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CBS puts on quite a night

If you were one of 201 persons who attended a "Coaches' Night" Friday at Christian Brothers High School, you had the impression that a new community sports involvement had been achieved. The event is destined to grow.

The beginning was themed around two 80-ish CBS coaching heroes of the past - Jimmy Flynn and John Giannoni Sr. - but future events will be expanded to involve active high school mentors throughout the community.

The idea to salute the coaching ranks on an annual basis belongs to Ray Clemons, himself a former CBS coach and who now at age 75 has been re-recruited to revitalize the school's LaSalle Club. Obviously he has been effective. The boosters used to be a non-profitable adjunct, but they now have 150 members at annual dues

two bits as "overhead"). And next year he promises 1,000 members.

The bad news at the school is that Don Gillot, a dynamo and a retired Sacramento State department head, is retiring as president. It was Gillot who brought back Clemons, and it was Gillot who revved up the LaSalle Club. He will be enormously missed but is encumbered by other responsibilities. "Remember," he said, "I only committed for one year, and here I am into my third term."

Clemons, intent on keeping the dinner price at a modest \$5, will maintain the menu of salad, chili and a super-sized frankfurter and bun. "We don't make money on the food and don't intend to," he said. What concerns Clemons, Claire Matthews and other committee members is the modest size of the CBS cafeteria, which seats 200.

The solution for next year may be to expand to the CBS gym, which can handle 600.

On the face of it, the coaching ceremonial, if joined by the community as it is likely to be, has tremendous growth potential. Going back in memory, its genesis is similar to the Sportsmen Of Stanislaus Club in Modesto. This took off from small beginnings and literally outgrew itself. It did indeed suffer from too much success and became too big and unwieldy.

In this aspect, the venerable Christian Brothers School has a way to go, but it is on the high road. "Coaches' Night" was a happy harbinger.

■ Fred Arp, the assistant head coach and defensive-line coach

■ Fred Davis has a problem but