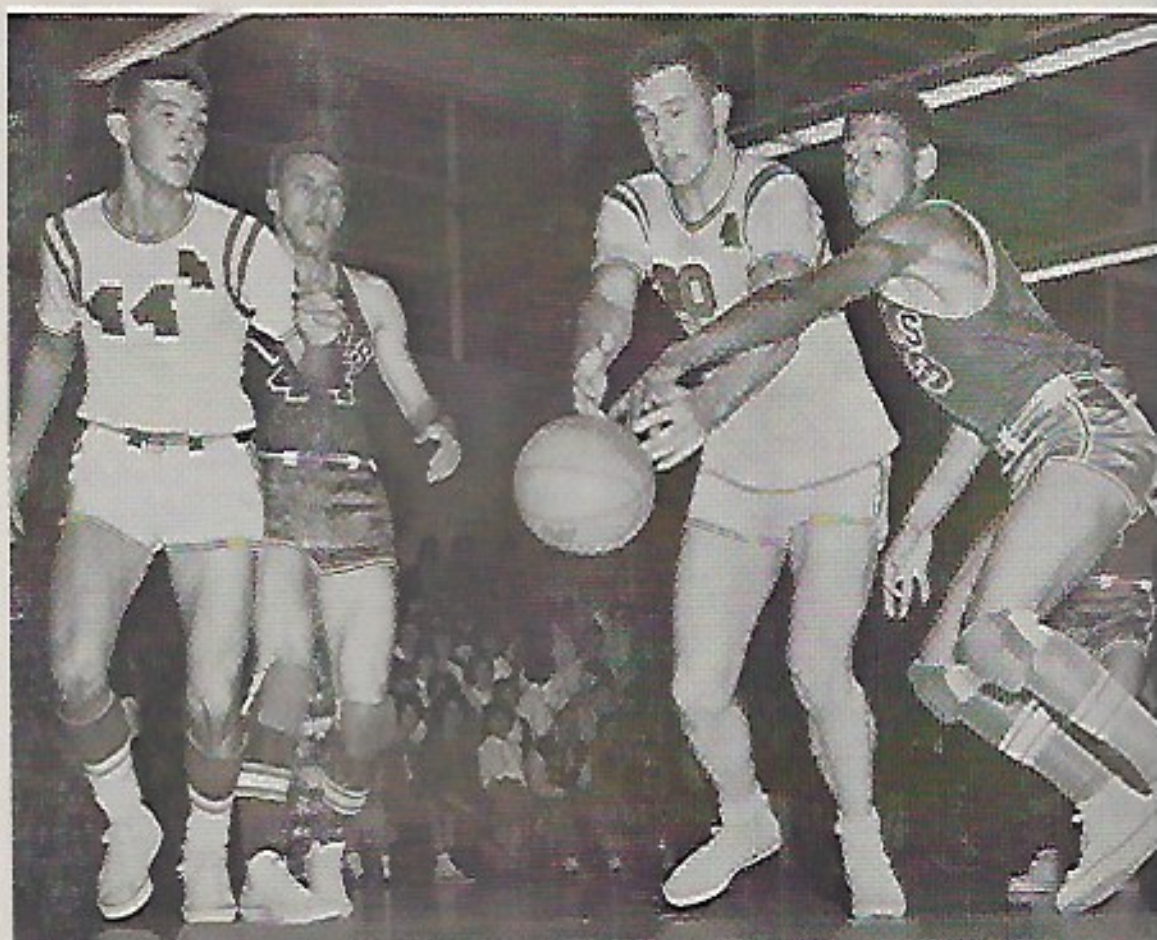
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WITH A DESPERATE ATTEMPT, Mike Syas of McClatchy lunges to steal the ball from Don Bradley as forward Doug Crawford moves in to assist. —Picture courtesy of

Norte Bows To BA 55-48

Avenging an earlier defeat, Armstrong downed Norte, 55-48. Four Falcons hit in double figures as Armstrong compiled an early lead and never fell behind. Paul Pulati led all scorers with 15 points.

Forward Joe Gill netted 15 points and Mike Green 14 for the winners. Senior, Don Bradley controlled the boards as he grabbed 23 rebounds.

After trailing by 10 points at the half, the Dons came within three points of the Falcons in the fourth quarter but could not catch up.

Cagers Cop Consolation 52-48 at Capitol Class

Participating in the first annual Capitol Valley Conference strong fell before San Juan 39-32. After getting off to a slow start, the Falcons closed the gap to seven points at the half. In the second half Armstrong came within one point of winning but couldn't hold the lead. Seniors Doug Crawford and Don Bradley netted 13 points respectively for the Falcons.

Bouncing back from a first round defeat, the Falcons put down Bella Vista 56-36. Corner man Mike Green spearheaded the attack by dumping in 21 points and leading in rebounds. Armstrong led by only two points at the end of 16 minutes.

However, in the second half the Falcons turned it on, out-scoring their opponents 35-13. Guard Doug Crawford netted 11 points in the winning cause.

By virtue of a 52-48 win over Encina, the Falcons captured the consolation in the Capitol Valley Conference Tournament. Again it was the leadership of Mike Green

followed Green by sinking 10 points. For Green's efforts he was voted to the tournament all-star team.

FALCONS WIN IN OVERTIME

Combining some accurate outside shooting by Seniors Doug Crawford and Mike Green with fine rebounding by Don Bradley enabled Armstrong to pull out a 58-54 win over Grant Union. Bradley led in the scoring, netting 18 points. Green and Crawford followed with 15 and 13 points respectively.

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Equilibrium Upset By Unwilling Male Voices

The question has been raised as to why there are no boy cheerleaders. In the past boys have taken an active part in leading the rooters but of late they have been absent from the scene. They seem to be quite content to let the female population lead the cheers to "victory." Realizing of course, that the boys are not always responsible, as about 10% are active on the sports field itself, it remains that the other 90% are unaccounted for. Either they harbor fears of losing what self-respect they think they have, or else they just don't care to do anything for the school.

No one considers it necessary or at all practical to maintain a state of equilibrium between the "boys" and the "girls," but never-the-less the job of cheerleading has traditionally been done by both sexes.

What happens to those, that were cheerleaders at Christian Brothers, is a mystery second only to the problem of infinity. In its infancy Armstrong had male cheerleaders, Ted Colbert, Dave Ramos,

Bart Blue, Dave Ferrirae and Jim Barroso.

Today through indifference on the part of the Pep Club, which still isn't too sure about what they're supposed to do, or unconcern by the students who should be involved, male voices are lacking from amidst the feminine Pom Poms and hoopla of "Dear Old Armstrong."

OBITUARY

In this city January 29, 1962, Ann Fibian (a Frog) of a muddy area of a city park, beloved wife of Bert Brates; loving mother of twenty tadpoles (all un-named); a native of William Land Park; aged, the fourth stage of complete metamorphosis. A member of nature's creation.

Death came at approximately 10:57 a.m. at the hand of old Brother Nicholas. Accomplices of the murder were various members of a biology class. Motive of the crime was to view Ann's internal structure and keep her heart pumping with the help of various chemicals. Due to a slip of the scalpel the specimen was disfigured when Brother punctured a lung. The heart ceased beating in the otherwise lifeless body at ten minutes after Purgatory.

The funeral cortage left the Bishop Armstrong garbage can Friday, February 2, at 6:35 a.m. thence to the rear of a garbage truck where a prayer was said for repose of his soul by a chorus of lice; commencing at 8:15 a.m. Interment was at the city dump with cremation private. Water Lily bouquets were preferred. Courtesy Rodriguez Funeral Service.

Hymn to a Hero . . .

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his Yo-Yo in the privacy of his room. There alone, he would play and the nervous fears would cease.

After a number of years at this secret hobby he gained an admirable proficiency; but alas, he couldn't use it to advance his prestige since Yo-Yo's were previously considered "out of character" by the elders of the hamlet.

One day while he was playing in his room he unknowingly was seen through the window by a neighbor. This neighbor knowing E. B. was a reputable member of society concluded that this was a new game of the elite.

She and a group of friends who all wanted to be accepted, vied around town with their Yo-Yo's. E. B. seeing this and realizing opportunity brought out his toy and began displaying his long-practiced skill.

The response was without delay. E. B., being the most capable "player," was immediately considered leader of thefad.

His fame spread throughout town. New York society even took to a school yard where they happily were photographed practicing their new-found hobby.

College fraternities and sororities named a day after E. B. during which each college would try to set various continuous Yo-Yo records. At last count, Theta Chi Epsilon, a fraternity in a midwestern university had Yo-Yoed for 175 hours.

They still tell the tale of E. B. in the land of Contradiction where he once lived. Somehow, although he seems to have been lost in confusion, knowing the consolation he has in remembering those sweet days it seems reasonable to assume that: ". . . he lived happily ever after."



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Festive Elegance Sets Tone For "Twelfth of Never" Ball

The Class of '62 will present its Senior Ball on Saturday, May 12, from 9 to 12 in the Tuesday Clubhouse. Charlie Perkins and his band will provide music for the formal affair. In view of the date that was chosen, and the hour when the dancers depart, the evening has been appropriately themed, "The Twelfth of Never."

General co-chairmen are senior class presidents Eleanor Stassi and Larry Reel. They have appointed the other committee heads: Dorothy McCormack and Rick Donaldson, decorations; Christine Stanich and Danny Petrocelli, refreshments; Ginny Reynolds and Mike McDonnell, publicity; Colleen Flynn and Eugene Rafferty, bids. Jim Gill is making the arrangements for the photographer, and Bonnie Donato

secured the band. Eugene Rafferty is also in charge of finances.

Sr. M. Loyola, SM, and Brother Anselm, FSC, are working with the students in an advisory capacity.

Five-Year Reunion

During the summer meeting the group will also organize these reunions, which are planned for every five years. Tentative plans for the summer of '67 suggest the possibility of a dinner-dance.



MRS. JOSEPHINE BARATINI, faculty moderator of girls' CSF, awards life membership lamp pin to Sandy Smith.

CSF Presents Pins

CSF Chapter 548N received its new members for the spring semester, 1962, on March 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Josephine Baratini, girls' moderator, presented their pins to the students. Jeanette Francoeur served as mistress of ceremonies.

Guest speaker, Mr. Oliver Durand, Jr., elaborated on the importance of a broad reading background, and Miss Margaret Harrison informed the guests of the advantage of membership in the Newman Club for secular college students. Both are English instructors at Sacramento City College.

Four Life Members

Receiving their lamp pins, symbol of life membership in the organization, were Kathy Sexton, Mary Jean Hunt, Jeanette Francoeur, and Sandy Smith.

Lamp pins were presented to those who had qualified for membership for the semester. The students were from St. Francis, St. Joseph's and Christian Brothers, as well as Bishop Armstrong.

Associate membership cards were accepted by freshman students who had earned the necessary number of grade points but were too young to attain full membership.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Sisters Visit School

Two members of the Carmelite Sisters of Saint Therese spoke at a meeting sponsored by the So-

Freddy Beckons All To Join In Clean-up

A day of labor, refreshments and recreation is in the planning stage. To be called "Freddy's Day," the idea was conceived by the student council as an opportunity for the students to contribute needed effort to the school beautification program.

Tim Taormina and Jeannette Francoeur were appointed co-chairmen of the organization committee. The date has been set for Saturday, May 5. Sign-ups are underway in the home-rooms.

Work begins at 9 a.m., continuing through 12:30 or 1:00 p.m. The Service Club members will serve as "captains" of the small teams of workers, with approximately four or five to a group.

When the chores are done, everyone is invited to a barbecue. There will be plenty for all, since each individual will be responsible for bringing certain items on the menu. Games and relaxation will consume the rest of the afternoon.

The committee makes one special request. They would be most grateful to anyone who could bring one or some of the follow-



NO PICTURES were allowed during the sacred liturgy, so the celebrants and servers posed for our photographer after the ceremony. From left to right are Father Karl, SJ, Jim Welch, Fr. Urusov, SJ, Larry Reel, and Pete Laurendoau, censor.

Russian Priest Celebrates Impressive Byzantine Liturgy

Bishop Armstrong High School has established another tradition in the form of the Byzantine sacred liturgy, celebrated March 1. Father Andrei Urosov, SJ, was invited to Sacramento by the administration in an effort to familiarize the students — Roman rite Catholics — with the ancient ceremonial splendor of the Eastern rite Catholics' devotion.

Kelly Designed Icons

A great deal of time and effort was devoted to the preparations. The girls' sewing classes made the lovely altar cloths,

the original icons he painted for the ceremony.

BA's choir, under the direction of Anton Dorndorf, did an impressive job of singing the liturgy which was celebrated completely.

Parents Donate Library Collection



The memory of Nancy Pieretti, class of '61 has been preserved in the form of a Nancy Pieretti Memorial Book Collection in the Library. The cash donations of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pieretti, purchased the valuable works which will bear their late daughter's name.

Active Librarian

Nancy died of cancer last August, only a short while after her private graduation at home. During her student days at Bishop Armstrong, she was active in the affairs of the Library Club and Sodality, as well as several other school activities.

STUDENTS DISCOVER NEW PLAYTHING DURING YARD PLAYTIME PERIOD

As an accepted definition, the car is basically a means of transportation from one place to another. That is its primary purpose. Anything else is non-essential. So, since many of the students of Bishop Armstrong live in outlying areas, it is natural that they would drive their cars to school.

Abuse Driving

What is unnatural, however, is the example and attitude they demonstrate by their abuse of their driving privilege. Just as a ticket at an amusement park is the pass to wild and reckless fun, so also for too many students, a driver's license is a type of ticket entitling them to recklessness on the road.

Just Fooling

They show complete disregard for the seriousness of driving. By their wild antics in the school parking lot students demonstrate their lack of intelligence. Their wild and careless speeding and circling around the lot is characteristic of the running around of nursery school children at recess.

Too Strict?

Surely the students would be the first to complain if strict regulations or laws were put into effect to abolish their "car papers" in the parking lot. It is dangerous to be so reckless. Already there have been several minor accidents. This is an opportunity for student initia-

tive and responsibility to alleviate a situation which is detrimental to our reputation.

BUBBLE ALWAYS BURSTS FOR GREAT IMPOSTERS

There is an attitude persisting among the students at BA that seems to be an indication of weak character.

A number of students seem to live with two completely different sets of goals and values.

They supposedly subscribe to a Catholic code of morality and conduct. They will profess the highest ideals and give the most rational basis for their statements. This is at school. But when school authority is absent, or they are not a school, they act contrary to their professed beliefs. They say one thing and do another.

This inconsistency is a flaw in their character. It is basicly hypocrisy. If they really believe what they supposedly profess, they would live by those words. But they are imposters. They fool others and they fool themselves.

If they believe what they profess, and do not live by it, they are hypocrites. If they don't believe what they profess, they are liars.

Only a spineless person would place himself in such a false setup. He must have the courage of his convictions.

Say It With Flowers

May Contest Beckons To Mary's Followers

With the coming of May, the time also arrives for a very special form of competition. It is not intramural games, or baseball, or clothing drives or LaSalle club tickets.

It was inaugurated at Bishop Armstrong last year. By a vote of the Student Council it was decided that a May shrine contest, beginning in May of 1961, be started. It was so set up that the competition would be between all homerooms that desired to participate, both boys' and girls'. It is not obligatory in any way. No homeroom is forced to enter (unless by their teacher.)

The work and decorations which go into the shrine are not to be the work of anyone but the homeroom members themselves. There is no limit on the amount of money that may be spent. The shrine need not center around a statue, it may have a picture or other representation of the Blessed Mother as its center.

The contest begins with the first of May and continues through the whole month. Any homeroom wishing to enter the contest must submit its name to the committee members, Jeanette Francoeur and Pete Ratermann, no later than the second week of May.

The shrine will be judged in the last week of May by four student council officers who will base their decision on originality. The winning homeroom receives a wooden plaque with the year and the homeroom name engraved on the front.

It was initiated by the student council, who are your elected representatives, to promote honor and devotion to the Blessed Mother, to whom youth especially should be devoted. So, let's see some tough competition this year. It's a worthwhile project and deserves student support.

Perpetual Spring Fever At BA?

Ah! It's that time of year again. The birds are singing, the bees are humming, the air is warm, the sky is clear. There is the smell of flowers in the air, and

fresh-mown grass. It's Spring, and nature is coming alive after winter hibernation.

From all indications this dreaded disease has been introduced into the student body at B.A. by a few unhealthy students, and the whole student body has contracted the fever. This particular variety seems to be permanent. It remains through the four seasons of the year.

The symptoms are glaringly evident. Observe the low level of school spirit, the apathy and indifference to school-sponsored functions, and the lack of initiative to get things going.

The student body must shake off this malady or eventually die of this "sleeping sickness."

Lenten Season Means Penance

The central fact of the Christian religion is the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

One of the sad things about Lent is that, every year when it comes to an end with Holy Week and Easter Sunday, there are many Catholics who have to admit that they did no penance whatsoever.

In no way did they change the

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Sodality Donates 2 New Ciboria

The Sodality has added two ciboria to their long list of gifts to the school. Although it is not commonly known to students outside the Sodality, each year the organization presents some gift to further the spiritual aspect of the school.

Funds for this project are obtained from their annual fashion show.

Both altars of the school have been donated by past Sodalities. In addition to these, all the objects necessary for the celebration of Mass have been purchased by the club with the exception of the chalice. This includes the complete set of Mass vestments bought last year.

MASS TO BE SAID

As a school progresses, traditions gradually spring forth. The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been responsible for many of the traditions particular to Armstrong.

In addition to its traditional May Crowning and gift to the school, the Sodality has now added one more.

Each year, a solemn high Requiem Mass will be offered

Five Girls Take Math Competition Last Examination

Five Armstrong girls, three seniors and two juniors, have qualified for awards in the mathematics competition sponsored by St. Mary's College and the College of the Holy Names.

The girls, Nancy Dee Ferguson, Sharon Gordon, Jeanette Francoeur, Jane Foley and Mary Doyle, are awarded points on the basis of the difficulty and number of the problems they solved.

This is the first year the program has been extended to high schools other than those under the supervision of the Christian Brothers.

The contest consists of four sets of problems distributed during the year and a competitive examination held late in March.

The major award for the first division standings is a four year scholarship to the College of the Holy Names.

for the deceased relatives of the members and for all deceased members of the chapter.

May 25th, the first Requiem Mass will be offered in the auditorium. Next year, the date of the Mass will be transferred to November, the month of the Poor Souls.



SCIENCE FAIR: Rebel Trott, Melo Sturm, and Ingrid Hardy inject insulin into a mouse as part of their Science Fair Project—the study of the effect of insulin on amylase.

Armstrong's Eager Scientists Participate In California Central Valley's Science Fair

From April 9 through 14, the Ninth Annual California Central Valley's Science Fair was held in the Women's Building at the State Fair Ground.

Participants in the senior division include Frances Corsiglia and Miki Morgan; Pat Moriarty and Frances Church; Mary Ellen Rivera and Lucille Endsley; Suzanne Sickles and Veronica Konesky; Ingrid Hardy and Rebel Trott; Margaret Carter; Sharon Gordon; Connie

Herzog; Marsha Cullivan, and Kathy Dzuik.

Projects range from the study of the effects of Vitamin B-1 on new-born guppies, and the effect of calcium ions on the muscle of the frogs to basic and mordant dyeing.

STATE SELECTS SEMI-FINALISTS

Officials for the Scholastic Aptitude Test, popularly known as SAT, recently published the names of the semi-finalists for state scholarships. The test, given on December 2, last year, was held at Sacramento City College.

Those whose names appeared on the list are Frances Church, Mary Doyle, Bob Hatton, Bob Lera, Bob Madden, Toni Marshall, Ginny Reynolds, Herb Rooney, and John Sharp. These students will be recipients of the scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$900 if financial status warrants and if the scholarship commission decides their high school transcript is high enough for them for scholarship finalists.

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WHO'S ON FIRST: Speedy Bernie Church hustles for first as coach Glenn Borges assumes ump's role by calling him safe.

Mound Aces Shut-Out 7, Win 11, as Falcons Rip Into Baseball Season

The Falcons ripped into the 1962 baseball season with 9 straight wins before any other team was able to slow them down. Following two defeats, one in the hands of the Lodi Flames, 4-0, and the other to the Stanford Frosh by the same score, the Falcons bounced back with a 5-1 victory over McClatchy. During their 9 game winning streak the Falcons played perfect ball in 13 straight games, shutting out Marysville twice, Vallejo, Anderson, Grant, Stagg and Lodi. The team also shut out El Camino 6-0.

The three mound aces, Mike Green, Larry Marietti, and Carl Boyer, have only allowed 15 earned runs in the first 13 games. Mike so far has fanned 53 while Marietti has fanned 43 and Boyer fanned 22. Marietti holds the best batting average with a mark of .397.

At the McClatchy game the Falcons scored one run in the top of the first inning but the Falcons came right back with one in the bottom of the first. Certes scored after he was safe on an error. In the second the Falcons picked up one run after Certes tripled and Elorduy drove

The scores of the other Falcon games are: Armstrong 12, Sacramento 1; Armstrong 6, El Camino 0; Armstrong 4, Encina 3; BA 1, Marysville 0; BA 4, Vallejo 0; BA 2, Anderson 0; BA 5, Grant 0; BA 2, Stagg 0; BA 2, Marysville 0; BA 1, Lodi 6; BA 4, Hiram Johnson 1; BA 4, Stanford Frosh 6; and BA 5, McClatchy 4.

Green Whiffs 13 As Falcons Down H.J. Warriors 4-1

Southpaw Mike Green pitched a three-hitter on April 6, striking out 13 batters as the B.A. Falcons copped a 4 to 1 victory over the Hiram Johnson Warriors at Land Park.

Helping to trip up the Johnson nine, Green laid up a pair of singles, as did Rich Elorduy.

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FREDDY FEATURES

By Marsha Cullivan

... Larry Reel, the senior with two noteworthy features, a varsity record in more than one sport, and one of the broadest, whitest grins at Armstrong. Both of these are usually evident, along with the warm friendliness common to B.A.'s class presidents.

Finding something Larry likes is no problem. He starts with girls and ends up with his little brother. Somewhere in between are water-skiing, football, cars, people, Armstrong, and food!

Dislikes leave Larry with a blank stare, until he finally decides he's not too fond of gossip. Trying to be helpful this reporter suggested that he didn't like to argue, and he agreed so quickly that maybe he really was easy-going. He's worth knowing really well — he's a REEL guy!

... Joe Gill, the junior basketball and baseballer, deserves

Larry Marietti contributed to the winning score with a double and a single.

This leaves Armstrong's outstanding record at 10 victories in 11 games.

superlatives, but hates them. He's a dynamo all week, so on Saturday, he sleeps. As far as he is concerned, a car is just a means of getting where he's going. Music, well, it's okay, but don't push Beethoven on him. He does like dancing, teasing, and his favorite subject — lunch. Girls? Well, "They're good to look at." It's doubtful whether he likes tests, Latin, or giving interviews to girl reporters.

One closing word from Joe. "You through? I've got to go to practice." So he's pretty normal, but fascinatingly different, too. In case you'd like to figure him out, he'll be around next year. Freddy needs him!

Golfers Gain Ground

With Pete Ferris, Chuck Zeller, John Brunstetter, Paul Jordan and Jim Fink, the Falcon golf team has won four out of eight games against such teams as Norte Highlands, and Encina. Ferris' par of 72 and Zeller's sizzling four under par at Haggin Oaks two weeks ago may mean better results will be in next issue.

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Sports around Armstrong always cause a lot of controversy, and the opinions on Freddy's campus are as different as the personalities. This roving reporter picked up a few of both, so here's . . .

Mrs. Speroni: "not well acquainted enough to make a judgement, but I'm sure they're doing fine. I have great faith in Mr. Sperbeck . . ."

Dan Petrocchi: "They're really doing great, and we have got school spirit; very representative of the school, terrific teams in everything; put that down . . ."

Janet Sherfey: "Sure, our teams are great this year, look at what they've done; tops . . ."

Mike Verneti: "Good, very good! Except for track team, that's terrible. We need more guys, that's all . . ."

Rebel Trott: "Good, lots of spirit, besides that, the boys play them. That's what I like . . ."

Brother Augustus: "Best squad, improving every year, really balanced athletes . . ."

Trackmen Capture 4th Place At Davis Invitational Meet

Frank Callen's trackmen placed in four events at the 28th annual Woody Wilson Memorial Invitational Track and Field Meet to give Armstrong a fourth place in the medium school division. Nick Trolio took the only Armstrong first place in the 220 yard dash.

Scott finished third in the mile. In the field events John O'Malley took second in the shot put with a 45 foot, 6 inch throw and Pete Willover jumped 5 feet, 5 inches for a third place.

El Camino walloped Armstrong 80 to 24 in the first meet of the



MULLOCK AND LAMONTAGNE: not quite fast enough to be winning or showing.

Rick Miller got second in the 120 high hurdles and John Mullock won second place in the 440. The Falcon relay team (Nick Trolio, Jim Murphy, Tim Murphy, and Jim Welsh) also won second place in the 880 yard relay.

Armstrong wound up with a total of 14 points to give them fourth place. Orland won the medium division with 29 points and College Park and Ceres High Schools tied for second with 15 points each.

The second track meet of the year saw the Falcons lose to La Sierra 62 to 31. Outstanding for the Falcons was Rich Miller, who finished first in both the low and high hurdles. Miller's times were 22.0 seconds in the 180 low hurdles and 16.2 in the 120 high hurdles. The only other first was taken by John Mullock in the 440 with a time of 54.1.

Nick Trolio took seconds in the 220 and 100 yard dashes. Roger

year. Roger Scott came home with the only first with a 5.07 minute mile. Bob Eperson and Jose Mercado tied for second the same event.

Rick Miller took thirds in both the low and high hurdles while Rick Silva took third in the 880. Mullock placed third in the 440 and Trolio placed third in the 100 yard dash and second in the 220.

In the field events Armstrong placed four times. John O'Malley put the shot 43-1 for a second and Pete Campbell put it 41-5 for third place. Robert La Montagne jumped 17 feet 2 inches for a third in broad jump, and Pete Willover also took a third by jumping 5 feet, 2 inches in the high jump.

John Sabo, El Camino 100-yard dash man, highlighted the meet by running the 100 in 9.8 seconds to break the school record.

FALCONS 2nd AT ACKER

Opening the 1962 Acker tournament, Armstrong dropped a 35-31 decision to Clayton. The Falcons kept pace fall behind 11-10 at half-time.

Don Bradley led the Falcons netting 11 points, forward Gill followed with 10 points.

Although Mike Green turned a 22 point performance, strong lost to Piedmont. Green led all scorers netting field goals and two free throws. After 10 minutes of play, score was tied at 21 all. However, in the second half the Falcons were cold as they were out 29-12.

Combining smooth ball control and fine defensive work, Armstrong strong downed Shasta 31-16. Gill, with 12 points led the Falcons to their first tournament victory.

The Falcons were never in trouble. They led 15-7 at the end of the first half and 23-7 at the third period.

Getting off to a slow start, the Falcons were topped by El Camino 36-30. Armstrong trailed 16-10 at the half and could never catch up. Clark Aldrich led the Falcons with nine points.

With another 22 point performance Mike Green led Armstrong over Oroville 42-23. The Falcons led all the way outscoring opponents in every quarter. An important win put Armstrong into second place for the tournament.

With second place hanging in the balance, Armstrong came from behind to defeat La Sierra 23-20. Down 14-5 at the half, the Falcons staged a second half comeback led by Pat Geary.

Mike Green led all scorers in the tournament with 64 points. For his effort, he was selected to the tournament All Star Team. Don Bradley and Joe Gill were also appointed to the All Star Team.

Mike McDonnell in his first "career" has a high game of 279.

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Ah, Silence, Silence; Thoughts On Sweet-sounding Vocabulary

Guttural expressions molded by wet voice muscles, passed through such unsavory objects as—pharynxes, uvulas, airy mouths and dry lips, bill out into air and make listeners nod.

To perfect one's ability in such an art, and to establish a better understanding among men—vocabularies were established, deriving their powers from the consent of the utterers. To insure their tranquility dictionaries were instituted, and certainly many ideas as to their propriety were gutterally expressed.

Then as civilization grew more adept at controlling bobbling pharynxes and wagging tongues, a problem arose. People in England weren't expressing themselves as did people of Georgia. This started a revolution—one in which dry labiums alone were not enough.

Some years passed, and the war was over. People now turned their attention to more creative sports, one of which was the building of words. Such chrome-plated sounds as "FLACCID" and "COCOSE" came into being . . . and from that day on, man prided himself.

Today hands and feet are no longer needed to express one's notions. And, although this may seem a strange way of showing, try to twist your toes or fingers into a position which would indicate such grand ideas as—"INSATIABLE" or "CAPRICIOUS." Believe me, I tried and it's impossible.

So it is then the task of preserving our expressions without being offensive, that we invent new gadgets every year, such as toothpaste and mouthwash. For a high-powered vocabulary need not necessarily be high-powered.

In the days to come man may be able to burp up new streamlined sounds to replace out-dated ones as "FERBELOUS" or "MUFTY." New thoughts shall be thought, new ideas shall be born. But knowing man, he'll never give up the art of gurling through the esophagus and hearing through the eustacian tube, because after all . . . what could be more pleasant than a—"MACABRE" or an "ACRHE" at three in the afternoon?

TENTH SEASON MEANS PENANCE

(Continued from Page Two)
easy-going spiritual level of their lives.

There is in every case an explanation for this. It is to be found in a lack of motives.

Not that there are no motives available to such Catholics, but that they do not seize upon the motives that should inspire them to do something for Lent and make them a basis for action. Three important and amply sufficient motives are: the fact that they have sinned; the fact that they are weak; the fact that Christ suffered for them.

Any Catholic who faces these three facts will not go through Lent without doing something special for our Lord.

LITTLE STUFF

A pigeon strutting into a class room, his neck changing colors as it moves, stops, squats and moves on . . . chewed out gum hanging stubbornly to undersides of desks sending shivers of regret to curious fingers . . . a teacher, glaring unbelievably, then stooping to pick a piece of chalk off the floor . . . lice quietly starting a family in a forgotten lunch lying at the bottom of a locker . . . a woman in the cafeteria putting too much salt in some sauce, watching for any unusual expressions on hungry faces . . .

Peels of eaten oranges—turning green, uneaten cookies . . . broken straws, paperclips and doodle-sheets . . . lost papers pushed by

Armstrong Silently Awaits Golden Age

By RICHARD RODRIGUEZ

Next to the Thursday Sloppy Joe, perhaps the most tragic school tradition is having a dormant "Pep" club. This year's edition for example started with high hopes that the club could add rather than detract from student co-operation.

It would be easy enough to blame President Bernie Church or the moderator for not acting as a catalyst in this essential organization. Even if there happened to be an effective group of leaders at the helm of the organization, there is a reason to doubt that next year the results would continue. The problem, it seems, is with the whole attitude of Armstrong.

In last month's paper a plea was sounded to have boys take an active part in cheerleading. Even if nothing was done, at least some member of the student council could have brought the problem up. Instead Brother Eugene had to bring the matter to the council's attention, eventually resulting in the appointment of Rusty Russell to take command of any action. It would be interesting to know is the "Pep" Club had any knowledge of the proceedings.

Perhaps it can be argued that the "Pep" club can't be expected to do much to end the apathy of the campus. If that is so, then why is a chair on the student council wasted on a useless office? I am not going to try to offer a solution to the problem of a lifeless "Pep" club and as a result, of a half-hearted student body.

The fact that this year there has never been a letter to the editor, this in spite of the fact of an invitation to express views on the C.L.F. dilemma, is witness to the all too clear sickness of indifference. The "Pep" Club is merely a symbol of the silence of the students.

Perhaps there is no solution. Certainly no one can expect Bro. Eugene to solve the ludicrous state of affairs.

A teen-ager sent his girl friend her first orchid with this note: "With all of my love and most of my allowance."

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Journalists Attend Press Conferences

Sacramento State College Campus was the location of the recent Central Valley Journalism Conference held on May 5. Seven members of the TALON staff, as well as journalists from all over the Central Valley attended.

After various conferences on subjects ranging from editorials and features to sports and advertising, the journalists participated in discussions and workshops. Awards were then presented, including one given to Mike McCarthy for his previous first place editorial on sportsmanship at games.

Students Travel to Moraga

Also in line for the journalists was a Press Conference held at St. Mary's College in Moraga. On this day, May 19, students from areas as far south as Los Angeles, and as far north as Montana, together with four students from Armstrong and the bay area schools participated in the discussions and planned activities of the day.

The guest speakers included Mr. Ronald Moscovitz, education editor for the San Francisco Examiner, Mr. Mario Corruvo, state editor for the Oakland Tribune, Examiner sports editor, Mr. Curley Grieve, and Mrs. Phyllis Slingsby, Contra Costa Times women's editor.

Students Select New Officers

On May 29, the students of Bishop Armstrong cast their ballots for the candidates of their choice for the 1962 fall semester.

Replacing Don Bradley in the duties of presiding over the student council and representing the student body at the various extra-curricular functions is John McCarthy. John was homeroom representative two

Seniors To Receive Diplomas

Bishop Armstrong High School will graduate 302 students in its sixth annual commencement ceremonies on Monday evening, June 11, 1962. The diplomas and awards will be presented at 8:00 p.m. in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Aiden J. Bell, D. D., Bishop of Sacramento, will preside and present the diplomas and awards. Sister Mary Celestine, S. M., and Brother V. Eugene, F.S.C., co-principals, will present the graduates to the Bishop.

Principal speaker at the commencement exercises will be the Reverend Francis Quinn, Editor of *The Monitor*, Archdiocesan newspaper of San Francisco. Class valedictorians will be Robert Lera and Kathleen Sexton.

Robert Hatton will receive the St. LaSalle award for excellence in Religion; Sandra Chapek will receive the Bishop Armstrong Memorial award for excellence in Religion. All other awards were made during a special Honors Assembly held

semesters this year and is on both the football and baseball teams. Next year he would like to see a school band organized to play at the games.

Mele Sturm succeeds Jeannie Freyberg in the office of vice-president. Mele is a member of Pep Club. Her duties will be to serve as parliamentarian at the student council meetings and to preside over them in the absence of the president.

Bill Burhans takes over the duties of treasurer from Tim Taormina. Bill, a resident student, is in C.Y.O. in Berkeley.

Rosemarie Mattos will replace

at the school on June 8, 1962. The Class of 1962 and the school chorus, directed by Mr. Anton Dorndorf, will sing at the graduation.

The TALON Staff Extends Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Graduates of 1962.

Outstanding Seniors Receive Awards

The outstanding students of the year received awards for their efforts at a special assembly held on June 8, 1962 in the gym. Brother Eugene and Sister Celestine, principals, presented the awards to the students.

The General Excellence Medals were awarded to Kathleen Sexton and Robert Lera.

Bank of America Awards Bank of America trophies for excellence were presented to Kathleen Sexton, liberal arts; Robert Lera, science and mathematics, and Miki Morgan, vocational arts.

Bank of America certificates for excellence were given in the field of business to Marlene Apps; English, Kathleen Sexton; foreign language, Peter Ferris; home economics, Miki Morgan; laboratory science, Robert Hatton; mathematics, Robert Lera, and social science, Sandra Smith.

Medals for Achievement Medals for achievement were awarded to Stephen Newbert for art, Dorothy McCormack and Donald Bradley, athletics; Frances Church and James McGinnis, biology; Wesley Strawn, Bookkeeping; Toni Marshall, English; Jeannie Freyberg and Chris Kirchner

Student Council Sponsors Dance

A sock hop, the last staged by the Student Council this year, was held on May 2 in the gym. "The Last Hurrah" the theme, which was carried by the diplomas used for decorations.

A "feature" of the dance was the presence of students from Christian Brothers, St. Francis and St. Joseph's High Schools. The band of John Modino furnished the music for the evening. Larry Reel was chairman of the affair assisted by Janet Shufey, who was in charge of the refreshment committee; Robert Trott, decorations, and Don Bradley, who arranged for the band. The new Student Body officer for the fall semester of next year was announced at the dance.

and William Starr, mathematics; Pete Laurendan and Don Bradley, presidents; Mary Ellen Rivera and Jerome Lafferty, public speaking; Jeannette Francouer and Thomas Madden, science; Heidi Kloeck, shorthand; Mary Katherine Doyle, social science; Barbara Timsa, Peter Ferris, Spanish; Glaz Ritter and Richard Sanchez, typing; writing, and Kathleen Sexton, Jeannie Freyberg, vice-president.

Award for Citizenship The Citizenship award to the senior resident student noted for the best spirit of cooperation and leadership was presented to Michael Green and Gerald Nino. Mary Katherine Doyle received the California State Scholarship. Kathleen Sexton and Mary Jean Hunt were honored with Colleges of Holy Names scholarships. Robert Lera, Thomas Madden and William Starr were awarded St. Mary's College scholarships.

Nursing scholarships given by the Women's Auxiliary of the Sacramento Medical Society were awarded to Frances Church, Miki Morgan, and Chris Kirchner.



I SHALL NEVER FORGET - - -

That Valuable Lesson

My name was called and I walked up to the microphone. The gym, filled with students waiting to hear the campaign speeches for student body offices, became frightfully quiet. I nervously began my speech. I was sailing through at top speed on the beginning salutation when all of a sudden some crazy urge made me grab on to the mike. Since I had never had any experience in the use of the mike, I was completely unprepared for the drastic result.

The small mouthpiece fell! Everyone began to laugh and I was entirely bewildered. I desperately looked for help but none was to be given. I fiddled around with it again and seemed to have gained some composure when the "speaker" decided to give a repeat performance and fall again. By this time I had given up all hope in the mike and walked away and began to speak by the microphone so aptly placed inside me — my natural voice.

I can't say that this incident was completely fruitless for I won my office and after all I learned that valuable lesson — NEVER grab a microphone!

Coleen Flynn

How to "Pass" a Test?

It was early spring, yet it felt like late July. No one felt like studying that lazy, hot afternoon, but the heat wasn't any excuse. Brother (ha) was in a vile humor and had prepared a pop test for us. He passed out the tests and all went to work quickly, trying not to let any sweat drop onto the page and smear the answers.

Looking for some scratch paper, I turned over my test only to find the key stuck to it by the heat. Quickly copying all the answers I passed the test key up towards Brother's desk. It made it after it passed half the class.

The next day Brother read the grades out, except he wasn't angry today . . . kind of proud . . . that 75% of the class got "A's."

John Wallace

A Beautiful Realization

On Friday, May 4, a ceremony was held in the gym at Bishop Armstrong. It is something I have seen annually, and therefore it meant a great deal to me to be able to place the delicate wreath on the Blessed Mother's head this year.

Of course, I had doubts as to whether or not I would trip up the aisle or juggle the ladder a little too much, but I knew everything would work out . . . for better or for worse. When the time came for me to walk back to my seat with the royal court following, that is when I was touched and deeply so.

I was to present a beautiful bouquet of pink and white carnations to my own mother and that is when I started "gettin' misty" (as Maynard says). Don't ask me why, because I cannot pinpoint the reason. I had a feeling of utter joy and utter sorrow seemingly at the same time. Perhaps the realization of my mother and all for which she stands finally dawned. Believe me, it was a beautiful and truly my most memorable moment.

Jeannette Francoeur

The Day I Became a Man

As I remember correctly it was on a Friday. We were all filling into the gym, taking our places, and preparing ourselves for Mass. When I arrived at my seat I started talking to a person next to me. Unfortunately the vice-principal spotted me.

He asked me to follow him. He led me to a little room just outside the gym. After we were in the room he turned and said to me, "Most boys become men when they are 17; what happened to you?"

I kind of gave him a smile and replied, "I haven't become 17 yet." He didn't say a word, just gave me a detention slip, and walked out of the room with a funny look on his face.

Doug Crawford

How to Compliment Oneself In One Easy Lesson

The TALON symposium held here at B.A. a few weeks ago provides the setting for what was, at least, my most embarrassing moment.

Serving as mistress of ceremonies, I had made myself a note to acknowledge all the participants in the program: the audience, guest speaker, and members of the panel. It was in mentioning this last group that I forfeited the composure I'd been trying so hard to maintain all evening. Loud and clear, I concluded with, naturally enough: "And a very special" (that was stressed) "thank you" to our panel moderator for participating tonight."

Although I knew that what I'd said didn't seem quite right, I didn't realize how dumb it must have sounded until people began kindly teasing me about there being no shame in patting oneself on the back.

Mary Jean Hunt

A Sportsman Speaks

The greatest experience of my high school days was playing for the Bishop Armstrong Falcons team. I enjoyed playing with the team because of their spirit and good feeling. We all played to win and every game meant business to us.

I don't know what the other players felt like inside, but to me every time we ran onto the field, scored a touchdown, or tackled the opponent for a loss, the crowd's roar would fire up my insides to the point where I felt like I could beat our "victims" by myself. This is one sensation I will never forget.

Matt Deragisch

A Tribute to Armstrong

When I look back at the good times I had at Bishop Armstrong, there will always be a special place for the get-togethers before and after school and during lunch. It is here that I feel Armstrong's "good qualities shine the brightest." For it is the student body that makes or breaks a school and Armstrong's student body made it.

The kids that go to B.A. always have a warm smile and a friendly interest in your activities. There is always a friendly conversation that anybody can get into. No cliques hold here; everybody knows everybody. This feeling of togetherness will always be the fondest of my memories while at Armstrong.

Jim Wel

Requiescat in Pace?

The gym was perfectly still. Suddenly strains of a funeral march were heard throughout the room. The funeral procession began. The coffin of the old school spirit was carried slowly and mournfully, accompanied by groaning and wailing. The coffin was placed on the floor, the pallbearers and mourners took their places. The eulogy was about to be read.

I was in the bleachers, working up courage to my bit. When I was sufficiently prepared, I stood up, let loose a scream, and ran out and clung to the coffin. My heart was beating like a hammer.

Three gallant pallbearers dragged me from my station, and removed me to the outside of the gym. It was there I discovered an injury a scraped knee. I have a battle scare yet — a constant reminder of my unladylike bid for immortality.

Miki Morg

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The Three Witches, Frances Corrigio, Frances Church and Micki Morgan, predict course of events for the senior class of '62.

Worthy Cause Receives Aid

In an effort to help meet expenses incurred while little Kathy McKay was hospitalized, a collection has been taken up among the student body of Armstrong.

Seven year old Kathy McKay, a very normal little girl, faced a very unusual situation. Standing by the furnace one day, Kathy's bathrobe caught fire. Before she could be helped, she had sustained third degree burns over much of her body.

After three weeks in the hospital, Kathy became affected with vesicles; one week later, gangrene set in and doctors could do nothing to help her.

Kathy McKay died, and now her mother, who has two other small children, is faced with the prospect of paying these hospital bills. The students of Armstrong have donated \$37.50 and, although it is not much, we sincerely hope it will help.

Award Given To Talon Member

Every paper hopes to have at least one good writer in news, sports, features, or editorials. Very seldom is one fortunate enough to have a writer good in more than one category. When a writer does find someone like that, there is only one thing to do—award him an award, in one category at least. So on May 5, the Central Valley Scholastic Journalism Association Conference awarded Mike McCarthy first

The Class Reunion

By RICHARD RODRIGUEZ

The night air was cold and it bit against my cheek as I found my way to a restaurant in Sacramento, a city I had long since left. The neon sign rocketed light into the dark heavens and as I approached the door I could hear the rough mature voices of middle-aged men.

A strange feeling of awe and curiosity filled my heart as I was admitted after identifying myself by a card I had received in the mail.

I walked, as one in a dream, down the stairs into the group of vaguely familiar faces that reminded me of students of a much older Bishop Armstrong.

I was met by what was obviously the committee. They announced to the unattentive crowd that I had arrived. I shook hands with boys who were now men. We would sometimes confront each other so taken aback by the other's appearance that we would stare for a minute before exchanging the phrase, "How have you been all these years?"

Where there once was the wild laughter of the class clown, now a meek smile hid a sober heart. What was once an athlete was now a pot-bellied hunk of fat, topped by a balding head. A few showed the unmistakable signs of success: the Brooks Brothers suit, the vocabulary, the appearance of a man of the world.

The smallest minority was composed of people who because of their adolescent quietness I had never noticed, but who now talked with all the warmth that only an honest voice can have. They spoke humbly of their own lives and spoke of admiration for the rest of the class for being so successful.

I must admit they looked "successful" in their Montgomery Ward suits and sounded successful with their loud voices and vulgar jokes.

We all sat and drank and ate

chicken and talked and lied and tried not to be embarrassed and ate the dessert and wondered about each other's truthfulness. We adjourned and quietly said goodbye, realizing that perhaps this would be the last one . . . We promised to see each other again and left. At I stood on the sidewalk, I watched the "successful" few get away in their sleek new cars while others walked into the darkness to drive away in their not-so-new cars a few blocks down.

I was disappointed and it stung at my heart. We were all players like all the rest in the comedy . . . the tragic comedy of the class reunion. Players, most of us playing a false role. Gone was the honesty of the group of pimply youths, never to be recaptured by a group of squeaky-toothed, fat-bellied and greying men.

The neon sign of the restaurant was turned off as it desperately tried to light the darkness and failed. It was night.

Holy Names Give Two Scholarships

One of the biggest events in the seniors' calendar is the announcement by each college of scholarship winners.

College of the Holy Names in Oakland, a women's college, has awarded two scholarships to Armstrong seniors. Mary Jean Hunt, TALON editor this year and Kathy Sexton past student body vice-president, are the winners.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of high school record, recommendations, and S.A.T. test scores.

Kathy's scholarship is the President's scholarship, which pays tuition for four years.

Mary Jean was awarded the C.S.F. tuition scholarship for one year. It is renewable if good grades are maintained.

Both girls will be math majors. After graduation, Kathy plans to teach in a secondary school. Mary Jean would like to enter IBM work, perhaps at Aerojet.

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PAGE 4—(1) A large turnout attended the annual Junior Prom which was thoroughly enjoyed by all; (2) Brother Anselm and Brother Justin prepare class material in the Brothers' Reading Room; (3) Wes Starn's constant encouragement aided Bishop Armstrong to its greatest season ever; (4) Junior Carl Boyer goes in for a layup to add two points to BA's point total; (5) First semester Student Body Officers, Peter Laurendeau, Colleen Flynn and Bob Southern advertise for the First Student Council dance; (6) A long line buys

Sherfey pose for Brother Paul, the renowned Crest photographer; (10) The songsters attempt to keep warm at the Highlands game as the temperature goes lower.

PAGE 5—(1) Spectacular junior basketball displays the power of positive thinking as he makes a sensational shot against Bella Vista; (2) Mary Jean Hunt, a C.S.F. scholarship winner, accepts her Lamp Pin from Mrs. Baratini; (3) Two tall guys, Pat Geary and Don Bradley, put up posters to advertise Don's all-around talents; (4) Bishop McGucken celebrates opening Mass before the assembly; (5) Students

B.A. Batters Blaze To Best Season: 22-2

By MIKE VERNETTI

As Bishop Armstrong completed their season-ending contest with Norte Del Rio by winning 5 to 0, they could leave the field with a knowledge no previous Falcon team shared. For this victory was the 22nd in 24 tries on the year and made the 1962 edition of the Armstrong baseball squad the most successful ever in the school's history.

The line score in the newspaper read: Marietti and Bonomi; then listed the three hurlers Norte used to halt Armstrong. This was typical; it could have read Green and Bonomi, or perhaps Junior Carl Boyer could have been the winning pitcher, but the effect was the same as in practically every Falcon effort. While the opposition used two, three, or more, pitchers, B.A.'s starter usually was around at the end.

This is an interesting note, as it shows the dual terror Armstrong offered opposing schools. The big guns, Crawford, Bonomi, Marietti, Fox, were remarkably reliable in their output, and at the same time B.A. pitchers proved austere slings.

In a complete summary of the game, there might have been a recording of an Armstrong double play — Crawford to Marietti to Bradley it would read; quite possibly the summary would have also said: Errors — none. For Armstrong did not make many errors during the year, certainly none to lose a ball game.

Together, this combination of steady hitting with peerless pitching and fielding was enough to carry Armstrong to victory an amazing percentage of times. Their sole loss to another high school was later avenged, and the other blemish was a loss to the Stanford freshman baseball team.

Any more reminiscing would be redundant; all on campus are familiar with the school's diamond stars. There remains but to congratulate the squad as a unit, and offer Mr. Sperbeck much luck in the future.

The Faculty and Staff Wish You a Happy Summer Vacation

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Falcon Notes

At last! After years with my beak prying open the door, I, **Freddy the Falcon**, have been allowed to write something for the paper! About time, too. After all, who else really uses talons writing for the *Talon*? Of course, they did tell me what I had to write—a thank-you note. But copy-birds can't dictate to the editor, and I am grateful, so here it is:

Thank you first of all to the coaches and moderators who screeched and pecked our teams into shape. Then thanks to the teams themselves, who fought like eagles to keep their falcon soaring. Thank you, too, to our cheerleaders and songsters who spurred the teams on to victory by singing and flapping their wings. A final thank you to our rooters, for who can fly very high without somebody tweeting in the cage.

Thanks!

Sincerely grateful,

Freddy, the well educated Falcon.

Runners in the poll for best athletes were Burt Bonomi, Barney Brust, and Larry Marietti.

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FREDDY FEATURES

By MARSHA CULLIVAN

"Number one football team in Sacramento county!" "Tough on the basketball court!" "Hard baseball team to beat!" These were the headlines which appeared during the '61-'62 season. This was the praise that made everyone at Armstrong proud to be a Falcon. But a team is no better than its individual players, and who can judge a Fighting Falcon better than a Watching Falcon. So a poll was taken to pick the four all-year athletes. However, the voting was so narrow that the number finally ended up as five. So here they are; four favorites, and, incidentally, Freddy's:

Clark Aldrich (5-11), the easy-going guy with the quick sense of humor and the ready smile, but most of all the spirit which distinguishes the truly great athlete from an ordinary one. One injury couldn't stop Clark, and his opponents literally had to break his arm to keep him out of the games.

Called one of the greatest all-around backs in the county, with a glowing mention of his possibilities of his defense plays, he was named to the All-city Team in both leading Sacramento papers.

Clark proved that, although almost anyone can go out for a sport, it takes drive, determination, and often sheer nerve to be the kind of player he was, and is.

Doug Crawford (6-3), tall and dynamic, and the fastest thing on a basketball court this side of the Harlem Globetrotters. You might even say Doug has their style, too, because his opponents always seem to be wondering what he plans to do with the ball—throw it, pass it to another player, or hide it under the bleachers. But whatever he does, one thing is sure, it's going to add something to the Falcon side of the scoreboard.

A letterman in his junior and senior years, he is respected because of his ability to bounce a basketball off a backboard to a goal, or whacking a baseball several yards on over the fence for a home run.

Someone once said the basketball was a game for sissies. This statement proved one thing, that sports "critic" has never seen Doug in action. We have, and we realize one thing—no matter how you look at it, he's a hard man to beat.

Mike Green (6-2), friendly and unassuming, is probably the greatest living Sacramento example of why every team should have a southpaw. His pitching record for

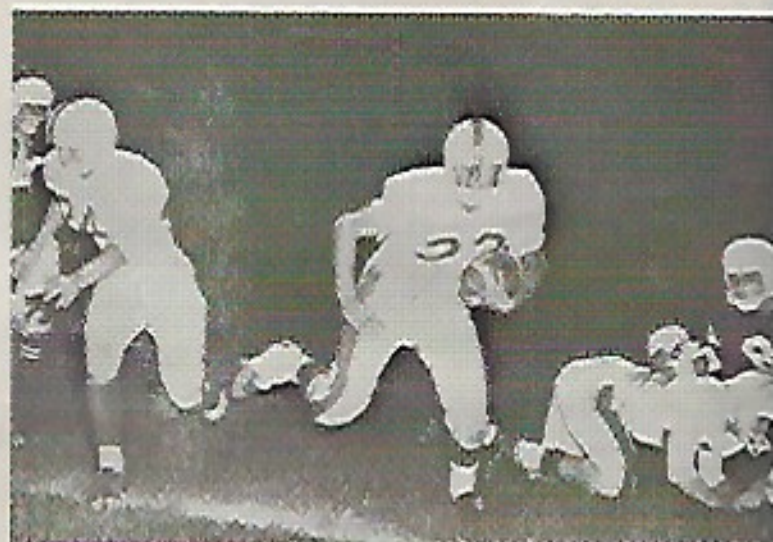
description have been piled on him, from special permission to play for Southside to becoming "Swingiest Student of the Day," something which he no doubt treasures above all else. With all this praise, you might think Mike would acquire a swelled head, but just the contrary seems to be the case.

Because his family lives in Redding, he boards at Christian Brothers, and his fellow boarders think he's "one great guy." Does he even act like a "Big Man on Campus" around Armstrong? The general opinion is "Certainly not!" From all of this, we can come to only one conclusion, Mike doesn't go around thinking about himself. He's too busy keeping his eye on the ball.

John Zupan (5-10), determined and versatile, was named All-city because he combined offense and defense football tactics so effectively that the other team never knew what he was planning to do next. He was used at various times as a halfback, quarterback, and corner line backer, always going where he was needed most, and doing an effective job when he got there.

Considered small for most football players, he proved his size gave him an added advantage over the bigger men on the team—he could slip through the lines for a touchdown before anyone knew he had the ball. He became the anchorman for the team, and really proved his worth after Aldrich was injured by taking up the slack during the last three games to spur the Falcons on to victory. So no remarks about his size can lessen his worth as a valuable player. All of him is spunk, spirit, and heart.

Don Bradley (6-5), good natured and well liked, proves that a star athlete does not have to be incompetent and stupid. Named to the Union's All-city team, he also proved his worth as a basketball star, and found time to serve as Student Body President for the second semester of his senior year.



DON PINTER (24) leads Clark Aldrich (22) through Camino line for good gainer.

winning record as number one team.

On the basketball court, he ran up a total of enough points to show he is a formidable player and a worthy opponent, and not to ever be under rated again in any sport.

He is an outstanding example as a student, leader, and all-round athlete.

These qualities all wrapped up in one person usually give people the impression that the person possessing these is so puffed up about them he should be taken out and shot. According to Brad's friends, he is also an all-round nice guy. A rare combination, maybe, but that's what he's supposed to be. We'll take their word for it; after all, he's too big to argue with.



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After Graduation--What?

What's in the future for the seniors? Here's a random sampling from a few of the graduates-to-be:

President of the Christian Brothers Block Society for two years and now president of the Armstrong student body, Don Bradley names St. Mary's at Maruga as his choice of college.

Chosen by the Sacramento Bee as a member of the All City football team, Brad's plans beyond college are uncertain.

Mary Ellen Rivera, the bright and lively senior, is winner of several awards for speech prowess with definite plans for the future.

First, two years at Sacramento City College, followed by two years at Gonzaga University in Seattle, Washington, which will give her a B. A. in psychology. Then, it's on to St. Louis for her M. A. in child psychology. After that -- "practice."

An active member of several clubs and an honor roll student, Mary Ellen enjoys sewing, dancing and meeting people. She likes children, and boys -- "I'm normal," she says. By the way, Gonzaga is co-educational.

Pete Laurandean, fall semester student body president, will attend Sacramento State College and will work toward a major in dentistry. The following year he plans to apply for and appointment to one of the military academies.

Active in sports and student government, and a member of a debate team, Pete is one of the most popular members of his senior class.

C. S. F. President, Jeannette Francoeur, has selected teaching as a career. She will attend either Sacramento State College of the University of California at Davis, majoring in elementary education or mathematics. Jeannette says she has always wanted to become a teacher, and for three years, has taught Catechism to small children and enjoyed it very much.

Jeannette, "not happy unless I'm busy," puts this into practice through extra-curricular ac-

tivities. She is a life member of C.S.F. and Sodality Prefect, she worked on layouts for the Crest, was the commentator for the fashion show, and is a member of Student Council.

Asked what she likes, Jeannette replied, water skiing, playing the piano, cooking, sewing and math.

Looking for an all-around top student? Tim Taormina's your man. Tim has been directly responsible for almost every worth-while project this year. He has served as school treasurer, chairman of Freddy's Day, and was in charge of constructing the iconostassis for the Russian Mass.

Tim plans to attend Santa Clara University next semester where he will major in business. He chose Santa Clara because of its outstanding business department.

He lists as hobbies: Collecting records and girls, and "attempting" golf. He decides that he dislikes only the half-hour lunch period and Larry Marietti.

Hollowness

Hollowness first became evident to me when I was about seven years old. I had this old dart target. But it was providential for the speedy burglar that I left it on my front porch. He was either infatuated with its colors or else he had had his eye on it for quite awhile, because when I came driving up, he "made it" in the opposite direction. Of course I followed him. Speed not having been one of my assets, he was home while I was still eating his dust.

"Chalk up another one for hollowness."

The Good Life

By RICHARD RODRIGUEZ

Memories linger on the threshold of oblivion. The sweet days of high school cease being sour grapes of discontent during these final movements of youth's idealism. And for the moment, longing -- sentimentality if you like -- for the past overcomes us. For a few seconds we try desperately to hold on to what has been.

It is December, or March, cold or hot, day or night. In the shadowy confines of the mind the past is played again as a somewhat tragic but wonderfully human drama.

A teacher telling twice told jokes, his class politely laughing as they exchange knowing smiles . . . a girl with "provocative" perfume and a boy with a wicked smile but innocent thoughts dancing peacefully amidst the confusion of a school dance . . . a foreign language student stopping for a moment to analyze what he is saying during the prayers . . . Republicans looking at the "God Bless You, Mr. President" door in controlled anger.

Fat people becoming fatter and skinny people becoming taller as the months wear away . . . students saying a rosary in front of a tissue-paper monument to the Madonna . . . male and female spectators staring quietly at each other before Mass.

The final bell rings and students fly out of a stale-aired classroom . . . a teacher rushes to change his garb and begin his gardening . . . delinquent pupils memorize the words of sacred poems as after-school assignments.

Then, as quickly as it began, the memories fade. The youth shrugs as he realizes the futility of his moment's wish and he smiles at the irony of life. And with that, he suddenly becomes a little more realistic -- a little more a "man."

Encouraged

We end this year on a note of encouragement (?) for the junior.

Remember the National Merit Scholarship Exam a few months ago? For those of you who were brave (??) enough to make a desire for a scholarship as a reason for taking the test, here are some interesting statistics:

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Number of 1-year scholarships awarded: 945.

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