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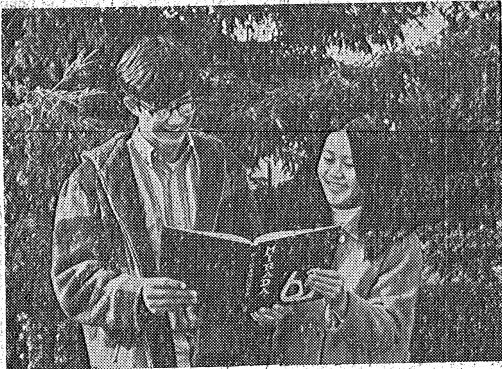
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Featured above are publicity chairman Greg Mills and overall Homecoming chairman Margaret Tao.

## MIRAMONTE GRADUATES INVITED BACK TO ATTEND ANNUAL HOMECOMING GAME

Many former Miramonte graduates will be returning to their alma mater Friday, December 15 for the annual winter homecoming activities. Members of the faculty will greet the alumni at an informal get-together at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The teachers and former students will reminisce their past experiences over coffee and refreshments.

Attention will then turn toward the gym for the basketball game with Las Lomas at 8 p.m.

Because many Miramonte graduates go to college in the Bay Area, we anticipate that there will be a good turnout for the reunion. Margaret Yao is homecoming chairman and Greg Mills is handling publi-

city of the event.

There have been nine graduating classes at Miramonte, and it is hoped that each one will be represented at the festivities this evening. Of the present faculty there are five members that were on the original faculty in 1955. Their names, along with their present positions are, Mr. James Lewis, principal, Mr. Robert Callan, assistant principal, Miss Naomi Giddings, assistant principal, Mr. Lloyd Hunt, head counselor, and Miss Barbara Clayton, English teacher.

Any present Miramonte students who have older brothers or sisters that are Miramonte graduates are urged to remind them of this very special occasion.

## Four Field Trips Highlight Last 2 Weeks

Saturday, Nov. 18, the Biology club (sadly lacking their president, Bob Weyeneth) visited the Rad Lab at U.C. In the future, Bob would like to hold a beach party for the club. "Traditionally the club has travelled to Half Moon Bay with the president tagging along behind a few freshman and sophomore members. All our members would be happy to come to a beach party."

The Business Law class went to Oakland Wednesday, Nov. 29 to visit Judge Buckley's court. They attended court to hear felony arraignments. They were lucky enough to go into the judge's chambers and watch closed circuit television in the holding cells. Afterwards, the class, under the supervision of Mr. Wedell, went to lunch at the Broadway Mall.

Last week, 29 members of the Spanish club went to Señor Pico's and later to the York theater. The movies they saw were "Cuando Calienta el Sol," and "La Bandida," ("When the Sun Warms" and "The Banded Lady," respectively.) Neither film had subtitles.

San Jose State was the destination of the Journalism staff on Monday. The class went there to tour the Journalism department at the college. John Hernandez, editor of the Spartan Daily, San Jose State's newspaper, was there to welcome the staff and also served as a guide.

ACT's presentation of Tartuffe by Moliere was viewed by several members of the French club Dec. 5. Rene Auberjonois was excellent in his portrayal of Tartuffe, a hypocritical priest. Miss Kelly supervised the excursion, and a good time was had by all.

## An Open Invitation To MHS Students

John West, a junior at Skyline High, will be coming to Miramonte as a guest speaker of Miramonte's Music Club, Octavia, on January 9.

As a veteran of Cazadero Music Camp, and a present member of Berkeley's Young People's Symphony Orchestra, John plays both bass violin and piano.

John has written many of his own jazz compositions a few of which he will play on the ninth. The program begins at seven thirty, there will be no admission charge, and all MHS students are invited.

## Music Program Emphasizes Holiday Season

Last Monday, December 11, a Christmas music program was presented for the parent's club. Under the direction of Harold Reuter, the band, orchestra, and choirs participated in the concert beginning at 8 p.m.

A string quartet, with Karol Paterson on cello, Madeline Prager on viola, and Kathy Paterson and Doug Schuyler on violin, performed two gigues. Ken Geide, the well-remembered marimba soloist, performed a number composed by Van Suppe. The honor choir, its members the finest-voiced students from the Acalanes High School district, and under the direction of Rod Sherritts, was invited to sing with Miramonte's students.

The orchestra played Johann Sebastian Bach's "Little Fugue" and the theme from Exodus. A collection of German Christmas carols was played by the band. The girls chorus and acappella choir, together with the honor choir, sang "A Son is Born of Mary" and Bach's "Allelujah."

For the final number, all of the groups in the music department performed Fred Waring's "A Song of Christmas." Soloists in that song were Joy Nelson, Margaret Partridge, Mary Ellison, and Randy Onger. The superb narration was the work of Karen Knapp.

## BOOK BIN GIVES PAPERBACK BOOK AS CONTEST PRIZE

The winner, Renee Dahms of the Book Bin Quotation contest chose a free paperback from the hundreds available at the student book store as prize for winning.

The chairman of the Book Bin, Mrs. Mary Pfeiffer says that she received on the contest entries "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations" as the source of "... should all acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind ... " instead of "Auld Lang Syne." Other people have said that Ibid, which means "the same", is the author of the quotation instead of Robert Burns.

The Book Bin is a little hole in the wall in the R building and the science building. "The Book Bin" Jackie James says, "is great. It's convenient because they have a great variety of books and if they don't have the book you want you can order it."

Available to students are everything from Homer's "Iliad" to Jean-Paul Sartre's "No Exit!" from a Spanish Dictionary to "Charlie Brown's Christmas" by Charles Schultz.

Perry Chatterer was the winner of the first contest.

Students who have never been to the Book Bin should browse among the books during the lunch period the only time it is open.

## Discuss Colleges

### ALUMNI-REP PROGRAM BEGINS AT MHS

A new dimension in Miramonte's college guidance program, the Christmas Alumni-Representative Program, has recently taken effect under the direction of Mr. Robert Campbell. It will constitute an informal get-together at which graduates, mostly of '68, now attending various colleges and universities, will be available to chat with interested Miramonte students about their particular college, and college in general. This program has proven so successful at Palo Alto High, that our counseling staff has decided to experiment with the program here at Miramonte over the Christmas holidays. Miramonte graduates attending the U.C. campuses, many of the State colleges, and several of the private and out of State colleges and universities have been invited to attend this informal discussion on Tuesday, December 19, from 10-12 A.M. in the cafeteria.

## MHS Actors Present Famous Play

Moliere's "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" was presented last Friday and Saturday nights as Miramonte's first all school play. This production was the first opportunity for all classes to participate in a major dramatic activity. Up until this year Miramonte's only major dramatic event was reserved for Seniors. "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" was open to all students interested in any aspect of stage production.

Moliere's comedy is concerned with a poor woodcutter who is tricked into pretending he is a doctor.

Miss (Suellen) Burton, head of the drama department, directed the play with the help of the student director Chris Svenson and assistant student director Mary Johnson.

The cast in order of appearance included Paul Aveson as Sganarell; Linda Whiting, Martine; Greg Mantell, Valere; Garth Michaels, Lucas; John Vinn, Geronte; Kate Farrar, Jacqueline; George Chapple, Leandre; Vicky Leiber, Lucinde; Bill Keegan, Thibaut; and Gary Fiset, Perrin.

Mrs. Jane Johnson supervised the make-up, and Eve Kermit and Kathy Dunlop were in charge of outfitting the players. Mr. Robert Cappa, audio-visual department head, advised scene construction. Scene design was handled by Kris Kelly, Marc Maguire, Holly Sweet, Megan Monahan, and Pam Hatch.

Graduates who have already accepted the invitations are:

Dave Roddick - U.C. at Davis, Pat Carroll-Cal Poly, Jon Donchin-S.F. State, Tom Culbertson-Princeton, Jack Kessler-Yale, Janice Haist-Chico State, Dave Tranberg-Humboldt State, Judy Bjornal-Occidental, Tom Gould-Oregon State, Laurie Wierenga-San Diego State, Chuck Chambers - San Jose State, Tina de Benedictis-U.C. at Santa Cruz, Julie Anderson - Radcliffe, Tom Shepard-U.C. at Santa Diego, Eileen O'Hare-U. C. at Santa Barbara, Gary Woodcock-University of Oregon, and Jim Babcock-Stanford.

Both Dirk Vanderloot and Jack Kessler are ex-student body presidents. Two graduates who were invited, but cannot participate because their schools will still be in session are Terry Rawson-University of Colorado, and Don Moore-Willamette.

So far, the colleges and universities that will be represented on December 19 are: Harvard, Stanford, University of Oregon, Santa Clara, Cal State, U. C. at Berkeley, U.C.L.A., U.C. at San Diego, U. C. at Santa Barbara, Utah State, University of the Pacific, U. C. at Davis, Cal Poly, S. F. State, Princeton, Yale, Chico State, Humboldt State, Occidental, Oregon State, San Diego State, San Jose State, U. C. at Santa Cruz, and Radcliffe.

There will be representatives from each of the above mentioned colleges who will be glad to answer any questions about college life, or their college in particular from interested students.



The arrow points to our industrious leader as the rest of the Journalism staff takes a break before vacation.

# Mirador Editorial

## Treasurer Peggy Won't Remove Clothing Until She's Sure

"An ecologist in Africa!" was the reply given by Peggy Hart, treasurer of the student body, when asked what she would most like to be. That's a pretty high goal even for a girl who "graduated from nursery school with honors", and whose favorite motto is "En Avril ne te decouvre pas d'un fil, or Don't remove a stitch of clothing till you're sure." (for the benefit of Miss Kelly).

Peggy has lived in Orinda all her life and in the same house. As a junior she was in representative council, secretary-treasurer of the Biology Club, and secretary of World Affairs (she was treasurer the year before).

Peggy loves swimming, top-

ology, and she used to love skiing until she broke her leg in her sophomore year. She went to Africa for five weeks last Christmas ("it will be a year this Saturday!") with her family and one of her aims is to go back again as it was "indescrivable". She also went to summer school in Nevada this past summer where she studied ecology.

Peggy likes the rain, Eric Hofber, liberals, Donovan, Canterbury Tales, and Fibonacci numbers, and would like to go to France with YFU. On the other hand, she dislikes lazy flabby girls, Ronnie Reagan and ABMs, stockings, and people who litter.

Her plans for college so far



Treasurer Peggy thinks student funds is a 50 minute gossip session led by Mr. LaMorte

include late applications ("it takes me a long time to write those personal condensations of my life" — what do you write?) to Stanford, Santa Cruz, Smith, Radcliff, and Pomona.

What's the basic problem with our school's treasury? "The fact that nobody really cares but Miss Giddings, Mr. Lewis, Mr. LaMorte and me. I guess they do, but like the monthly report — nobody even knows what it is and that's my prime duty."

## Student Forum

### What Should Be Done About The Population Problem?

What do you think should be done about the population explosion? This question was put to several Miramonte students. They were asked what they thought would be the best solution for this ever increasing problem.

Steve Serr — When asked, "What should be done about the population problem?" I immediately thought of vastly overpopulated India. What irks me is those parents in India who know that they cannot support children, and yet have multitudes anyway. In places like that, where poverty is a dominant factor and food is scarce, a little legislative act should be passed to temporarily control the number of children per family. Consequently I think anyone can have as large a family as he wishes if, of course, he can support it.

David Liu — The population explosion is a world shattering problem, which affects every person on earth. Scientists predict that if that population continues to rise, and people consume the food resources and land of the world at the present rate, a famine may be expected by the year 2000. Former checks on our over-population, such as plagues and disease, have been somewhat eliminated, and life expectancy is greater. Sex education in all levels of school needs to be introduced to educate the population and present the problems of overpopulation. Birth control programs need to be brought out to the open, and put into practice in all levels of a society, not only in India and Japan, but in Appalachia and suburban America.

John Burkman — Mighty Joe Young and I were in the locker

room the other day intellectually discussing how we could solve the population problems. I said, "Mighty Joe, something should be done about the population problem." Mighty Joe answered, "Uh-yeh Johnny, right." I inquired as to what should be done, and after several moments of deep contemplation Mighty Joe proclaimed, "We could make there be less people." I agreed completely. Triumphant, we grabbed a freshman and flushed him down the toilet.

Debbie Franklin — The population explosion has not been a problem until recently. Only recently have people realized that soon there will be standing room only. How can this problem be solved?

The first step has already been taken. The birth control pill was developed. The pill may not show immediate results, but, if used properly, it will be rewarding in the long run.

Families should be limited to four or less children. If the parents want more children there will always be children to adopt.

Janet Moe — The current mass methods of population control have been slightly effective, but hardly on the scale that is necessary for holding back the fantastic increase in births. Because of this, I believe that abortions should be made legal and available to any and all. Every possible effort must be made now when the first signs of world-wide saturation and starvation are becoming frightfully apparent. Drastic methods, for the ultimate good of the entire world, must be taken regardless of individual or religious objections.

## Welfare Queried

The purpose of the U. S. Welfare Program is to "Administer Federal programs for social insurance and public assistance". This is exactly what the government is doing, but is it benefiting the average welfare recipient? It doesn't appear to be doing so to me. I realize that machines are taking over many of the jobs that have previously been done expressly by manpower, and that in an age of specialists it is all but impossible for unskilled labor to find jobs with salaries that will substantially support a large family, but it seems to me that the government could do more.

Jobs such as the conservation of natural resources, maintenance of the State and National parks, the coastguard etc., are costing the government thousands of dollars a year. It would seem that the government could educate Welfare recipients, those who are young and able, and with this education, place them in government jobs. The advantage of creating such a program as this, would be that a great deal of money could be saved for the government and also a great deal of pride on the part of the recipient. A system similar to this was exercised during the depression of the 1930's, and it proved exceedingly successful.

## Berkeley Exchange "Out-of-Sight"

"Fantastic" is how Beth Harris, one of Miramonte's 40 participants in the Berkeley exchange program, describes her day at Berkeley High School.

Berkeley High begins at 8 a.m. and is let out at 3 p.m. There are as many as ten class periods a day and some courses have a one semester duration. The students are divided into a track system, with three major tracks. Students are divided into the tracks according to their grade average and ability. Track one is for the brighter students, and so on down the line.

Berkeley is a large campus, and their facilities are much more advanced than those of Miramonte. They have a marvelous Music, Art, and Drama program. Special facilities are offered for handicapped students. There is a wide array of courses offered to meet the needs of the students at Berkeley High.

Oriental, Negro, and Caucasian students make Berkeley High a thoroughly integrated school. "There seems to be a much freer atmosphere at Berk-

eley High," recalls Beth. Berkeley is an "open" campus and there is no tardy system. Instead, if a student is more than ten minutes late to class, he is marked as "cutting".

Beth was paired with a third track student with whom she spent the day going from class to class. "In the most integrated class that I was in, which was Social Living," recalls Beth, "the seating arrangement seemed to be segregated." "Because of the lack of enthusiasm in many of the third track classes, there seemed to be a lack of teacher-student communication."

In talking with other exchange students from the higher tracks, this seemed to be no greater a problem than it is at any other school.

Kris Ahola  
Editor-in-Chief

## Editorially Speaking

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." But is there liberty and justice for all? The discrimination against minority groups (Negroes, Orientals, teenagers, hippies, ex-convicts) seems an obvious contradiction to the pledge.

One of our basic American liberties is freedom of belief (which implies freedom not to believe). Another is freedom of expression (or freedom to refrain from expressing what one disbelieves). Therefore, if a student is forced to say the pledge even though he doesn't believe that there is "liberty and justice for all", the pledge is a mockery. The student is denied the basic freedom of expression and of belief and the pledge no longer holds true.

Some feel that to refuse to say the pledge is trifling and petty. But is it trifling and petty to stand by one's moral convictions?

What can possibly be gained by refusing to say the pledge? Maybe a great deal, maybe nothing. Protestors are often called attention-getters. That they are. However, they are attempting to draw attention not to themselves but rather to the issue at hand. They are trying to get people to look around them and to think about whether there really is "liberty and justice for all". They understand that half of solving a problem is realizing that a problem exists. They are hoping that if people can see the existing inequality, they might do something about it.

Patriotism can give a beautiful feeling, but blind patriotism is worth less than disloyalty. The pledge protestors are actually more patriotic than the people who say the pledge every day without ever thinking about what they are saying. The protestors do not want to rewrite the pledge. They merely want us, the American people, to live the pledge. Only if we do will it be meaningful.

But if this is too much to ask, the protester should, at least, be allowed his own conscience and should not be forced to swear a lie "under God" as the Pledge of Allegiance so patriotically states.

## Is Open Mindedness Gone?

by Jeff Brody

Today we have in our country a long standing, well-liked tradition of narrow-minded people ruling our land. The two-wooden presidents — Harding and Coolidge — could not see that the prohibition of alcohol was an uncalled for act. Today people can not see that the illegalization of marijuana can cause just as much trouble as prohibition. In the 1850's, the most prejudiced against people, other than slaves, was the abolitionists. The narrow-minded people of America would not allow views other than theirs be held. Today several groups have clashing views. The people for civil rights, the war protestors, and Socialists and Communists are among the many people who have minority opinions. These people are looked down upon, the Communists have to register their political belief

with the government, and people who have dared to say that the south should integrate have been shot at, hosed down with fire hoses and generally maltreated. Boys with long hair are sometimes ordered by their schools, churches, and boyscout troops to cut their hair or leave the organization.

What is the matter with the American people? Liberal and conservative alike will not admit that some other people may have different views. Is this what is to happen to the cherished American idea of free thought, speech, religion, etc? We must each combat the loss of our freedom, and allow others to think, act, dress, and believe other than we do. Only by each person adopting this plan can we once again be an open-minded people.

Jon Baylis  
Editorial Editor

"And in Suburbia, Life just Goes On" was the title of Tribune columnist Al Martinez's article last Thursday. For those of you who don't read this column, it talked about the effect or lack of effect that an anti-draft demonstration had on the rather indifferent suburb of Walnut Creek. Martinez seemed to be proud that his little suburb was so little affected by the demonstration.

Should a suburb, (or anyone) be affected by a demonstration? Of course a suburb should be affected by a demonstration. What is a demonstration but the mass expression of a common feeling? When something is so earnestly believed that people get out and demonstrate, it is worth at least considering. A community that has a demonstration in front of its own city hall and remains indifferent is dead as far as I can see. If the respectable residents of Walnut Creek disagree with the demonstrators, they could at least put up some kind of reaction. If the respectable residents agree, they should encourage the active anti-draft people. The point is that there has been no response, positive or negative to the demonstration.

Will there be a reaction when the demonstration comes to . . . ORINDA.



## It's What's Happening Around Bay

The halls of Miramonte have been ringing with plans for Christmas vacation since after Thanksgiving. Many local church youth groups are having

### IS SANTA CLAUS SANFORD?

**But What Is Civilization?**  
By VICKY LIEBER  
Kill blast decimate Them they cry  
Go into everywhere and get the Bad;  
Lock them up, bring civilization to all lands—But what is civilization?  
Blast Opposition in God's name they shout  
Change Their world for our protection  
Nullify all but our institutions, For our civilization must Exist forever . . .

Teach them to accept Our beliefs  
And Kill the Imposter; Rid all lands  
Of Evil and conflicting Ideals  
Our civilization is best and should be the only one — but what is Civilization?  
It's the night before Christmas  
And all through the school  
Not a student is present  
To shout "Seniors Rule!"

They're all in their homes,  
Nestled snug in their beds,  
While sights of referral slips  
Dance in their heads.

There's Mom with her bridge club  
And Dad with his pipe  
And all of the reindeer,  
The stereotype.

Then all of a sudden,  
I hear such a noise,  
I wonder if Santa's  
Been out with the boys.

I run to the window,  
Fling open the curtains.  
I'm not really sure  
If I see what is certain.

But there in the moonlight,  
In front of the gym,  
Stands jolly St. Nick,  
Looking terribly trim.

And then, like a flash,  
He is gone from the sight.  
He shouts pros and cons  
As he flies through the night.

To the top of the roof,  
without any doubts.  
At the top of his lungs  
To his coursers he shouts,

"On Sargis! On Blackwood!  
On Otie! McCain!  
On Reuter! On Zurich!  
On Kyner and Strain!

And then he is gone  
From the school's hallowed  
halls,  
To fly through the town  
Making numerous calls.

Bringing presents to students,  
He shouts from the heights,  
"Merry Christmas to all,  
And to all a good night!"

caroling and New Year's Eve parties, to which everyone is invited.

In San Francisco there are not only the usual shows, but special Christmas performances. The American Conservatory Theatre, a national training institute for actors and actresses, is presenting special matinee performances, which begin at 3 p.m. At the Geary Tartuffs will be presented on December 26 and 27, Twelfth Night on December 29 and 31, Thieves Carnival on December 28, and Under Milkwood on December 30. At the Marine's Memorial Theatre production of *Charley's Aunt* will be presented on December 26, 27, 28, and 31, the *American Dream* and *Zoo Story* on December 29, and *Long Day's Journey Into Night* on December 30 will be presented. Student tickets of \$1.50 are available for any of the performances.

The Committee has just opened a new program of improvisation skits, and songs at 622 Broadway. There are no shows on Mondays; performances are at 9 and 11 o'clock nightly except for Saturday, when the schedule is 8:30, 10:30, and 12. Minors are welcomed.

**You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown**, an off-Broadway musical, is based on Charles Schultz comic strip "Peanuts." The entire production is supervised by the original New York staff. Performances are every night, except Mondays, with two shows on Saturdays and Sundays.

Ghirardelli Square is presenting the *Fantastics*, a musical comedy. Performances are Fridays and Sundays at 8:30, and Saturdays at 8:30 and 10:30.

Special Christmas events include *Holiday On Ice* at the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum on December 25-31 with matinee performances at 2 p.m. on December 27 and 30 and January 1. It is an ice show with a huge cast of international skating champions and stars including comic as well as serious skating routines. A children's show, "The Night Before Christmas," is being presented every Saturday at the downtown Emporium.

Check Ralph Gleason's column for events at the Fillmore, Avalon, Winterland, and the Western Front.

### MEANING DISCLOSED

Christmas and the holidays mean different things to different people. As this is the Christmas issue of the *Mirador*, we decided to print some of the more interesting responses to the question "What does Christmas mean to you . . . ?"

Cindy Harris — Love and happiness.  
Jeffrey Brody — . . . O . . .  
Seampy Hickox — A meaningful experience.  
Kim Kersten — No school for 14 days.  
Amy Griffith — Being happy and broke.  
Stacey Griffith — A midnight reunion.

## YOU

By LUCY WATSON

At the beginning of your time, you are given a gift that will never be surpassed.

You are given yourself. You are you. You become what you want to want to become, and you do what you want to do with yourself. As each hour passes your gift becomes greater and greater.

You broaden your mind with education; broaden your soul with religion; and strengthen your bones with work.

Or you may spend your life doing nothing for yourself or others. If this is what you want for yourself, you will have it.

Look down at your hand and say "This is my hand, I own it, I have complete control over it, and then look into yourself and say, "This is me."

And perhaps you will spend your gift roaming, roaming, learning, loving, hurting, and roaming . . . trying so hard to fit the pieces of yourself together. Until finally you back into the mirror, turn and stare, then collapse into your coffin. For your life is over. You finally know yourself, and the coffin lid slams down . . . at the end of your time you are given a gift that will never be surpassed . . .

Death.

### Spanish Traffic Cop

Have you ever celebrated the end of school by lifting a parked car off the street (with the help of some friends) and gently setting it down on the sidewalk? Or had the pleasure of throwing a roll of toilet paper across the room and watching it unwind during flight? When was the last time you impulsively jumped up on a box in the middle of a busy intersection and started directing traffic? Spanish exchange student Vicente Garcia-Delgado has indulged in all these zany activities, and probably quite a few more that he isn't admitting!



Whenever Vicente isn't busy throwing things he plays tennis and swims. His brother Carlos is tennis champion at the University of Barcelona in Spain. Vicente doubts that he will ever be good enough to beat Carlos, but he's practicing hard, with the intention of giving it a try when he returns home.

Displaying both tact and common sense, Vicente asserts, "European and American customs are very different. Neither way of life is better, just different. I like them both very much. I'm having a wonderful time here, and since it's Christmas I'd like to be with everyone.

"Felices Navidades!!"



### Eve Plans To Dance

Painting her downstairs telephone white with multi-colored psychedelic spots is the most recent creative endeavor undertaken by a talented junior girl nicknamed "Bagel", alias Eve Kermit.

Eve hopes someday to become what she calls "an acrobat of God—a professional modern dancer. She has studied dancing for eleven and one half years. As a freshman Eve worked as a student instructor in dance classes for the Orinda Arts Center program, and she is currently studying at the Modern Dance Center in Berkeley. Eve has three hours of Modern Dance classes a week, plus forty five minutes of practice a day, and an occasional ballet class whenever she can sandwich it in. Her spare time is spent in sewing, jewelry making, A.F.S., Drama Club, and cake decorating.

Eve feels that we can lick the trash problem at Miramonte by having one day a year set aside for a "food-throwing war, to get it all out of our systems." One thing she dislikes about Miramonte is the intolerant attitudes of the students. "There is a set ideal of how people should look, act, dress, etc . . . and non-conformists are dead. Nobody will even talk to them." But on a lighter side she added "I intend to set a new fashion this year with my orange, green, and red dancing tights."

### CIVILIZATION?

C' est la vie  
by S. D.

I Can't explain this feeling inside  
how long can one man abide  
living in a two-faced world of hate  
Take one as a wife  
another as a mate  
Seeing only through flowered glasses  
powdered face & twiggy lashes  
Realizing no farther than you have  
thinking no farther than the book goes  
Remembering  
only what you were taught to know  
never hearing the far winds blow  
How long can we exist  
not feeling life at all?

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## REMEMBERING

By MARILYN MITCHELL

Remember summer with lazy, hot days. Lying on the deck watching dragonflies hovering over deep, blue water. Surf falling endlessly over the shore. One last surfer on the water as the sun sets.

Remember laughter. Surfing for the first time, trying to get up on water skis. Mr. Sargis and Dean Martin records and Ronald Reagan on the Late Late Show.

Remember tears at the death of a friend, and at parting. The lonely cry of a heron echoing on the lake.

Remember happiness—summer love, summer laughter, summer tears. Memories edged with sadness because they are only memories.

### Exchange Students Tell of Christmas

Christmas traditions differ widely around the world. Our foreign exchange students represent several of the many countries. From Spain Vicente feels that, "This Christmas will be interesting, different, and special. I'll be happy because I have a lot of friends and family here." In Spain some of the cities, Barcelona for one, decorate the streets with lights as we do here. On the 24th of December there is a midnight mass called a cock mass. Before mass there is a big Christmas dinner and after mass the children sing Christmas songs in the streets. The songs differ from place to place. The family stays together till about three or four in the morning sitting around the Belen, a figure scene on a table.

In Spain they don't have Santa Claus, but instead have the three kings. The three kings come on January 5th (at night). There is a big parade the day the three kings arrive. The children put their shoes — shined — on the balcony and they are filled with toys that night.

In Holland Huguette says that, "We don't celebrate Christmas in Holland as much as here." On December fifth Sinker Klaas comes from Spain. The children put their shoes on the fireplace and he fills them with gifts. They have a first and second Christmas day, but they don't exchange gifts. The city is decorated as here, but Huguette feels that "it is less commercial."

"Japan has only celebrated Christmas since WWII," Osamu explained, "Most Japanese are Buddhist." The custom of Christmas came from Europe. Now in Japan some families have Christmas trees and exchange presents. The Japanese do, however, have a big celebration on New Years.

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I always like the gifts I get,  
But how I love the gifts I give!

—Carolyn Wells  
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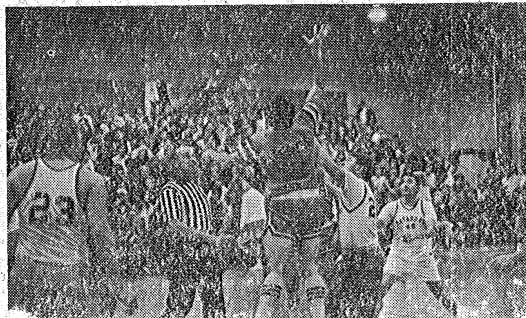
### BOOK BIN

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Merry Christmas to All!

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## DELBON LEADS KYA ONEDERS TO 81-67 VICTORY OVER MIGHTY MENTORS

Havoc ruled when the fearless faculty of Miramonte High met the KYA Oneders here recently.

Although the Oneders played without the help of Johnny Holliday, who had a stiff neck, Ed Hider and Sean O'Callaghan led the Oneders to an 81-67 victory over the faculty. Other members of the Oneders include Don Delbon, who scored 30 points, Jim Myers, six-foot-five Don Novitsky, Phil Pruski. Bud O'Shea, who was held scoreless, Owen Kashaveroff, and Tom Sgro.

The faculty made a glorious stand with such great players as Tom "Cat" Blackwood, John Sargis, Roger Durant Bill Kyner, Bran Yaich, Bill "Down-town" Brown, Bob Campbell, Michael Grbich, Tom "Twinkle-toes" Strain, John Guzzo, Otis McCain, Bob Callan, John Lewis, Norman Rudnick, Michael La-Morte, Robert Harris, Norman Wedell, O.O. Underdog-in reality, Don Underwood, Ed Kursar, and Don Phillips.

Original cheers were led by Barbara Berris, Elizabeth Weed, Janice Neff, and Richard Gompf.

The proceeds of the game will go to the Brian A. McCarthy Memorial Fund. This fund, which was established by the faculty, provides a college grant of \$100 to a deserving science student at the end of the year. The large crowd and the participation of the faculty helped to make the game a success.

## All School Play Enjoyed by All

THE DOCTOR IN SPITE OF HIMSELF, the loudest and funniest of Moliere's comedies, was first performed in 1666. To the present, this classic farce draws crowds because of its universal, fundamental appeal to all ages. Sgnarelle, a boastful woodcutter whose production of faggots (bundles of cut wood) exceeds any in his field, is miraculously turns into a physician. His conversion points up the sham, quackery, and deception of the society surrounding him. But the play's social significance is secondary to its central purpose — that of giving pleasure to its audience.

Starring Paul Aveson as Sgnarelle, the woodcutter-turned-quack, the play was full of little jests about wife beating, Quack medicine, and other delicious topics. The first act reveals such violent acts as the enraged Sgnarelle mercilessly beating his insolent wife Martine, played quite nicely by Linda Whiting. Before the last crushing blow is struck, Bill Preston as a concerned neighbor, Mr. Robert, interferes and is not only beaten himself by the still enraged Sgnarelle, but is also given a snack (of the kind) in the face by the poor wife he was attempting to protect. Because of the humiliating beating she has received, Martine vows revenge on her harsh husband.

As a form of revenge, the plotting Martine tells Valere, (Greg Mantell) steward to Geronte (John Vinn) and Lucas (a country fellow played by Garth Michael) that by beating her husband, they will find him to be the best of doctors. As for Valere and Lucas, they are desperately searching for a doctor, the circumstance which leads Martine to her revenge and Sgnarelle to his beating and a few other things.

## Hopscotch

She glanced around and glimpsed the janitor at the other end of the playground, shoveling leaves. No one else was around. She moved eagerly but cautiously to the hopscotch. Her feet wanted to be in its clean white-outlined squares, to have the satisfaction of being neatly in the middle.

She threw a stone into the first square, but as she hopped heavily to the second, somehow her foot landed on the line. She whipped her head around and waited guiltily for the cry of "Liner!" from the janitor. Only the scratching of the rake answered. She lifted the faded washdress from her knees, stuffed her hair behind her ears, and played the game. Her feet landing constantly and obstinately on the lines. She played until her glasses slid to her nose and crashed to the ground. The hopscotch blurred. She hid her red, hot face in her rough hands. Sobbing, she turned from the school and went home.



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## "Under Milkwood"

"Under Milkwood", written by the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas is a delight in itself, but when performed by the sensitive and versatile ACT cast, it is truly exceptional.

The cast is dressed in dark gray. The stage setting is solid black with no furnishings, other than a few straight chairs set upon a tiered platform. This sparse setting creates a timeless, placelessness while the muted costumes allow the audience to remain flexible and open to the multi-changing roles of each of the actors.

The play takes place in a small Welsh village or a large world, whichever you prefer. Dylan Thomas has created a micromism in "Under Milkwood." The success of the play rests in each member of the audience finding a piece of himself in a member of the cast, and the play is a success.

Ironically, I find it difficult even to express the intricacy and the delicacy in Dylan Thomas' writing as interpreted by the ACT performers. However, the Philadelphia Inquiry comes close when it describes "Under Milkwood" as "A bottomless cornucopia of all too human emotions, poetry and prose, vivid imagery, bawdy quips, mischievous puns, drama and song," as fulfilling experience and not to be missed.

## "Tartuffe"

"Tartuffe" by the French playwright Moliere is one of the plays that is being presented by the American Conservatory Theatre. This is A.C.T.'s first San Francisco season and so far, it has proved to be a success. Much of this is due to its status as a national training institute for actors. A large repertory of plays gives the actors a chance to use his skills and expand his artistry by playing many different roles throughout the season.

Tartuffe, a new translation by Richard Wilbur, is a character study of a hypocrite, who plots the downfall of his best friend. The action of the play takes place in 1665 in a large estate in France. The religious influence reflects its period in history. Excellent performances were given by the members of the cast. Outstanding were those of Rene Auberjonois, as the fanatical Tartuffe, and Judith Mihalaya, as the garrulous maid Dorine.



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## Get Out of the Color TV Carton And Get Into The Breadline

by Shelley Smith

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Siskee who lived with her poor family in the decrepit slums of Southeast Asia. Her father, Paku, had never worked a day in his life. After all, why should he have to work when good old Uncle Sam always shelled out the coins? Even when Maku kept having children, the old uncle was always there with hand-outs.

Paku's philosophy of life was this: "if you are not a member of the honorable class of high distinction, it is the world's fault, and not yours." Paku wanted to get to the top, so he worked desperately, saving all his uncle's monetary gifts for the day when he would have enough to take the first step to luxury and purchase a color TV.

For a few weeks the family went hungrier than usual and Uncle Samku kept the money coming. Then came the day when Paku counted his bills and found that he had enough to make his purchase. So Paku and Hiku (oldest son) went to the retail store and traded their black and white set for living color, plus cash.

Paku was no slouch. He reasoned that with the money from his uncle plus the dividends from the rental of his TV set to neighbors, he would soon have enough money to buy a car. He also figured that there would be enough room in the house for the television and the car if the

family moved outside. And that is exactly what they did.

Time went by and the family of Paku acquired not only a car, but also a stereo and a swimming pool, all courtesy of old Uncle Samku. But the children of Paku suffered from malnutrition, since the only food they got came from the bread line. When they pleaded for Paku to buy some food he beat them and said, "Would you rather eat and eat and eat, or be rich like His Honorable Highness, the Emperor?" and of course they chose the latter rather than have the wrath of their father fall upon them.

Then one day a terrible thing happened; Uncle Samku died. Now there would be no more money for Paku and his family. No, worst of all, there would be no color TV; it would have to be traded back for the black and white.

But there is a happy ending to this tragic tale. There are other Uncle Samkus who are immortal, and who give money to everyone. And eventually everybody will live happily ever after in glorious technicolor.

## THIS HERE SPACE

## FOR RENT

## ALL'S NOT QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

By Bill Keegan

The Western Front, to be found at Polk and O'Farrell in San Francisco, was not all quiet over the first weekend in December.

The Youngbloods now playing out of San Francisco were in top shape and delivered an excellent show. They played songs from both their albums and also played a few tracks from a third album they hope to cut in a few weeks. The Youngbloods also played their hit single "Let's get together" with such true sincerity that you could feel it in the air.

Supporting the Youngbloods was one of San Francisco's best "The Wildflower". "The Wildflower" has a new, coordinated, well nourished, original sound. They have appeared numerous times in Ralph Gleason's Ad lib announcements about what's happening and where in San Francisco.

The third group called "The Intial Shock" was new to me and were not too impressive. I found them to be a little heavy on organ.

As an added feature, Paul Arnoldi sang a few of his songs and joked with the audience.

The Western Front is a small corner building without too much external decoration. In the inside, though, there was a light show as good if not better than the light show at Winterland. The light shows featured at the Avalon Ballroom, however, is definitely superior.

One distinct advantage that the Western Front displayed over big dance-concerts was that it was not crowded and packed with pushing, shoving people. It provides sections of carpeting on the floor to sit on, and has a light casual atmosphere to be found at very few places in San Francisco.

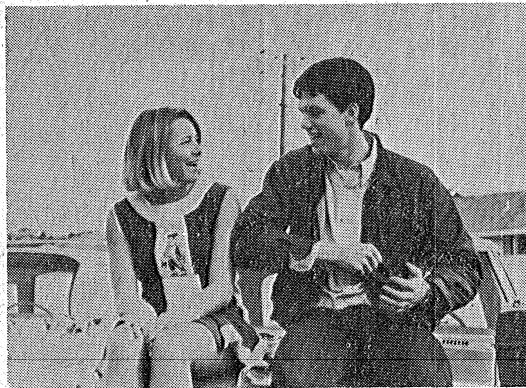
## RUTEBAGAS

Page editors are often faced with awkward spaces. In order to fill these spaces, the editors will often resort to what is known as boiler plates. A boiler plate is supposedly an interesting and concise bit of information which will concern and enlighten the reader while at the same time doing away with the white space. For example, did you know that this year in the San Joaquin Valley there were over 40,000 acres of rutabagas cultivated, and that this area is considered the rutabaga capital of the world?

Be assured, however, that boiler plating is a devise to which this editor would never resort.

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**Senior Personalities**

**Gayle To Become President of USBA; Paul To Play B Ball With Big Nate**

**GAYLE MILLER**  
 "I believe I was chosen for this great honor because I have friends on the Journalism staff," said Gayle Miller, who received top billing for this week's Senior Personality.

In an exclusive interview, Miss Miller revealed her likes as going to the beach and food. Her dislikes, which constitute an overwhelming majority, include slippery gym floors, the Straw Hat Pizza Supreme, and "groovy" things, to mention only a few. Melinda, who is one of our six lovely pom-pon girls, defines happiness as "going through a whole routine without making a mistake — that's also being lucky."

A recent poll (figures prove?) of Harvard men showed that Gayle's ambition to be Pom-Pon Girl of the Year will someday be realized, "but if I mentioned my true talent and ability, my five cohorts might not be too pleased." In her spare time, Grace can be found babysitting late into the P.M.; she some day hopes to become president of the USBA (U.S. Babysitting Association).

In her future academic career, Gayle plans to attend either San Diego or Chico State and eventually become a social worker "somewhere in the vicinity of Beverly Hills." When asked the two things she wished to change most, Miss Miller disclosed that she would like to alter her eyes and the prevailing conditions of the economic burden on her wallet. Since her net earnings total less than \$4000 annually, Gayle considers herself poverty-stricken.

In her closing statement to the press, Gayle would like to wish Sid and Shelley and Betsy a very wet and merry Christmas.

**PAUL MCKINNON**  
 "I think I was chosen to be Senior Personality because I don't rate being a Senior Portrait," says Big Paul McKinnon, our celebrity for this week.

Tall Paul listed his likes as all-night parties, beach parties, 5-day ski parties, cliff runs, and saddle oxfords. Among his numerous dislikes, Paul includes the Senior lawn, Mr. Zurich, phony intellectuals, and keeping his gym clothes in his locker.

Paul has just started his third great year playing basketball, and he hopes to maintain his record of 7 points a year. This is Sir Paul's second year occupying reserved seat No. 50 on the bench. He is happy to be playing for the President of the Pierce St. Annex.

As for his educational performance, Paul says that his "enthusiasm for the academic program at Miramonte started off slowly and then just sort of tapered off." However, come next September, Paul hopes to be able to attend the Big M for a fifth great year. His favorite class this year is P.E. with none other than Coach Bill.

In the future, McKinnon hopes to put his grace and talents together to play ball with Big Nate. Among his lesser ambitions, Paul includes getting his car running and passing Algebra.

In a parting word, Big Paul wants to again thank all his fans for their support throughout his basketball career, and he hopes that the spirit will continue with the good season this year.

**Question Man**

**Roving Mat Seeks The Unusual Gifts**

As we are now in the middle of holiday season, this week's Question Man asked, "What is the most unusual present that you have ever gotten?" Maybe you will find something that suits someone on your list.

- Half a toilet seat.
- A necktie! (the package was marked wrong)
- A garter and fried grasshoppers.
- An electric spoon.
- A small plum tree with plums (in the middle of winter).
- A cat's lung in physiology.
- A pair of boxer trousers with hearts on them.
- A huge green garbage can.
- A nose shrinker from my older brother who thinks I have a big nose.
- A life-size giraffe. Tiger-striped pajamas.
- A clock from the Tokyo Olympics.
- An empty box. My baby brother.
- A teddy bear imported from South Russia. My skull.

- A set of mint coins.
- A bundle of switches. Metallic chartreuse socks. Long, leopard-skin underwear.
- A red motor scooter and helmet (for a girl?)
- A letter from the three kings. An empty rootbeer bottle with a ribbon around it.

**Last of the Mats Honored by Deans**

The following names conclude Miramonte's Dean's list. These students received all B grades or above on their last semester report card.

- Catherine Sodestrom, Dale Sommers, Kay Spinks, Bryce Stack, Marian Stahle, Paul Stanley, Eleanor Steinback, Holly Stevens, Bruce Stewart, Joan Stratton. Betsy Strong, Katie Strong, Linda Sturges, Gail Thompson, Marta Thomson, Joyce Tessey, Jim Van Meters, Richard Vines, Martha Wagner, David Wallace, Janet Ward, Richard Watters, Lisa Weber, Sue Weirich, Randy Weyeneth, Robert Weyeneth, Holly Wieber, Steve Williams, Mike Wood, Anne Yao, Margaret.

Ah, at last we have finished this seemingly endless list. I hope you will all appreciate the effort involved in typing your names. The next time you get an A on a test think of the poor young girl who will have to type this list next semester. Speaking of next semester, it's just about time to start that list. Rest in Peace!

**It's A Happy Time of Year**

There's a happy sort of smell that's in the air this time of year. It's the smell of wreaths and garlands and Choice English Holly. It's the smell of popcorn and hot chocolate by a small fire. It's the smell of burning candles on the front hall chest. It's the crisp smell, a happy smell.

There's a happy sort of sound in the air these days. It's the sound of records and, "If anyone ever throws away that old one!" It's the sound of the turkey in the oven. It's the sound of "Mommy, when can we go see Santa?" It's a beautiful sound, a happy sound.

And there's a happy feeling at this time of year. It's knowing that somebody really cares about you. It's the feeling of being close to family and friends even though you're not with them. And it's the feeling of having that special person on your mind, even though you're far apart. It's a pleasing feeling, a happy feeling.

It's a happy time of year. It's a time for trimming trees. It's a time for being happier to give than to receive. It's time for milk and cookies on the hearth. It's a quiet time, a happy time.

And it's Christmas time.

**Dreams of Vacations and Ski Slopes; IT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING, BABY!!**

Every year around Christmas time everyone begins dreaming about where they're going to go for the next two weeks to get away from their own dreary existence and become a new person around new people. Some of their dreams come true, although a lot of them vanish with the ringing of a bell to change classes, or lack of funds makes them impossible. Some of the lucky people include Shelley Smith and Betsy Strong, who have been practicing the hula for the past months in preparation for a big trip to Hawaii. The dynamic duo is staying in Kailua with twin girls, Peggy and Wendy Dame (ask Steve Williams about Peggy) and they're living right on the beach. Well, Shelley only has about five more pounds to lose before she can go. Do you have to pay extra for overweight baggage Shelley?

Illustrious editor of the Mirador, Kris Ahola, takes off in the opposite direction for Florida and the Caribbean next Thursday. She'll be staying in Palm Beach, so Florida get

ready for Hurricane Kris! We're giving two cushions to Katy Delaney and Phyllis Lucas who are going up to Washington the hard way — by bus. Down Mexico way are headed Marcia Wilson and Sally Dennison, best friends who just happen to be going to the same place (not together) Puerto Vallarta.

If Paul McKinnon ever finds time he's going to try to make it to Squaw Valley to ski. Also heading for the slopes are Missy Lackey, Cindy Campbell, Pam Hatch, and Ron Gibson. Ron's even going to try and make it to Aspen! Then there's always Janet Dougery who's waiting for the word from a certain someone so she can improve her parallel turns with a little help. But the people to be the most envious of are those lucky ones who don't have to go anywhere but can stay here and for two weeks enjoy the exciting night life in Orinda, California.

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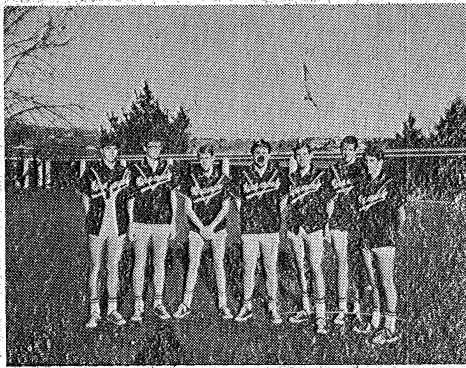
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**NEWEST RECIPE**

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Miramonte's "magnificent six" basketball players are Cres Gilbert, Andy Wolfe, Bob Bahme, Mark Hennigh, Lawrence Reid and Pete Schnugg.

## HOOPSTERS REBUILD

Miramonte's Varsity Basketball team entered league play this week with a three win and two lost pre-season record.

The Matadors got off to a good start by defeating John Swift of Crockett 77-74. Using a full court press the entire game, the Mats forced the Indians into many costly mistakes that led to a Miramonte victory.

Pleasant Hill traveled to Miramonte in our first home game of the season. The Mats, led by center Larry Reid and guard Andy Wolfe, used a fast break to combat the Rams' pressing tactics but had to outscore Pleasant Hill 10-5 in the last quarter to win 52-48. Reid, who scored 8 points in the third quarter to keep the Mats close, was high point man with 17.

Last weekend the Mat hoopers played in the Amador Invitational Basketball Tournament at Pleasanton. In the first round of play Miramonte was matched with Granada. Seemingly unable to score consistently, the Mat quintet hung close to Granada the whole game and tied it in the last three seconds on a long jump shot by senior guard Mark Hennigh. In the overtime the Mats were defeated 48-47.

Amador, ranked in the top ten in the East Bay, was the next obstacle. Andy Wolfe, Larry Reid, Mark Hennigh, and senior forward Cres Gilbert all contributed more than their share of points in this effort. The Mats, with a habit of keeping scores close, lost by 4 points, 46-42. Coach Tom Blackwood felt that the team had done a good job against a team of Amador's stature.

Coming off of two losses, Miramonte wreaked revenge on Ygnacio Valley 63-45. The hoopers gave no mercy as the first quarter score of 28-4 atests. The entire Mat team saw action in this third and final round of the tournament.

In the championship finale between Bishop O'Dowd and McClymonds, O'Dowd sneaked by the Mack men 70-68. Ahead by as much as 11 points at one time, the O'Dowd lead was cut considerably when big Nate Williams entered the game for Mack. Nate, an All-American, All-State forward from McClymonds as a junior, has been plagued with injuries this year. He found the range and rammed home 12 points before the game

Tonight's game is against Las Lomas at 8:00 P.M.

### Hale, Reiley All League

Senior halfback Mark Reiley and junior Steve Hale, Miramonte Varsity football players, were selected by the League's coaches to the All-F.A.L. Football Team. Matadors receiving honorable mention were Deke Ballard, Dave Eide, John Burkman, and Larry Reid.

Reiley, team co-captain, finished the season with 694 yards gained rushing for an average of 4.4 yards per carry. He averaged 25.2 yards on kickoff and punt returns. Mark had a season total of 36 points to his credit. Three of his touchdowns came after a 65 yard punt return, a 70 yard punt return, and a 74 yard run from scrimmage. Hale, Miramonte's standout defensive halfback, received the most votes at that position. During the course of the season he intercepted five passes and was usually given the job of defending against the opponent's best receiver. Several of his interceptions were key plays in Matador victories. Steve was one of two juniors nominated to the squad.

### ALL - FAL TEAM

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| E        | Burnside   | San Ramon  |
| E        | Johnson    | Acalanes   |
| T        | Phillips   | Las Lomas  |
| T        | Edmunds    | San Ramon  |
| G        | Snap       | San Ramon  |
| G        | Aldridge   | Del Valle  |
| C        | Kirby      | Del Valle  |
| QB       | Kloos      | San Ramon  |
| B        | Laine      | San Ramon  |
| B        | Tyre       | Alhambra   |
| B        | Reiley     | Miramonte  |
| E        | Ohs        | Alhambra   |
| E        | Dykes      | San Ramon  |
| Defense  |            |            |
| Position | Name       | School     |
| E        | Shaw       | Del Valle  |
| E        | Coultas    | Alhambra   |
| T        | Nagy       | Acalanes   |
| T        | Castanza   | Alhambra   |
| G        | Plath      | San Ramon  |
| G        | Smith      | Del Valle  |
| LB       | Fritts     | San Ramon  |
| LB       | Bowen      | Las Lomas  |
| B        | Hale       | Miramonte  |
| B        | Bollwinkel | Campolindo |

### Moraga Variety

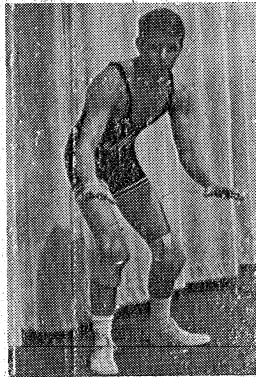
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## SPORTLITE: To Have Or To Hold

Captain of the wrestling team this year, Ron Ortman, feels that our team will do "real well if there are no injuries." Last year's wrestling team was seven and one in league competition; Ron was first in the league. As far as coaching goes Ron thinks, "Coach Durant does a great job"; Mr. Kyner is new at coaching wrestling, but he will be good "as soon as he learns."

This summer Ron went to Roderick's resting Camp. He went because "a lot of kids were going and it seemed like fun, but it was also good experience and kept me in practice."

Ron started wrestling because Coach Durant asked him to when he was a freshman. He won all of his J.V. matches and by the end of his freshman year he was on varsity. He likes wrestling because "there's no one to back you up, you're by yourself and you take on guys your own size." So far this year Ron has won all his matches.



Ron Ortman

December 15 — Basketball with Las Lomas (here)

December 16 — Wrestling Hollister Tournament at Hollister.

January 3 — Wrestling with Concord (here)

January 5 — Basketball with Alhambra at Alhambra.

January 9 — Wrestling with Del Valle at Del Valle.

January 12 — Basketball with Acalanes at Acalanes.

January 13 — Wrestling Del Valle Tournament at Del Valle.

January 16 Basketball with Campolindo (here)

January 16 — Wrestling with Alhambra at Alhambra.

# SPORTS

## Matmen Gain Experience For Future

This year's varsity wrestling team opened its season on a bright note as the Mats defeated Pleasant Hill 25-14.

Jim Horning pinned his man to insure the Miramonte victory with two matches left to go. The last two matches were canceled due to a power failure in the area, but Miramonte was given the win, since the Mats' total point score was more than Pleasant Hill could tally in the remaining matches.

Only four returning lettermen are competing this year out of a total of 109 boys. They are Ron Ortman in the 103 pound division; Mike Wood in the 95 pound weight division; Jom Horning in the 105 pound division; and Chuck Manuel in the 120 pound weight division. Horning and Manuel both made it to the state meet last year as sophomores. Manuel was league champion and placed second at the North Coast Championships. Horning was second in league and second at North Coast.

## JOHN'S JOURNAL

Recently while struggling through one of my typically dull Friday nights, I decided to see what inane distraction the TV set had to offer. Turning the dial to channel two I reclined in my favored chair. As I sat a strange sight materialized on the glowing screen. It was a picture of what appeared to be a rather large arena. In the middle of which was an elevated platform, roped off somewhat in the manner of a boxing ring. There were two men in this ring, one dressed in a Tarzan outfit, the other in black trunks and a hideous black mask. I was rather shocked at first, for these two men were tossing each other about the ring and stomping on each others' faces with a great deal of abandon. From some obscure place, an invisible and seemingly ecstatic announcer growled, "Look at him slam that head into the turnbuckle..." And it's a rabbit punch to the face... and another... and another...

He went on at great lengths describing graphically the agony and bloodshed taking place in the ring. The two battlers continued to bash each other on the head. Finally the one in the mask climbed up on the highest rope and jumped on the other's face, smashing it into a bloody pulp. A sweet little old lady in the front row who had been drooling unashamedly during the match let out a delighted screech. The hulking moron next to her grunted in agreement. The masked victor leaped from the ring and grabbed the mike from the announcer. "Listen here ya mealy mouthed pencil-necks!! If ya thinks this was bad, wait'll next Friday night at the Cow Palace. I'll murder that I'll Pepper-Belly! No stoppin fer blood! Everybody knows I'm the world's bes' Professional Wrestler!"

Aha! So that's what they call it; Professional Wrestling, huh!

Coach Roger Durant commented, "This year we have a young team, but many boys have seen varsity competition before this year." Last year's team won four and lost seven on its way to a fourth place finish in the league. Coach Durant feels that time will tell how good this team is.

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## G.A.A. CORNER

Cathy Soderstrom, Sarah French, and Genia Wood scored clutch goals to give the hockey team a 3-0 victory over College Park. This win ended the hockey season and made way for the basketball team to begin practice. Last year's basketball team won the league championship, and they have a good chance to do the same thing again this year.

Beth Owens, Genia Wood, Jenny Peake, Bea Daniloff, and Barbara Miller are a few of the returning seniors on the team. This year the basketball team has been challenged by Diablo Valley College's girls team. The game will be played before Christmas vacation. Good luck team in your bid for another championship.



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