

A RESIDENT STUDENT - 21ST & BROADWAY - SACRAMENTO, CA

RAMBLES FROM 21ST AND BROADWAY CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL RESIDENT STUDENTS 1954 - 1958

Year 1956 -

The CBHS Senior Classes relocated from 21st and Broadway to Bishop Armstrong High School and were changed to co-instructional - with the advent of the Ladies - from the historic all men CBHS student body format.

The resident students - residing at the 21st and Broadway - of the Christian Brothers High School were bused daily to classes at Bishop Armstrong High School - generally Brother Arnold Steward, FSC was our bus driver.

Year 1954 -

The resident students - residing at the 21st and Broadway - of the Christian Brothers High School consisted of grade school residents (from the 6th Grade to the 8th Grade) through Seniors of High School.

Generally the resident student body came from the rural farming regions of Northern California. Commuting to CBS was not easy - since the average speed on the roads - by car - was limited to 45 mph. Some of the residents from Colusa would take the train home - on their 'Home weekends'.

Rules and Procedures:

In 1954 a resident student could leave the CBS resident boarding area on weekends to spend the weekend with his family. However this privilege was changed in 1956 and the rule revised to 'every other weekend' a resident could leave the boarder group.

Brother Arnold and Leonard FSC and the CBS FSC Community felt that the resident students who could not leave for a weekend - since their family were too distant (i.e. Nicaragua, Philippines, etc.) - were at a disadvantage when their resident boarder students left.

Routine:

Meals were served in the resident dining hall - breakfast and dinner - community dining with designated seating.

An hour after dinner - the resident students had a one hour study hall.

After study hall the residents could retire to their bedroom or the recreation room (a couple of pool tables, and chairs). At 9:00

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the snack bar would open and a soft drink and/or candy bar could be purchased before lights out and bed time at 10:00.

Each resident student was responsible for keeping his bed and his assigned area neat and clean at all times. The roommates for each room were collectively responsible for maintaining their room in an orderly acceptable fashion at all times - as inspected by Brother Arnold.

In-fractions could result in loss of privileges and/or detention hall and 'writing exercises'.

Roommates:

Grade school resident students were assigned to a dormitory area.

High school residents - lower class (freshmen, and sophomores) - had bunk beds and could have six in a room.

Upper Class resident boarder could be assigned four to a room.

In 1956 the grade school resident students program was discontinued.

Problem solvers:

Living in close quarters at high school age can result in conflict (disagreements) - However the resident FSC prefects would not tolerate any physical confrontation to resolve issues - so conflicts often were resolved by being creative.

Resolving a **Bishop Armstrong High School (BAMS)** conflict:

Sister Celestine, the principal for the young ladies, created a conflict - that adversely affected the lunch routine of some of the CBS resident students.

At lunch time the BAMS ladies were released from their classes - fifteen minutes before the BAMS (CBS) men were dismissed for their lunch time.

The time separation created a problem - for the CBS men - they were unable to obtain a significant/adequate seating area within the shaded and limited space of the BAMS lunchroom. The young ladies did not set aside or reserve any seating/table space for the resident students or CBS men.

After a couple of weeks with lunching in the sun - a resident student (RS CBS) took action. Resident Student Bob S. went home - on his home weekend - upon his return he introduced his resident - CBS Boarders - roommates to **Oscar** - the lunchroom solution!

The following Monday - as scheduled - the CBS resident students were released from their classes for lunch. As the RS CBS group went

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into the BAHS lunchroom they found; all of the table spaces were pre-occupied by the BAHS ladies.

Whereupon Bob S. and the RS CBS gentlemen selected their table and seating area (which was occupied) and approached the table group. Bob S. asked for the occupants to provide seating for the RS CBS gentlemen - which was declined.

So - to resolve the issue Bob S. placed his hand on the table - in the area that the Resident Students wanted to be seated at. When **Oscar** - a gopher snake - came down and out of his sleeve - the area was cleared and the problem was resolved.

BISHOP ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.



STUDENT
 IDENTIFICATION CARD
1956-57

Al Thompson
 NAME

Brother H. Gabriel, F.S.C.
 ADDRESS
 PRINCIPAL



1958-59

Basketball
 Schedule

- DECEMBER**
- 1 SACRAMENTO STATE Sacramento
 - 8 U.C.L.A. S.F. Cow Palace
 - 8 STANFORD S.F. Cow Palace
 - 9 CALIFORNIA Berkeley
 - 17 REDLANDS Saint Mary's
 - 19 UTAH Salt Lake City
 - 20 UTAH STATE Logan, Utah
 - 22 BRIGHAM YOUNG Provo, Utah
 - 26-27 EVANSVILLE TOURNAMENT
 Evansville, Indiana
- JANUARY**
- 9 *LOYOLA Los Angeles
 - 10 *PEPPERDINE Los Angeles
 - 16 *SANTA CLARA Saint Mary's
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