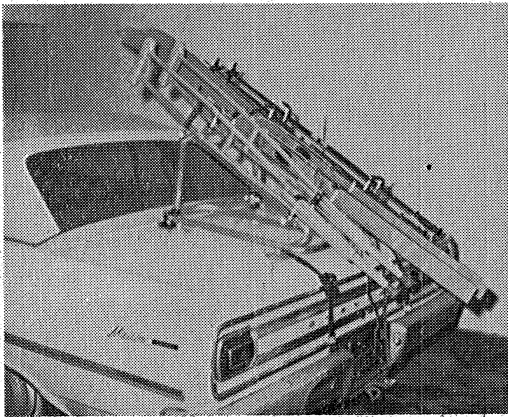


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BE PREPARED — A well equipped skier is ready for anything. The safety minded person knows that broken bones can and will happen to careless skiers and just carries the crutches for a conversation piece.

SNOWMEN CONGREGATE VIEW SKI PICTURES

Ski movies are being shown on alternate Wednesdays in O-1 during the lunch hour. The project, directed by Peggy Sheehan, filled the room to capacity on both occasions.

The first movie was a Warren Miller production on racing techniques. The color film had many pointers for skiers but even non-skiers said they enjoyed it.

During the holidays many of Miramonte's students migrated to the high Sierras to test their abilities. The snow was reported excellent, packed powder in the

Lake Tahoe Basin region. Sunny and crisp Thanksgiving and Friday the weather became slightly overcast during the weekend. All major resorts were operating and they expect to have a long season.

Always ski under control. Check ski bindings and be sure they release properly. Do not attempt to ski terrain not suited to your ability. Skiing must like driving be approached from the defensive; always be on the lookout for others to insure a safe enjoyable trip. Carelessness can lead to a broken arm or leg and a ruined season.

Christmas Assembly

The Christmas Assembly will be presented on Monday, December 12, at 8 p.m. The band, orchestra, girls' chorus and A Cappella chorus will participate in the program. The band and orchestra will both present several selections including two different versions of a composition entitled *Sleighride*.

A piano duet will be performed by Kathy Dunlop and Pat Jones. The choir will enter singing and the audience will be asked to join in a community

sing of several Christmas carols. Each choir will present several pieces followed by a combined choir and orchestra presentation of *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Under the direction of Mr. Harold Reuter, the Christmas Assembly promises to be a big success.

There is no admission charge but it would be most appreciated if everyone could bring a can of food. This food will be distributed to the needy in our area.

The Oakland Symphony's Youth Chamber Orchestra is opening its third season. Emily Witt, a talented violinist and senior at Miramonte, is a member of the Youth Chamber Orchestra.

Besides being a stepping stone to the parent organization of the Oakland Symphony, the Youth Chamber Orchestra offers a valuable and exciting experience. Last year's program included a four-day "tour", TV and radio broadcasts, appearance at the Jack London Square Festival as well as their regularly scheduled performances.

The first concert this season will be at Oakland Technical High School, Sunday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. Those interested in attending may secure a \$1 ticket from the Oakland Symphony, members of the Youth Orchestra or at the door.

MUSE

The Creative Writing Club has recently elected officers: Senior Kathie Russell, president; sophomore Jeff Sawyer, vice-president; junior Sue James, secretary; and junior Jane Starke, treasurer. This year the Creative Writing Club will publish *The Muse*, Miramonte's literary magazine. During Creative Writing Club meetings, members will read and evaluate material submitted for the *Muse*.

Editor Kathie Russell is responsible for the format of the book and final selection of the material. She and co-editor Jeff Sawyer are responsible for final evaluation of the material. Jane Starke is in charge of ways and means of getting patrons because *The Muse* has no source of funds. Because of the high cost of publication, the purchase price does not cover expenses; therefore, Jane must find other sources of income.

Kathie strongly expresses the need for material. *The Muse* has expanded this year and plans to include writings, photography, art and crafts. The writings will include poetry, short stories, and essays; a limit of 1500 words is placed on the writings. Fred and Dwight Sigworth are in charge of photography. Art work to be submitted will be screened by Mr. Mike Grbich and Miss Janet Primm. Mr. Dick Gompf will select the crafts.

Literary advisors for *The Muse* are Mr. Mike Hall and Mrs. Bernice Rosso. Anyone who wishes to submit articles for *The Muse* may turn them in to any of the officers, English teachers, or faculty advisors.

General Motors Progress Assembly

To demonstrate new safety features, show the progress and diversity of the General Motors Company, and to illustrate innovations in the field of transportation, will be the main objectives of the General Motors Progress Assembly on December 7.

The program, which will be presented in the auditorium at 8:53 a.m. (second period) will consist of a series of interesting lectures and demonstrations, to be given by three employees of the GM company.

The demonstrations given will include an explanation with scale models of how new safety features can be combined to a tough synthetic rubber or plastic, and a demonstration of General Motors' new solar-powered car.

The assembly was arranged by Terry Rawson, Miramonte Student Body Vice-President. After seeing it at Alhambra, he had arranged to have it shown here by writing to the regional manager of the San Francisco office of General Motors' public relations.

Oskie Gets Amorous as M.H.S. Band And Pom-Pon Girls March in Parade

Drums rolling, horns blowing, and feet tramping, the Miramonte Marching Band along with the majorettes and pom-pon girls attended the UC band day for the first time in Miramonte's history. Between 50 and 60 students jammed themselves into the bus, eager to be a part of the frenzy that precedes every Cal-Stanford game.

Arriving at the campus at 12:30, the students dispersed for a 45 minute lunch period. Mr. Reuter wanted them back early, so they would have time to perfect their "act" before parade time.

Most of the perfecting and practicing, however, was done at 3 p.m., as our band, at the end of the procession, waited its turn. The band was, interestingly enough, situated behind the floats and in front of the car containing Carol Doda. The crowd went wild as they approached. It was apparent, though, that the band was not the cause of their enthusiasm.

One of the major problems the band encountered was that the number of horses preceding them had left the street in no condition to be marched upon. A couple of team mascots, Oskie the bear, and the Stanford Indian complicated things even more by chasing the pom-pon girls. Despite the problems, the day worked out well, and the group returned home at 4:30.

Another interesting music department activity was the Veteran's Day noon music concert. Well over 300 students packed the gym to hear the combination Orchestra-A Cappella choir performance.

Featured, songs were "From Sea to Shining Sea" (a patriotic medley), and the third act of Wagner's "Lohengrin". Also featured was the song "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever".

Other music department activities include a Christmas assembly and a field trip to "Amahl and the Night Visitors", a Christmas opera.

MIRAMONTE ADVENTURE REDISCOVER LOST ORINDA

Where is the Lost Orinda Park? Where is this long lost reminder of bygone days of Orinda glory? That's a good question, and if you want to find out where LOP is don't read this article. Unfortunately the location of LOP is known only to a select group of high masters who use the park for their own nefarious ends; however, with clues divined from this article, it may be possible for more common people to discover this long-lost shrine.

LOP is located in Orinda near the ruins of the old Orinda Hotel. To reach LOP one must discover and walk down an abandoned road (if you can find the road at all). To the unknowing eye LOP might be invisible even when one is standing in the midst of it. If, however, you are with an experienced LOP guide (see Bob Bardell), the scenic wonders of this part of Orinda's heritage will unfold before your very eyes.

Suddenly you have pushed back the fog of time, and a world that existed long before this one is unveiled to you. The guide can show tourists the old decaying park benches, the ancient artificial lake (possibly a swimming

pool), and the giant grove of apple trees that must have provided shade for the thousands of tourists that must have flocked to the park. If you are so inclined, you can discover the ecstasy that archeologists know when you and your guide probe into ancient cesspools that hide the secrets of the past. Yes, happiness and security will be yours when you enter THE LOST ORINDA PARK.

Change Day

Executive Council sponsored "change for Charity Day" this year. This fund-raising campaign is in its fourth year at Miramonte. The student body officers carried containers and collected change from all students during breaks and study halls.

The \$73,125 collected was given to the Orinda Lion's Club to be donated to the purchase of books, records, etc., for the blind. The success of Change Day is due to the generosity of the Miramonte student body. The Lion's Club extends its gratitude.



COUNTRY JOE AND THE FISH—The six young gentlemen pictured above will provide entertainment for the Junior Prom Dec. 18. See page three for the full story.

CALENDAR

- December 2—Friday
Basketball—McClymonds (here)
- December 8—Thursday
Progress Reports
- December 9—Friday
Amador Basketball Tournament
- December 10—Saturday
Dance at Orinda Community Church
- December 12—Monday
Junior Appreciation Day
- December 13—Tuesday
Christmas Concert
- December 14—Wednesday
Basketball—Galileo (here)
- December 16—Friday
Junior Prom
- December 19—Monday
Christmas vacation begins
- December 25—Sunday
Santa Claus is coming

MHS HAS CLIQUES

By JOHN BAYLIS

What is a clique? According to the dictionary, a clique is "a small exclusive group of people." Looking at just half of the definition we see a clique as "a small group of people." This phrase probably expresses one of the most normal aspects of human nature, the cleaving of individuals into small groups.

I would say about ninety per cent of a person's time is spent in some kind of a small group of friends, family, colleagues, etc. It is only natural for this to be so.

To see the whole scope of the definition, we must also look at the other half, which includes the word **exclusive**. A clique is "a small exclusive group of people," reads the dictionary. It is now, when we include the word "exclusive" in the definition, that some real problems present themselves. When a person is part of an exclusive clique, he is immediately limited. When he is with that clique, his conversation, viewpoints, ideas, morals, and attitudes, are influenced by only certain, usually similar, personalities. His environment is therefore drastically narrowed. As each of the individuals in a clique is constantly influenced by each other, knowingly or unknowingly, he becomes more like each other one. The more alike they become, the more the members of a clique look down on outsiders who are not like themselves, and the more they associate only with the clique. Their language becomes the same, and any other way of speaking becomes ridiculous in a "member's" eye.

The more the clique associates together, the more alike they become. The more alike the members become, the more they associate only with each other. This "vicious circle" breeds disdain of outsiders, leading to prejudices which are the basis of our nation's civil rights problem.

At Miramonte, there are so many cliques that one can almost tell by looking which clique each person belongs to.

The only answer to this growing problem is not to join cliques. Meet new people. Sure, have a group of friends, but make it fairly large. Do different things with different people. Don't narrow your personality.

Senior Portraits



This week's senior portraits are Denise Roddick and Steve Schnugg.

"Pomponing is my favorite activity. There is nothing I would rather do," explained Miramonte's only dark-haired pompon girl, Denise Roddick. "I think it is an experience every girl should have. And it doesn't take as much time as I thought it would either."

Denise is president of the Spanish Club and approximately a month ago was seen as the beautiful Queen Isabella in the Spanish Club presentation of "A Hard Days Night With Christopher Columbus." She is secretary of the Inter Club Council and professes this duty to be "one of the funnest things that I do—taking minutes!" She is also vice-president of the Biology Club and a member of Rally Committee.

"I definitely like walking in the rain barefooted, people who smile (dislikes snobby people), surprise birthday parties, and letters in the mail, among other things." When asked about her specific dislikes, Denise seemed not to have any until suddenly she exclaimed, "Oh, I know! The stringy stuff in Chop suey!" She also prefers not to have either bottom lockers or sand in her sandwiches.

In the future, Denise plans to attend the UC Berkeley campus for a couple of years and then go to Spain, to continue her education or simply travel. Profession-wise she is interested in biology and admits that she would love to be a helicopter pilot or parachutist. But with a note of despondency in her voice she confessed, "I don't think girls can."

"Cuadrilla's purpose is to instill pride in Miramonte," says Steve, who is also vice-president of his church youth group, and a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

In his spare time he reads, plays tennis (Craig Rieser and he won the Northcoast Finals and the league in tennis last year), and tries to play basketball. Steve's fondest memory of playing basketball last year is that he was the only player on the JV team never to be captain for one of the twelve games.

Steve would like to go to Yale (or perhaps Brown or Dartmouth) and he might become a doctor. His major ambition is to travel to "any and all foreign countries" (especially Latin America "to find a perspective on the human race").

Steve's strongest dislike is girls' clubs. His favorite color is mustard, and his favorite foods are lamb with mint sauce, and hollandaise sauce.

When discussing public figures, he said he most respected Robert McNamara (secretary of defense). Steve likes to ski and so is, of course, delighted that skiing season is here once again.

Asked about his outlook on life, Steve said, "I'm conventional (I think) because after thinking about it very much it just turned out that convention was the path I was following—I don't think it's the easiest choice."

Advisory Board

The function of the Student Advisory Board is to help students with problems incurred in connection with their activities at Miramonte. Interviews with the Board are not mandatory; rather, they are by the choice of the student. The Board invites students to talk with them upon the suggestion of a faculty member, dean, or other interested party.

The Board's concern is not to take action against individuals; its purpose is to help students to make their experience at Miramonte as meaningful and productive as possible.

With this goal in mind, the Advisory Board encourages any interested student to bring his problems, criticisms, or constructive suggestions before the board. With the active participation of the student body, the Advisory Board can serve as an effective communication line between the administration and the students.

Most important, any meeting which is held by the Advisory Board with a student is done in the strictest confidence. The subject matter of the meeting and the identity of the student will not be revealed to any individual outside of the Board.

The Advisory Board is here to serve you. Help to make our function more effective.

Earl McKeever
Chief Justice 1966-67

Club Column

This year the Inter Club Council, under the leadership of Art Dawson, has been very successful in its encouragement of club activities. A number of new clubs have been formed to attract a variety of interests. Some of these are the Medical, Debate, Drama, Music and Guitar Clubs. During the formation of those clubs, some of the older ones have sponsored, or plan to, individual events.

The American Field Service has just completed its annual fund-raising drive with close to \$2000. Another exchange program, Youth for Understanding, has been introduced with the hope of presenting more opportunities to more people.

At a recent award assembly the Block M president, Tom Shetterley, awarded Earl McKeever an honorary M. . . . The Chess Club has had two league meets in which they defeated Ygnacio 3-2 and lost to Campolindo 5-0. . . . In the G.A.A. both the hockey and tennis seasons are finished. . . . And, in addition, the Inter-Club Council has plans for an assembly sometime in February.

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Here's How

by Timothy Greenleaves Howe

It was late when Irving reached Sam's house, that cold winter night. The only light on was in Sam's room. Irving walked through the silent house quickly and down the blackened corridor to his door. He didn't knock, as Sam was expecting him, but opened the door and strode into the room. Sam was lying on his bed and as Irving came he very slowly turned his head toward his friend, a frightened look in his eyes. He was whispering something but Sam couldn't hear what it was he was saying.

"Hi, Sam," Irving said and walked up to the bed.

"BEAR IN MIND," a tiny whisper escaped through Sam's tightly clenched teeth.

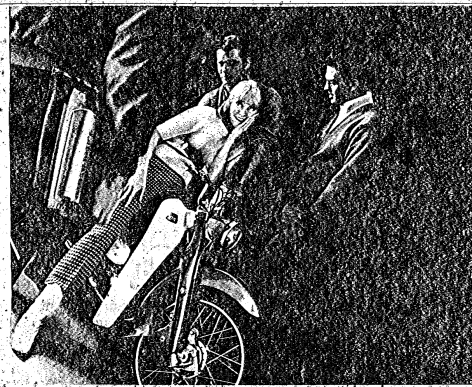
"What was that, Sam?" said Irving, who now saw that all was not as it should be.

"Bear in MIND!" the whisper came again very slowly but loud enough so Irving could hear it.

"What do you mean, 'bear in mind' what?" said Irving, but Sam's pleading eyes made him look once again at his friend.

"Bear IN mind!" the whisper came again and this time Sam slowly raised a trembling sweaty finger and pointed toward his head—and now Irving realized the shocking thing his friend was saying.

"Oh, God, oh, God, no, say its hot so. Well, how did he get in there? Now lay very still and keep your mouth open and maybe he'll come out early. It seems to be pretty warm in here." A tumult of words poured from Irving's babbling lips. How could this happen to Sam, he thought. "Well, see you later, Sam," and Irving went out resolved that he would come back in the spring to see how his friend was doing.



The ladies' van.

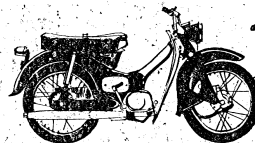
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Carol Doda, Oskie Provide Excitement For Band in Parade

One of the highlights of this year's football season came to our band, majorettes, and pom-pom girls Friday, Nov. 18. They were let loose on Berkeley to perform in the Cal-Stanford pre-game parade.

The band arrived in Berkeley early enough to secure a bite to eat. Most members ate at the same place because a lone person wandering the streets in a green band uniform looks rather strange—even in non-conformist Berkeley.

After eating (and after the pom-pom girls had left a secret message) the band and company proceeded to their place in the parade. To their dismay, they learned they were 26th in line!

Their discontent was dispelled quickly however, because they found that they were behind the parade's winning float and in front of—CAROL DODA. This fact led to the abrupt about face from the band which was quickly countermanded by Band director Mr. Harold Reuter.

As the parade progressed, everything went as planned except for certain impromptu activities conducted by Oskie the Bear.

BAND CRAZE HITS MHS

"We try to milk the customer for all we can get." This candid remark was made by Larry Gosch, a Miramonte junior, in reference to the Outsiders, a recent smash addition to the rock and roll scene.

Members include Chris Lucas, lead guitar; Berry Weir, bass guitar; Robby Von der Lieth, drums; Dave Usinger, lead vocal and sax; and Larry Gosch, rhythm guitar.

St. Mary's frat parties, store openings, and after-game dances are only a few of the appearances the Outsiders have made. Larry continues, "We play at anniversary parties when we get hard up, but it really gets poor when the celebrants start asking for fox trot numbers and telling us to TURN THE MUSIC DOWN."

When asked to comment on why he started in music, Larry said, "I took up guitar when I read about John, Paul, George and Ringo in a teenybopper magazine. That, and learning that a group can make up to \$5,000 an hour."

Without sacrificing their own individual style, the Outsiders try to pattern themselves after their favorite group, Paul Revere and the Raiders. They especially enjoy singing "Louie, Louie," PR and the R style, of course.

Taken from the extensive list of problems faced by the Outsiders are these few—amplifiers that are prone to blowing up, runny noses on play nights, customers who say, "We'll pay you next week," voices that change in the middle of a song, broken guitar strings, and street dances on chilly nights because "you can't move your fingers lickety split over the fretboard."

But is it all troubles and drudgery for the Outsiders? Not in the least.



DWIGHT SIGWORTH RIDES WITH CLASS IN MODEL "A" CALLED "GREEN HORNET"

"The Green Hornet," owned by Dwight Sigworth is a classy 1930 model A sports coupe, which travels speeds up to 60 miles per hour, "but not too often," replied Dwight in an apologetic manner.

Dwight picked his heap up in Southern California, in the backlot of a Yamaha dealer.

"When I found it, it was missing an engine and the hood was gone. I guess it could have been called a basket case." Since then Dwight has spent \$180 on stock parts and worked from last Christmas until June in order to get it to run.

Now, that it runs how does he make use of his time? "It may sound a bit contrived, but two girls can squeeze into the front seat a lot easier than one boy; so lately, I've been giving K.B. and an anonymous friend a ride home."

When asked what his most embarrassing moments were concerning his car Dwight replied, "I was going to take Elsie home and I wanted to make a big impression on her. When we finally got out to the car I found the battery had gone dead. She was

really impressed." "It's a good car except that the oil leaks, the brake lights are broken, and the doors fly open."

Dwight said that the most trouble he had with the car was when he had to tow it from L.A. to Orinda. The Hornet was being pulled by his brother's car. There was a hook-up between the headlights of his brothers car and the tail lights of his car.

He explains, "The headlights on my brother's car went out so the tail lights of my car went out. We had to use a red reflector over a flashlight the rest of the way home."

Dwight paid \$200 for his pride but now wants to sell it. "It's worth at least 450 dollars," says Dwight. Anybody interested in a real bargain?!!

Question Man

What "Love" Means To Miramonteans

Question: WHAT IS LOVE? Gary Gegan: Love is one-ness. Sue Kjar: Love is a thousand red fruit chewies.

Ron Rawson: Love is the closer he gets, the better you look.

Don Breidenbach: Love is frozen vegetables.

Elaine Helme: Love is lovlier the second time.

Ron Klemmendonson: Love is keeping on the grass.

Debbly Dunlap: Love is sitting in a big, open meadow asking a daisy if he loves you or loves you not.

Bob Bardell: Love is not. John Roberts: Love is not original.

Leslie Madden: Love is something I haven't yet achieved.

Greg Jones: Love is being able to take a girl out more than twice.

Rob Wallace: ... You're asking me?

Tim Howe: Love is a fawn sleeping at dawn. Dew studded eyes. Democratic eyes.

Anne McClure: Love is holding hands with a boy and not a tree.

Alan Deubner: Love is being together through all phases of

Juniors Say "Ye Gods and Little Fishes"

Every year juniors say, "Our Junior Prom will be the best Junior Prom Miramonte's ever had!" This year is no exception—but Denise Meyer, junior class vice-president and head of the dance, also says, "Ye Gods and Little Fishes will be the most metaphysical prom we've ever had because it will be the most interesting!"

In case you're wondering, Ye Gods and Little Fishes is the name of the Junior Prom. It is a partial allusion to the fantastic group that will be playing at the Prom—Country Joe and the Fish—the well-known Berkeley band! They have now on sale a 33 1/3 record, "Rag Baby", Country Joe and the Fish play frequently at the Avalon and the Fillmore, and have regular Sunday and Monday concerts at the Jaberwock on Telegraph.

The traditional apportionment of money for the prom has been reversed this year—much more is being spent for the group than for decorations—because the class has decided that the dance is

primarily for dancing rather than looking at walls.

All members of the Junior class are working on decorations that will be based loosely on the "mind-expanding" atmosphere of the Fillmore-Avalon ilk. Jenny Peake, head of decorations committee, has promised a light show and liquid projections.

Publicity for the Junior Prom, handled by Merry Brody, include specially printed posters and handbills.

Mary Hoover, chairman of the Bids Committee, wants everyone to know that bids, which cost \$3.50, include 2 admittances to the prom, 2 posters, and refreshments.

The dance will be from 8 to 12 on December 16th. All out-of-school guests must be signed up in the Dean's Office by 4 p.m. on prom night. **Everybody** can come!!! This is the only semi-formal dance all year that admits members of all classes, so grab your chance to attend a groovy unusual metaphysical dance with Country Joe and the Fish for only \$1.75 per person!!!

VICTIM SLIDES DOWN RAMPS ENJOYS SLIPPERY RAIN FUN

Friday Night
That a certain J.D. from a certain Acalanes High took her Friday after school our victim went straight to her job at The Fashion in Walnut Creek. Nothing exciting happened except home after work around 8:30...

Saturday Night
Around 8:00 Saturday night, the same D.J. along with his

friend S.B. and the Sophomore Class Princess, came to take our victim to the show in Berkeley. But the show ("Not with My Wife You Won't") proved to be very dull and so our victim and her date went sliding down the slippery ramps of the parking lot in the rain. After joining the other couple they proceeded to Lafayette View where our victim began to CROAK, yes, much to our dismay, CROAK—until they got S.B. to take them home.

Sunday

Sunday morning our victim was up at the cheery hour of six, trying to talk her mother into letting her go to Carmel for the day with Pam Spaich. After much discussion her mother agreed so our victim donned her ski (?) clothes and set off for Carmel. She and Pam spent the day with some good friends talking about ole times and summertime fun. They dropped by Otis's and then drove home around seven, but it took our victim longer to get home than usual for she was loaded down with some silver which she had picked up sometime that day. After she got home she proceeded to eat up everything in the refrigerator, and on this ending note everyone will be pleased to know that our teenage spy victim is ... Holly Sweet.

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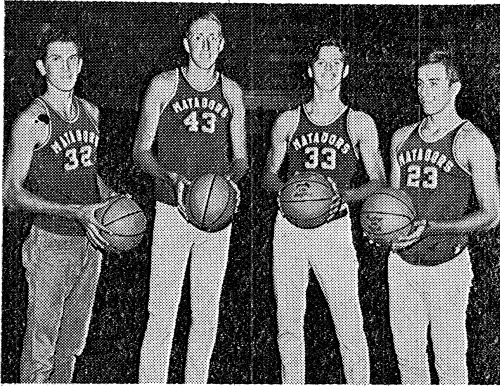
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Mat "Hoopsters" Begin Season

Led by Pete Jensen, a six foot seven and a half inch senior center, the Matador basketball team has been picked to win the Foothill Athletic League championship by the unanimous vote of opposing league coaches. The coaches also decided that Miramonte would be followed by San Ramon in second, Del Valle in third, and Acalanes in fourth place.

Returning starters are Pete Jensen, all-league center, forward John Bishop (6-3) and guard Ray Winquist (6-1).

Other players expected to be outstanding are Andy Wolfe, a junior, Barry Svendsen, a 6-4 senior transfer from Skyline, and senior Bruce Washburn (6-4).

The San Ramon Wolves are said to have a solid front line featuring a 6-0 returnee from last season. Playing forward for the Wolves will be two six foot plus football players. Their starting center is 6-2. Much of San Ramon's team comes from the J.V. and there are two transfers.

Expecting help from last year's J.V. team, Del Valle Coach Doug Peterson has only three returning starters. Their tall players are 6-3, 6-1 and 6-2½.

Acalanes Coach Jerry Sharp is not sure about his team's possibilities, having only two returning lettermen, but he thinks

they will make the top five. One of their guards, a junior (6-1) was an all-league honorable mention last season.

"We could have a good season if our guards come through for us," states Campolindo Coach Gary Cook. Seven of last year's Cougar cagers are returning including three starters. The team is also said to boast good height with their tallest man measuring 6-6, only an inch and a half shorter than the Matador center, Pete Jensen.

With their shortest team ever, the Las Lomas Knights only have one returning cager, a 5-10 guard. Their best rebounding and scoring man of last year, a 6-6 center, has graduated, leaving no returnees over six feet. Coach Jim Webster sees real competition for the remaining four positions.

"We will be short on height, but a better over-all squad," says Coach Ralph Jackson of Alhambra who considers his team 100 per cent improved over last year. The Bulldogs have three returning cagers, a guard, measuring 5-10, another guard at 5-10, and a forward, measuring 6-0.

Another team short on height is the Piedmont Highlanders. Their two returning starters measure 6-0 and 5-8. Two of last year's lettermen are also pushing for starting berths.

Donlon, Bottjer and Ortman Lead Varsity As Mat Grapplers Prepare for Season

"You might say we're starting out the season on the left foot" said Roger Durant, wrestling coach, in reference to the team's opening handicaps. Although five out of six lettermen are returning to the Varsity team, only two of them, team members Neil Donoghue and Todd Gordon, are presently able to wrestle. Jon Donlon, one of the team's most valuable heavyweight wrestlers, is sidelined with a broken bone in his foot. Another very important heavyweight, Jan Bottjer, is recovering from a hyperextended elbow

and a badly bruised left hand. Out with a bad back is Ron Ortman, the Varsity squad's most valuable lightweight.

The permanent loss of the sixth letterman, a heavyweight, will also be a considerable setback. This means that the rest of the squad will be stretched thin to fill the gap, and some members will have to wrestle above their weight group. Another problem is the lack of experience in the lower weight classes. By and large, the team will be made up of novices. Out of the starting 13 or 14, 10 will be Juniors and Sophomores, of whom only 5 have had previous wrestling experience.

Despite the initial problems and handicaps, which will eventually be overcome, Miramonte has a potentially successful team. As Coach Durant stated, "If we can keep everybody healthy, our strength will lie in our upper weight divisions where 3 of our 5 varsity lettermen are."

Since there is no Frosh-Soph wrestling team, Freshmen and Sophomores must go into one of the three JV strings or on Varsity. Between 80 and 90 boys are on the JV squad.

Although it is too early to tell who are the most promising individual JV wrestlers, there are a good number of Freshmen and Sophomores to make up the nucleus of the JV squad.

Cross Country City

As well as placing second in the FAL, losing first place to Del Valle by 1 point in the crucial FAL meet, the Miramonte Cross Country team had what proved to be a very interesting season, if somewhat trying for Coach Don Underwood.

The season started rather strangely with a slightly belated letter from the Moraga Cattlemen's Association. It seems that some of the members of the Cross Country team of 1963 had been chasing cows. Unfortunately the culprits graduated before the association got around to writing about it.

However, not to be outdone, the team of 1966 got busy and earned its own letters. These included: a letter from a real estate broker for redistributing "for sale" signs, a letter from a rancher for running on his land and leaving gates open, and even a personal visit from the sheriff because of the strange and sudden appearance of old bottles and cans on the Canyon roadway that he somehow linked with our team.

Jack Bowers, Varsity runner, seems to have had an especially colorful and fascinating season. At the FAL meet he was approached by two beautiful young autograph-seekers while the rest of the team stood gaping nearby, and, while running with other team members to Point Reyes State Park, Jack fell in the ocean.

MHS Time Machine

Q. What is the story on the Physical Fitness test won by Miramonte a few years ago?

A. The story is this. In 1965 a Miramonte team of Joe Newman, Bruce Calderwood, Jamie Armstrong, and Jim Turman smashed the U.S. Marine Corps High School Physical Fitness test record with a record 1966, out of 2000 possible, points. This smashed the previous record of 1846 points held by a New Jersey team. Newman, Calderwood, and Armstrong all scored perfect scores of 500, while Turman racked up a 466. The five events included in the competition were: pullups, pushups, situps, squat thrusts, and 300 yard run.

Q. What is the worst score that Miramonte has ever lost a football game by?

A. Contrary to popular belief, I am sure, the worst beating the Mats have ever taken on the gridiron was not the 43-19 pasting of a few weeks ago. In 1959, an extremely bad year for Miramonte varsity football, the Mats were clobbered by the Piedmont Highlanders 58-13 in the last game of the season. In fact the thirteen Matador points racked up in this contest constituted our entire offensive output for the season. (It is somewhat interesting to note that Miramonte has been beaten twice by San Ramon by scores of 39-0—in 1959 and 1964.)

Bottjer, Webster Sweep Football Awards; Join Backs Lucas, Snover On F.A.L. Honorable Mention Roll

For the final football "sport-light" this season, the Mirador has chosen two of the outstanding varsity players. Jan Bottjer and Warren Webster have been playing tackle football since sixth grade, and this year they played together, Bottjer at full-back and Webster at tackle, for the Matador varsity.

Jan, in his last year at Miramonte, plans to go out for wrestling and track. He also plans to start a rugby team which would probably take the place of his participation in track. His interests outside of football are history, reading books, and going to parties.

As for post-high school plans, Jar plans to attend either University of Idaho, Notre Dame, or major in history, and play football at Oregon State, where he will ball.

When asked why he plays football, Jan replies "for fun—I enjoy the sport". He votes Marsh Henderson, from Las Lomas, the best all-round player in the league and wants to recognize Warren Webster for making 18 tackles in the game with Las Lomas.

The most exciting experience for Jan this season was when he ran 65 yards for a touchdown against Pleasant Hill.

Jan says the spirit this season was the best he had seen at Miramonte. "You could call it a feeling of overall spirit," he explains.

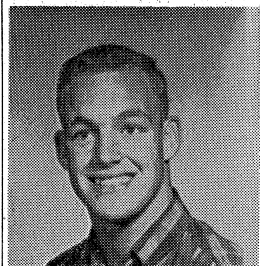
Outside of football, Warren Webster is interested in "girls, cars, demonstrations, and tach runs to T.J." Warren plans to go out for track and baseball this year.

The most exciting point in Warren's season was when a P.A.T. was kicked against Piedmont.

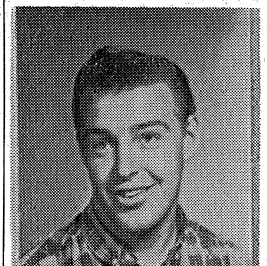
Warren votes for best all round league player, Gerald (Boom-Boom) Meyer, an end from Las Lomas. "I've never been hit so hard," claims Warren, a 200 pound tackle.

"I don't hear the rooting section so much when I'm playing, but when I come on the field, it's pretty exciting," comments Warren. He says the spirit has really gotten better this year.

Upon graduating, Warren plans to "get a bachelor's apartment and retire."



jan bottjer



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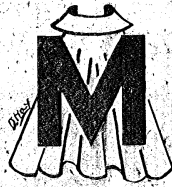
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MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Kris Kringle In Norway Senor Santa In Ecuador

Christmas trees and decorations, gifts, snow, Santa Claus, last-minute shopping, the birth of Christ, and vacations are only a few of the things which are associated with Christmas in the United States. In other countries there are basic similarities and yet differences.

For example, according to AFS exchange student Margarita Jaramillo, in Ecuador "Christmas season starts in the middle of December and all the houses are decorated. At the same time all the people try to get a Christmas tree which isn't always of the same kind. It can be eucalyptus, pine or artificial. My family prefers eucalyptus because it makes us think more about Christmas.

Papa Noel

To decorate the tree, and to prepare the Nativity all of the family joins together. Our Christmas tree we decorate with some lights, bell spray, Christmas ornaments, and around the floors, Papa Noel (Santa Claus). The Nativity we try to represent in the same way that it is shown in the Bible. Before this we pray for nine days together and also sing Christmas songs.

Christmas for us is on December 24, and we join friends and relatives for the celebration. Each family brings something to the dinner like turkey, wine, tamales, etc. Each family brings Christmas presents too, which are placed under the tree. At 12 p.m. the family goes together to the midnight mass. After the mass we open presents and then have dinner. The little children receive presents from Santa Claus some time before 10 on the 24th or on the next day — it depends on the family.

Christmas season is traditional for the parties, especially on the 28th through January 6th, when we have what we call "temporada de disfraces" which means that each person wears costumes. The most traditional party is on December 31, called "Fiesta de Ano Nuevo", which means New Year's Party, and at 12:00 all the family join together to wish each other a Happy New Year. The party ends at six in the morning. Another custom is to make an old man with old clothes. Each little boy or girl puts on a costume and asks for money from people, similar to your Halloween. If the people don't contribute the children are free to retaliate in some way! Then, at 2:00, we burn the old man which symbolizes the end of a year and a new beginning.

Another traditional day is "Dia de los Reyes Magos" (Day of the Kings). There is a parade which ends Christmas season.

Norway
Sigve Gramstad, the exchange student from Norway, describes

his usual Christmas season like this.

What differs especially in the Norwegian way of celebrating Christmas, is the fact that Christmas Eve is emphasized. Most people go to church (often their only visit to the church during the whole year), the Nativity (Christmas story) is read, and, what perhaps has become the most important of all, the Christmas presents are opened. As here, Christmas in Norway has become more of a commercial holiday than anything else.

On Christmas Eve we eat a light dinner at noon, and after the church service we have church-coffee. Then our relatives come, and because of the short days (it gets dark by five) and the fact that there are small children in the house, Santa Claus arrives early. After the unwrapping-ceremony, which takes quite a while, we all go around the Christmas tree singing Christmas carols.

Christmas Day is dedicated to all the different kinds of food that have been made during the last month. We start with smorgasbord, at lunch we have different desserts, etc. At about three o'clock we eat dinner, and afterwards we have coffee, cookies, and candies. Finally we have again smorgasbord for supper. Fortunately there is usually nice weather at Christmas time and to prevent gaining too much weight, the hills near by are crowded with people skiing all day during the entire vacation.

The second day of Christmas is visiting day, when you go to find out what your neighbor got for Christmas, and of course, you are not allowed to leave the house without having eaten

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YE GODS AND LITTLE FISHES — Merry Brody, publicity chairman for the Junior Prom shows off the "Family Dog" type of poster that publicized the Prom. The Prom, a predicted success, will be held tonight.

Sue Loper And Barb Rust Win Different Awards

The Daughters of the American Revolution Citizen's Committee has chosen Sue Loper, Miramonte senior, for the Good Citizen Award. The faculty committee selected Sue from three Miramonte finalists. The award was based upon the following qualities — dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

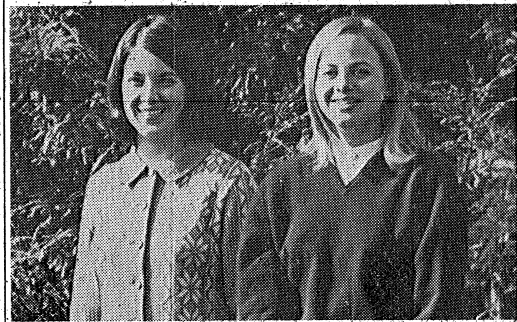
As Miramonte's Good Citizen, Sue will participate, along with other high school winners, in the district competition. Sixty percent of the judging will be based upon a test in American History, and forty percent Sue's participation in school activities. The winner will receive a \$25.00 United States Government bond. The national finals will be judged on the basis of a special essay and

the winner will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Some of Sue's extracurricular activities include junior class treasurer, junior varsity cheerleader, student body treasurer, and Rally Committee.

Barbara Rust, Miramonte's student body secretary, has been selected as the "Girl of the Month" by the Soroptimist Club of Lafayette-Orinda. The selection was based upon Barbara's "Outstanding record of community spirit and service to her school as well as upon her academic record." She was recommended for the award by a Miramonte teacher as well as several community members.

Aside from being student body secretary, Barbara has taken part in Pep Club, Rally Committee, AFS and was junior class secretary and Girls' State Representative.



Sue Loper, "DAR Good Citizen" smiles with Barbara Rust, Girl of the Month, over receiving the good news of their awards.

Junior Class Claims Greatest Prom Ever CJ and the Fish Play

Tonight is the night for "Ye Gods and Little Fishes", which, according to all the devoted juniors who have spent hours preparing it, will be "the best prom yet!"

But what are some of the attractions which will make it fantastic? For one thing, the atmosphere, which will be somewhat like that of the Fillmore and the Avalon with a light show and liquid projections. Denise Meyer, Prom chairman and Junior class vice-president, says it can only be described as "really wild with all sorts of 'moving live-lies'." But perhaps more important, or at least equally so, is the band — Country Joe and the Fish — who are unique in their own right. They are probably best known by their frequent concerts at the Jaberwock in Berkeley and at the Avalon and Fillmore dances.

The prom will be from 8 to 12 tonight. All out-of-town guests must be signed up in the Dean's Office by 4 p.m. And the cost (if you haven't already bought the bid) is \$3.50 which includes refreshments, 2 posters, 2 admittances and an unusual atmosphere!

Plaudits should be given to Denise Meyer — general Prom chairman, Jenny Peake-decorations chairman, Mary Hoover-head of the Bids Committee, Merry Brody-publicity chairman, and Marta Thompson who is in charge of the refreshments, for all of the effort put into Ye Gods and Little Fishes. In addition those who contributed time and materials, were Linda Wayne, Marta Thompson, Karen Knapp, Mark Kelley, Jim Thomas, Betsy Strong, Mark Hennigh, and Shelley Smith.

Everybody can go, so take advantage of the most unusual chance of the year. It's really too bad for the people who don't go because they are really missing something groovy.

MACBETH

On December 7, the Junior English and Drama classes took an optional field trip to see the movie version of William Shakespeare's MacBeth. Some interested seniors also accompanied the group. 200 students attended the showings.

Starring in the cast of MacBeth were Maurice Evans as MacBeth and Dame Judith Anderson as Lady MacBeth. Other members of the cast included Michael Hordern and Ian Bannen. Maurice Evans and Dame Judith Anderson are hailed as two of

the world's foremost Shakespearean actors. Both have interpreted Shakespeare's works on stages throughout Europe.

The field trip was originated by Mrs. Margaret Rich. Other sponsors include Mr. Michael Hall, Mrs. Jean Armstrong, and Mrs. Bernice Rosso.

The Shakespearean production, filmed in Technicolor, was shown at the California Theatre in Berkeley. It was given an exclusive showing for high school students at a 1:30 afternoon matinee and at an 8:00 evening show.

THE MIRADOR ISSUES HAPPY HOLIDAYS

SPIRIT HAS GUISES

By BOBBIE SAUNDERS

Every December the sentimental and the nostalgic mourn the commercialization of Christmas and the loss of the genuine warmth of the spirit of giving. These are the oft discussed and always scorned people who actually destroy the Christmas spirit. The disdain is mistaken for sorrow in their own minds and they have disguised the malice to their own eyes. No room for compassion is left in their hearts, so they are the real destroyers of the Yuletide feeling of goodness.

Those among us who rush around grumbling and cursing the weather and the two other cars trying to get into the same parking place are generally labelled the non-feeling, non-emotional products of a mechanized society, but those are the real promoters of Christmas. When cards are in the mail, decorations are up, and the shopping is done by the 15th, time is left to sit back and enjoy the real beauty of the Christmas season; the inescapable exultation of bells and Christmas carols, and the wonder and feeling that the smell of an evergreen tree brings in the warm captivity of every livingroom.

The popular theory that no one remembers the real reason for celebrating Christmas is the self-righteous attitude of only a few, manifesting itself in the midst of all the good cheer of Christmas. The idea that Christmas is the annual celebration of the birth of Christ is inherent in all Christmas activities, songs, and even many decorations. The echo of the land of the original Christmas is everywhere. Those who truly understand the meaning of Christmas are the people who enjoy the Christmas season every year for exactly what it is. Groups of people gathering together to sing, decorate a tree, bake cookies, and give each other gifts don't need to think about the reason for their actions or feelings. They are putting into practice the doctrines that Christ taught. It is more important to celebrate Christmas with ideals that He represented than to simply realize that we are celebrating a day of birth.

But Christmas is not only a religious holiday. The agnostics and atheists among us also sense the difference of the Christmas season in the air. People are kinder to people, and with more sincerity, than at any other time of the year. If the Christmas season lasted all year, the world would be a far better place.

HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Idealism is the fruit as well as the seed of hope, and it is the basis of progress in humanity and social accomplishment. The New Year is the prime time to exercise idealism and hope and generate the feeling of excitement and youthful anxiety that every new year brings.

The future is pregnant with wonderful things, only waiting to be discovered by the inquisitive and adventurous.

Worthwhile achievements usually originate as long-range goals. Human accomplishment can far excel the expected when a fixed picture of success is always in mind. On the stroke of midnight on December 31, all should determine a valuable goal for the year and resolve to achieve that end within the year.

The scale of personal and social success would undoubtedly be increased and life would be much more pleasant for everyone. Happiness and personal success usually go hand in hand. Many of the world's problems might be solved by more people developing a greater sense of self-satisfaction.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus;
I am a Miramonte High School senior and have withstood the food in our cafeteria for the past three years. But this year is different. I cannot take the food much longer. Please may Miramonte have some new and different food for lunches.
STARVED

Dear STARVED;
What do you want for 40¢ Champagne and caviar?

Dear Mr. Claus;
This is my third year at Miramonte and for these past years I have been trying to get A's and B's in my classes. Is there something you can do about it?
A Junior

Dear Juniors;
If I can get past district policy, I will gladly send pre-printed grade books with all A's and B's to Miramonte teachers. (I hope you teachers also appreciate this!!!!)

Dear Santa;
Being a member of the sophomore class, I have a distinct feeling of a lack of spirit. Is there something you can put in my orange juice Christmas morning to make me feel better.
U.S.S. (Unspirited Sophomore)

Dear U.S.S.;
I'm sorry I can't contribute to the delinquency of a minor, but I do have some other spirit juice (not quite the same as you had in mind), GERITOL—it works wonders.

Dear St. Nick;
High School is impossible. I get lost every five minutes and the maps the school supplies are terribly confusing. Can you send me a map that is easy to read, PLEASE?
L.L.F. (Little Lost Freshman)

Dear L.L.F.;
Since you are a freshman I'll fix you up with a deal you've never seen before. A relief map—easy for you, sneaky for me.

Senior Portraits



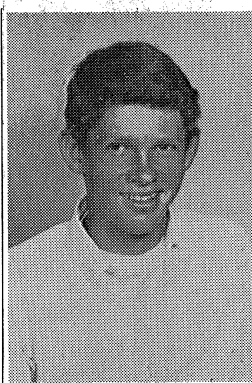
Janis Haggerty

The goal of this week's senior portrait, Janis Haggerty, is "I want to know something about everything and everything about something."

Janis, the illustrious Senior class treasurer, (who says of her job, "I am constantly nagging people about not spending too much money"), plans, at least as of now, to attend UC at Santa Barbara next year and possibly major in Psychology, "but I might also go into diplomacy or become a teacher," she quickly added.

The Spanish Club, Pep Club, and Medical Club are a few of Janis's extracurricular interests at Miramonte. She is also a member of the Timer's Association where she works almost exclusively on the wrestling scoring, vice-president of AFS and last but not least, the editor of the MHS yearbook, the Mirada. When asked what the yearbook will be like she said, "Oh — it will be different this year."
Doing new things, Beef Stroganoff and openness are some of the things that Janis enjoys and she finds that "it is impossible to keep track of everybody's love life."

Janis has had some very interesting experiences too — like the time that she ran into the girl's locker room and chanced upon a visiting athletic team... And, it seems that last summer she had a job answering telephones, "It was awful — and by the time that I got home I couldn't stand to hear the phone ring."



Jon Ferguson

Contrary to popular belief senior portrait's name this week is spelled Jon on John. Jon really gets tight when people don't spell his name right, but whoever heard of a boy spelling his name Jon?

Our dimple cheeked long tall senior was asked what he'd like to do but knows he'll never be able to do. To this question he answered vivaciously "Attend Arroyo High School". Also this young gentleman has a very creative mind. When asked "If you had 3 hours one afternoon with nothing to do what would you do?" Just guess what he answered? No, not the usual trite, sleeping or watching TV, but something fabulously original. "I would like to go and drive a milk truck."

Driving that truck might also be his secret ambition in like but he only admits to wanting to go to Brigham Young University and majoring in business administration or economy. He's chosen Brigham Young because his older brother ad sister go there. Maybe he misses them?

To show you the diversity of interests Jon has, his favorite actress is Elke Sommer and his favorite singer is Mahalia Jackson. Now how diverse can you get? His favorite food is ice cream and loves all kinds. His favorite school subjects are his Business Law and Spanish IV classes, just another example for the most diverse boy in the senior class.

HERES HOWE . . .

By Timothy G. Howe

Did you realize that Johann Huslinger walked on his hands all the way from Vienna to Paris, a distance of 871 miles?

Did you realize that Philip Yadzik of Chiago ate 77 hamburgers at a sitting?

Did you realize that Philip Appringer and Nita Jones wrote a song with the longest title in history. It was called "Green With Envy, Purple With Passion, White With Anger, Scarlet With Fever, What Were You Doing in Her Arms Last Night Blues."

Did you realize that the world's largest painting was painted by John Banvard? Called "Panorama of the Mississippi", it covered 4 1/2 acres of canvas and was 1,500 feet in length.

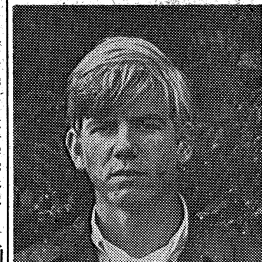
Did you realize that Richard Schneider remained on a tight-rope for 174 hours, walking on it much of the time?

Did you realize that two Russians slapped each other in the face for 30 hours and still remained friends?

Did you realize that fame is closer to you than you think?

Yes, friends, in this age of record breaking, instant fame can be gained by actually very little effort. You people, out there who complain about the limited opportunities open in Orinda for young people and the drudgery of every-day school life, set yourself a record and bathe in your newly gained glory.

Let me give you a modest example of what I am saying. Some guy about a month ago over at Skyline High School stuffed about 60 pieces of gum in his mouth and immediately afterwards held the world's record for stuffing gum in one's mouth, not to mention getting a story and a picture in the Tribune. Let me warn you, however, before you attempt to set or break some world record, publicity is essential in crediting the record to you. Good Luck!



Tim Howe

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PORTRAITS • WEDDINGS



plans varied christmas activities

The Miramonte faculty does not stand in the limelight in the **MIRADOR** very often, so partly as a tribute to them, here is a run-down of what some of the teachers will be doing over the Christmas holidays. (In other words, we're telling you where not to go if you don't want to run into a certain teacher during that glorious two week vacation).

Several teachers are planning to stay home and enjoy a quiet family Christmas. Mrs. Bernice Rosso is staying home with her family, but it won't be quiet. She's giving a Christmas dinner for thirty people!

Miss Elizabeth Weed plans to do some ice-skating during the holiday. Mr. Don Underwood's plans cannot be described; only his words can explain them: "After gently, but firmly securing the portals to the biology department, this weary mortal will hie himself off to revel in the wonders and delights of the 'outside' world. Propaedeutic to this reveling, of course, will be a carefully planned program of rest and recuperation. To this end I am instructing my wife to serve me breakfast in bed each morning at 11:30 a.m. (that hour is both civilized and conducive to eupsia). The rest of the day will be devoted to relaxation, eating, and carefully articulated rest per-

iods. Sedulous and unswerving dedication to this Spartan regimen should sufficiently refocillate my natural vigor and advance me to phase two of my vacation plans. Phase two shall entail a series of sociological observations, I shall return to phase one until strong enough to return to phase two . . ."

Other more ambitious teachers are traveling during the vacation. Mr. Dick Gompf will spend his vacation at a cabin on the beautiful Oregon coast.

Mrs. Chacere and her husband are looking forward to a white Christmas in New York city. Mr. Mike Hall is also migrating to the east, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C. Mr. Lee Fridell and his family are flying to Illinois over the holidays.

The south is the aim of some other teachers, Miss Elsie Buchwald is going to New Mexico to visit her family. Also, Mr. Harold Reuter will travel to southern California to spend Christmas with friends and family.

In the usual California tradition, Mr. Mike La Morte and Mr. George McCain will bundle up their families and head for the snow country and Lake Tahoe. Merry Christmas to all (and students too!)

MUSICIANS FETE SEASON

The Christmas Assembly will be presented on Monday, December 12, at 8 p.m. The band, orchestra, girls' chorus and A capella chorus will participate in the program. The band and orchestra will both present several selections including two different versions of a composition entitled **Sleighride**.

A piano duet will be performed by Kathy Dunlop and Pat Jones. The choir will enter singing and the audience will be asked to join in a community series of several Christmas carols. Each choir will present several pieces followed by a combined choir and orchestra presentation of **Hallelujah Chorus**.

There is no admission charge but it would be most appreciated if everyone could bring a can of food. This food will be distributed to the needy in our area.

The Oakland Symphony's Youth Chamber Orchestra is opening its third season. Emily Witt, a talented violinist and senior at Miramonte, is a member of the Youth Chamber Orchestra.

Besides being a stepping stone to the parent organization of the Oakland Symphony, the Youth Chamber Orchestra offers a valuable and exciting experience. Last year's program included a four-day "tour", TV and radio broadcasts, appearance at the Jack London Square Festival as well as their regularly scheduled performances.

Continued from page 1 something, a factor that limits the visits effectively. At night, we have a party where all the relatives come, and we talk, go around the Christmas tree (singing), play games, etc. And of course we eat.

Christmas is a family holiday above all other holidays in the year. It is a custom for families to get together with their relatives; to eat, drink, be happy, and relax from the every-day rituals.

Bob returns from the brink of final death

"Tube City U.S.A.," says Bob Bardell recently returned from the brink of death. Bob has been hospitalized twice this year for deadly kidney diseases and has, at different times, had five (second in the league) tubes protruding from his body.

"Hospital life is fun if you enjoy constantly lying in bed, using bed pans (cold inhuman ones at that), watching beautiful nurses on Ben Casey and then being shocked back to reality when your nurse-sweathog comes in to take your temperature, or staring at the morgue-green walls of your 50 dollar a day luxury bed suite.

But the best part of such a thrilling vacation is having the incompetent maids kick over your tube bottles and tangle up your tubes in her broom — abortive pain city U.S.A.

Visitors are always welcome at the deathbed, but we patients re-

quest that all visitors, doctors included, stop referring to the patient in the past tense. It would also be appreciated if the visitors would stop alluding to the patients Last Will and Testament by saying things like, "I could sure take good care of your car (pool table, stereo) if, God Forbid, something, God Forbid," should happen to you, "God Forbid, old buddy."

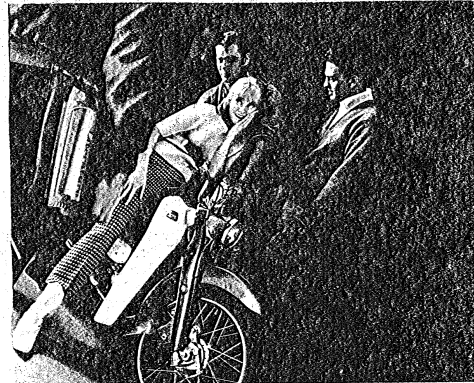
"All in all I must say," says Bob, "that I really hated the hospital. If it wasn't for my inventive nature and all the games I invented with my tubes, I would have gone completely insane within two days."

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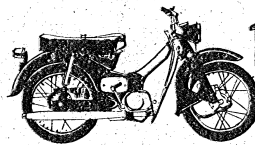
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Christmas Customs of Other Lands Are Similar To Some of Ours

The exact day of the birth of Christ has never been settled. In 440 AD, the date December 25 was decided upon to celebrate this event. This date was chosen because it was already important in the minds of the European people as the day of the winter solstice. On this day the people worshipped the sun gods by building great bonfires and holding great feasts. It was hoped that the festival would give the sun god strength and bring him back to life again. Thus the idea of the return of light became the hope of the world in the birth of Christ, the light of the world.

After the fall of Rome, as Christianity began to spread throughout the pagan lands, the practices of the winter solstice became part of the feast of Christmas. The word Christmas comes from the early phrase "cristes mæsse", which means Christ's mass. Christmas was for centuries solely a church anniversary. With the union of the

religious and secular practices, Christmas became both a reverent and a gay celebration.

Christmas trees are popular throughout the world as a symbol of Christmas. The first Christmas tree was of German origin. The accent on light is apparent today in the German custom of lighting candles on the Christmas tree.

Christmas customs today differ widely because of differing seasonal, religious, and traditional (practices).

In Holland, the children fill their wooden shoes with straw for St. Nicholas's white horse, hoping the shoes will be refilled with candy and toys. Italian children await the arrival of the female Santa Claus, La Befana, who fills their shoes with gifts. It is the custom for Swiss children to take three sips of water from each of nine fountains on the way to midnight church services. In Brazil, a summer festival and carnival is held on December 24, with flowers and fiestas.

Gifting is a Reciprocal Business

It seems that every periodical and newspaper around this auspicious time of year has a sprightly little article on to give and/or receive for Christmas. For instance, Harper's Bazaar has whipped up a little dear of a piece that divides everybody up by astrological divisions (Pisces, Libra, etc.) and then suggests such gifts as hand-knit bedsocks (for Aquarians w/warm hearts and cold feet), black satin sheets (for Scorpios) and an XKE for Aries ladies. Well, no such purple prose will be found in the Mirror. We are (a) realistic and (b) unimaginative. Our stick is this: since all of you out there in readership land have probably already made up immensely long, fully annotated and cross-referenced lists for what you want (bless your greedy little hearts), we are going to suggest things for the more mundane part of Christmas—giving.

First of all for your mother—if the old dear is not too senile, now is the time for all you girls to gift her with the cashmere sweaters and silver miniskirts you've been coveting for the last several weeks. And, boys, if she's one of those sloppy hausfrau types, a case of Metrecol

(tastefully gift-wrapped, of course) should hit the spot. Now on to Daddy Dear. He's a little bit more difficult to shop for since you got him that first edition of Candy last year, but a little careful shopping should unearth a lovely hand-painted tie with a colorful hula-dancer. (But don't get the kind that lights up—you know how careless Daddy can be with his soup.) Uncles and aunts are usually satisfied with a card, but if you want a decent gift in return some gustatory delight—fried ants or chocolate-covered grasshoppers—would be in order. The hardest gift of all is involved with presents for little brothers and sisters, but some deep thought should come up with a gift that conveys the proper amount of dislike for the giftee, yet requires a return present, for that, after all, is the goal of a giftgiver who wishes to be a true master of his art. If you follow this article carefully and spend a little money, you should sleep the sleep of the hearty on Christmas eve, knowing that you have gifted sincerely and well enough to get a grand haul on Christmas Day.

"Nix Flicks" This Christmas

The Bible with apologies to Tom Wolf widescreen.

See, you're sitting in a darkened panavision technicolor streamline, baby, and the Creation has just occurred (right there in front of me! your mind insists) and POW!!! Eve comes on the screen like a bat out—oops. Well anyway, Eve is blonde ("by popular demand" say the discreet credits) and the serpent is tres soinee (remind you of anyone you know). The world keeps rolling along, with the murder of Abel more bloodybrutal than anything ever seen on primetime. Since, in this version, Hollywood is the creator of the Creator, God turns into the villain of the piece. Well I watched the whol thing religiously, but take my advice—read the book.

Dead Heat on a Merry-Go-Round

James Coburn is absolutely delicious. In *Dead Heat*, he has once again found a vehicle eminently suited to him. Coburn plays, a master crook (a part which many actors would relish). *Dead Heat* (it's a great name, incidentally) involves the most ridiculously involved bank robbery this side of Eric Ambler. James Coburn is the U.S.'s answer to Jean-Paul Belmond. Do go see this movie! (remember, you read it here first!)

The Fortune Cookie

My goodness — you mean there's a new comedy out written and directed by Billy Wilder and starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau? Why, it should be great. It had everything going for it (almost). The plot concerned a shyster lawyer who wants his brother-in-law to collect a lot of insurance on a phony accident. The intent of all involved is good, but somehow it just doesn't make it and the whole movie drags at the end.

Fantastic Voyage

Fantastic Voyage projects you (quite credibly, I might add) into a future where a 5-man team and a submarine can be miniaturized and injected into the blood stream of a Czech scientist (to destroy a bloodclot in his brain, of course). There is a catch — the miniaturization only lasts for an hour (shades of Cinderella) and then, regardless of the sub's whereabouts, it returns to normal size) (ouch!) Anyway the suspense increases (is it possible?!) until the end, which is literally a tear-jerker. You'll like the sets — in fact, the whole movie is kinda groovy. Incidentally, the film introduces Miss Raquel Welch, who couldn't act her way out of a latex swimsuit, but fills one rather nicely.



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"Underground T.V."

Underground T.V. is coming into its own. Julia Child gets on the cover of *Time*, David Suskind is beloved(?) by many, and Rolfe Petersen, receives 3 bags of fan/hate mail. Rolfe Petersen?!? Who's he?

Well, Rolfe is the mediator of *Pow!*, a Sunday afternoon quasi-variety show at 4:00 on Channel Five. Channel 5 is well known for its liberal programming, replete with editorial comment, but it has surpassed itself with *Pow!*

Pow! describes itself variously as "A Weekly Happening", "A Satisfied Blown Mind", "America's Answer to Hari-Kari". Actually it is a semi-hippy partly camp Bay Area variety show.

Every program of *Pow!* contains a segment of a continuing 1930ish serial (*Flash Gordon* and other of that ilk), a short film, some type of music, a guest to be interviewed by Rolfe, and an "event".

Recent shows have included appearances by Vince Guaraldi, Big Brother and the Holding Company, Wes Wilson, a Chet Helms vs. Bill Graham "debate", a turkey-carving contest, and a manufacturer of S.F. French who discussed Herb Caen's campaign for old-fashioned sourdough. Somehow, Mr. Petersen manages to carry even the most ridiculous things off. Take it from another satisfied blown mind—Watch *Pow!*

Julia Child is fantastic. On various days on Channels 6 and 9, Miss Child's series of ½ hour tapes are run and re-run. In each ½ hour Julia prepares a recipe on stage (you can get the recipe by sending to Channels 6 or 9 for it).

Certain of these shows have become culinary classics; for example, the one about roasting piglets. Miss Child is thoroughly uninhibited in the kitchen — she uses her finger to sample sauce, and once after dropping some pastry she stuffed it back in the pan, saying (while looking straight into the camera) "Remember, you're always alone in the kitchen!" Julia Child is great! Watch her!

Book Review

The Fixer by Bernard Malamud

Yakov Bok is universal man... living in Tsarist Russia in Kiev during a virulent period of anti-Semitism. A brutally murdered boy is discovered in a cave near Kiev; the local Black Hundreds group (not unlike our Ku Klux Klan), after intimating that the Jews are responsible for the crime, eventually light on Bok, and he is arrested for a crime he did not commit. Although this is based on a true story which set off one of the worst pogroms in Russian history, Malamud focuses not on the results of the arrest, but the effect on Makov, who is transformed into a hero — "an honor he could do without." Malamud is an extremely sensitive writer and this is one of the best books of this year.

Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert A. Heinlein

Valentine Michael Smith is the first Martian to come to Earth and, of course, is subject to all sorts of exploitation, but he is rescued by others who sense his value and is set free to "grok" (i.e. understand fully) everything he can—good and bad—in the world. Mike quickly groks that to kiss a girl is a great goodness and moves on to bigger and better things. Heinlein, who is a skillful writer even at worst, moves his innocent around morality, politics, religion, sex, et al, and does it well. Because of his cynical yet simplistically obvious message, *Stranger in a Strange Land* is enjoying a sort of renaissance at Miramonte, and copies are now in good supply at the Book Bin, and Cal bookstores. Get yours now.

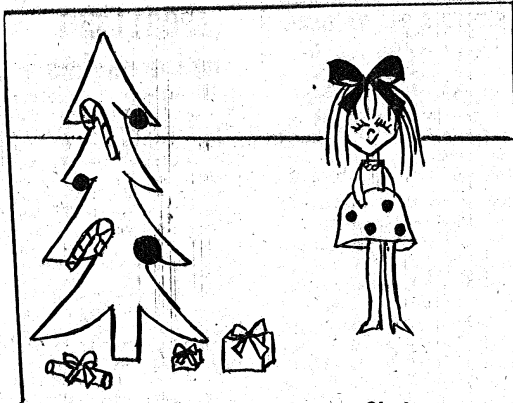
Flagrant Flashes of Froth By ART DAWSON

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The Ratchets Celebrate Christmas

"Jingle bells, Santa smells..." Once again, it's Christmas time in Orinda — home of brotherly love and Christmas joy. People are beginning to put up their first decorations hoping that their neighbors won't try to outdo them this year.

Little children are "dittoing" out their Christmas lists and posting them in prominent positions throughout the household (starr-ed items are Santa Claus; gifts only).

Synthetic Christmas trees, plastic wreaths, collapsible nativity scenes, and styrofoam candy canes are being unboxed, and dusted off.

Store windows are cluttered with Santas and toys ranging from Tiny Tears to creepy crawler sets.

Teenagers and adults alike are making plans for their annual Christmas parties and are acquiring plastic mistletoe to suit the occasion.

The Miramonte High School Christmas spirit is also at a high. "School is getting out" they cry. "I can't wait to get my new skis, clock-radio, typewriter..." The Christmas bribery system is also under operation: "I'll give you that if you give me this." Girls at school are beginning to wear bells on their shoes, and Country Joe and the Fish are playing at the Junior Prom (sneaky plug).

Beauty Beat

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There is one family in Orinda, however, which has broken away from the modern Christmas tradition. The Ratchets live in a small split level home in the Orinda hills. On their door, rather than having a plastic wreath, a real pine wreath is seen. Last weekend the entire family went to the mountains to cut their own real Christmas tree. The Ratchet children have been busy making decorations for this tree. They have also been busy making presents for their family and friends. Mrs. Ratchet is constantly in the kitchen baking cookies and candy for the neighbors and her club — which supplies underprivileged children with Christmas treats. On Christmas Eve the Ratchet family plans to go to church after going caroling. Christmas morning they have a custom of reading the Christmas story before opening their presents under the tree. Even Tiny Tom contributes to the Ratchet form of Christmas spirit. He is in charge of making an enjoyable Christmas for the pets in the family.

What is Christmas coming to? How could a family in this modern society have such a backward view of Christmas?

Question Man

Which Presents Not To Give

Children, teenagers and even adults usually don't think of the things they don't want for Christmas. That is why most Miramonte students reacted in surprise when asked "What I don't want for Christmas?"

Allison Ludlam: I don't want Santa to lay a patch on my roof.

Tim Howe: death.

Larry Gosch: the rest of the school year . . .

Martha Mitchell: What I don't want? . . . parental supervision!!!

Bob Truax: a car??

Cheryl Hatch: a hi-ho . . .

Janet Dougery: I don't want a pair of zebra striped pajamas.

Sue Boyle: I don't want a Winnie the Pooh bear.

Shelle Abbes: I don't want my curl free to wear off.

Mark Locklin: I don't want Santa to bring all his reindeer in for cookies because we only have enough for two.

Cindy Harris: I don't want Santa Claus to forget me.

Dick Weyand: I don't want Man's plight — lack of peace — to go unnoticed during this holy season.

Chris Anderson: an F. F. doll

Margo Doran: an F. F. stuffed animal

Sally Longacre: an elephant

John Armstrong: baby - blue tennis

Randy Longacre: I don't want any more toys, I have enough already.

Sue Baggerly: a book on the art of being gullible

Jon Donlon: any more of Mr. LaMorte's World Problems.

Wherever You Plan To Go Skiing; The Conditions Are Forecasted Good

Good news skiers — the Snow Mat predicts good skiing over vacation. The Miramonte Snowmat (or Snowdor as you wish) has been scouting out the best areas.

One popular area for skiing in the Sierras is beautiful Sugar Bowl. Sugar Bowl, located two miles from the town of Norden, promises full operation of lifts over vacation (good weather permitting). Soda Springs, popularly called Ant Hill in the Sky also predicts that her facilities will be in full operation.

Boreal Ridge, a new addition to the ski area near Tahoe, and a favorite of semi-novice skiers promises good skiing and a nice lodge for resting "bunnies".

Another favorite in that area is Alpine Meadows. Alpine predicts that all four chairs will be in operation. If the wind becomes hazardous chair one may be closed.

Squaw Valley, which receives

the biggest turnout of skiers over the holidays, also claims to have good skiing conditions.

Alpine Meadows, the site of the leg-breaking accident of Dick Weyand (see *Mirador* editor) is under full operation during vacation.

All skiing areas are overcrowded for accommodations but welcome day skiers especially.

Several Miramonte students are not restricting themselves to California skiing. Sherry Partell and family are travelling to Utah to ski. Cheryl and Pam Hatch are also going to ski in Utah.



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THE GREAT DEBATE

Controversy Livens Rep Council Meeting

It endured almost three periods; devastating words were thrown across the debate floor. It happened in our serene library: time; 11 a.m.; day, Thursday; date, December 8; reason, Representative Council Meeting.

President Jack Kessler calmly recognized the incomparable Yell Leader — Rob Wallace. All others were sleeping. Rob moved to secure \$232 from Representative Council for his band of Assistant Yell Leaders. But he quickly withdrew his motion in order to accomplish slithery underhanded dealings (namely to divide the \$232 into four parts of \$52 each and thereby pass the motion in Council without a vote from the classes.

"It" now began. The Great Debate swung into action. The illustrious Mr. Kessler gave Art Dawson, that sterling crowd-swayer from Georgia, the floor. Art desperately challenged the Yell Leader's motion. To no avail. Fifty-eight dollars was passed for Bill Foley (lively lover). Then the slyest politician from Lilliput, Tom Shetterly, assumed the floor. He violently defended the "no appropriation" rule passed last year that states no appropriation over \$100 can be made without consent of Representative classes. Rob was obviously trying to sidestep the Miramonte Constitution.

But unfortunately the destructive, embezzling nature of Jon Ferguson (Senior Rep, North Miss.) and P. S. (Pete Schnugg, Soph Prexy, Tijuana) prevailed as they forced through two more \$58 appropriations for Rob Wallace and Sue Baggerly respectively. Once again those staunch patriots A. D. and T. S. (symbolic) fought

fiercely to preserve the constitution, backed by two other "virtuous" nationalists, Barb Rust and Jenny Peake. This time the vote margin was narrowed to a difference of five.

Excitement, disillusionment, and hair rose to a climax as Craig Reiser (Jr. Prexy from Peking, Red China) joined the dissenters, Rob, Jon and P. S. But the vote narrowed in on Wendy McBane's \$58. It was reconsidered, defeated, and the vote closed the gap. The first three appropriations were reconsidered, rediscussed (redigusted) and thrown out. Art and Tom went wild with ecstasy as the constitution, morality, and democracy were preserved.



This scene is representative of many Christmas decorations Inter Club Council made for rooms.

BIRTHDAY PARTY SURPRISES VICTIM

Our victim this issue led a very hectic week-end that was full of surprises for everyone concerned.

Friday
Friday was our victim's birthday, and she was awakened at five o'clock in the morning by three of her devoted friends and taken out to breakfast before school. After school she was seen with K.M. driving a new Camaro and looking very Mod.

Friday night
Friday night our victim was taken out to dinner and given a pair of new skis for her birthday. Later she was seen at the Miramonte-McClymonds basketball game.

Saturday
Saturday morning found our victim up bright and early and headed towards Miramonte to take the S.A.T. tests. She spent the rest of the afternoon at home

watching T.V.

Saturday Night
Saturday night our victim conducted herself in a somewhat unusual manner. She and her date, along with another couple, went ice-sliding on the country-club lawn, and the results proved to be extremely muddy. She went home to find a group of her friends who had assembled for a surprise slumber party in her honor.

Sunday
Sunday our victim spent recuperating from her previous romp the night before and found that she was very tired from her exciting week-end. After taking her bedraggled friends home she proceeded back to her house for the rest of the week-end. Our sleepy victim proved to be . . . Liza Maggini.

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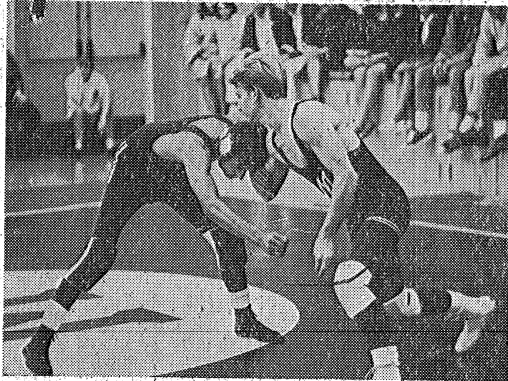
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Chuck Manuel, Matador varsity wrestler, locks up with opponent from Pacifica. Although in total points the meet was lost, the Matadors won several tough matches.

Westlers Start Season With 12-1 Record

In the season's opening meet on November 30, Miramonte's Varsity Wrestling team suffered an unfortunate loss to Pacifica, a non-league High School.

Although the team as a whole was defeated, there were many fine performances given by individual team members. Todd Gordon, wrestling in the 133 weight class, pinned his opponent halfway through the third round to add five sorely needed points to the Miramonte slate. Mark Reiley, weighing in at 165, barely lost his match by a narrow 1 point margin. His match started with a rather gruesome head-butting session as both wrestlers tried to gain the two point advantage of a take-down. As the match continued, Reiley became rather annoyed as his opponent constantly kept reaching out and flipping his hair down over his eyes. An escape during the second round gave the Pacifica wrestler the extra point he needed to win the match.

The final score of the meet was 17-30. The team recovered the loss three days later by trampling the Mount Diablo team with a score of 31-14. The major strength of the squad during this meet seemed to lie in the six wrestlers from the Sophomore class, who scored 20 out of the 31 points!

One of the more outstanding matches was Jeff Sawyer's, a 154 pound Sophomore, who pinned his opponent in 23 seconds of the 3rd round. Jon Donlon,

wrestling Heavyweight at 191, added five points more to the slate by pinning his opponent during the second round.

Five days later, on December 7, the Mats were defeated by Pleasant Hill. The only pin made by a Matador was made by Mike Sullivan, a 127 pound Sophomore.



SPORTS

GAA To Attend Pro Ice Hockey Match

G.A.A. has started individual practice for the upcoming basketball season. After Christmas, basketball teams will be formed to challenge such high schools as Del Valle, San Ramon, De Anza, Campolindo and Berkeley.

The basketball practice sessions are held in the gym on Tuesdays and Fridays. If the weather permits, practices are held outside. The basketball coaches, Miss Shirley McPheeters and Miss Carol Erends, hope the practices will enable the Miramonte girls to win the interschool basketball games to begin in January.

One of the major goals of the basketball teams is to play in the Del Valle Basketball Tournament which is held at that school in

Mats Place Third In Amador Tourney

Thursday night, the first of the three in the Amador Invitational, the Matadors won victory over Granada High. With the final score at 53-41, the game was close and exciting, Miramonte leading by a narrow margin through most of the game. The highs in scoring were 18 points made by Pete Jensen, and 11 by John Bishop.

On Friday night, starting out with an early lead, Palo Alto dropped behind in the second quarter to be topped by the Matadors 12 to 7 at the half time.

The third period was Miramonte's downfall. Two of Palo Alto's taller players began wildly sinking baskets as their lead grew to 13 points.

Fighting to the finish, the Matadors came within four points of a tie in the fourth quarter, but dropped back in the last minute, Palo Alto scoring one more bucket.

Palo Alto's higher scorer's made 23 and 20 points. Miramonte's Pete Jensen scored 15 while John Bishop scored 16.

On Saturday night, the Matadors won a smashing victory over Livermore 58-50. John Bishop was one of the highest scorers in the tournament, missing the record by 5 points. This game, the best played by the Matadors this year, led the team to carrying home the third place trophy.

GRIDDERS SEE RAIDERS

Through the courtesy of Del Courtney, the raiders band director, members of the Miramonte football team attended the Raider-Bronco game on December 11. Also attending were other Alameda and Contra Costa teams.

The expected rain did not arrive and if turned out to be a beautiful day for a game, if perhaps a bit warm. The field was wet and muddy, but imposed no hindrance on the progress of the game, as the Raiders proceeded to trample the Broncos with a score of . . . Altogether it was a very successful day enjoyed by all who attended.

MHS Time Machine

Question? At what time did Miramonte track athletes hold three county records?

Answer. In 1956, Miramonte's opening year, Miramonte's track team, composed solely of freshmen, established three new county records. Harold Lucas established the Frosh standard in the pole vault when he soared into the rarefied atmosphere at nine feet nine inches. Dixon Farmer, perhaps Miramonte's most famous athlete, he once won the national pentathlon for high school students, set the other two marks. He crushed the Freshman high jump record of six feet three eighths inches when he sprang six feet and seven eighths inches in a meet with Las Lomas. Later in the meet he destroyed the Frosh county 330 record when he blazed through the time traps in thirty-seven and four tenths seconds.

ATTENTION!!! Signups are now being taken for the first Bardell Invitational Pocket Billiards Tournament to be held during Christmas Vacation. Entrance fee is \$2 and all entrants will be notified of their matches in advance.

SPORT LIGHT neil donoghue

For this issue's "sportlight" athlete, the Mirador sports staff chooses Neil Donoghue, a senior and varsity wrestler.

Neil has been in wrestling competition since seventh grade, and has been on varsity teams for the last three seasons, one at Homestead High, and two at Miramonte.

"Wrestling is my favorite sport," claims Neil. When asked why he likes it so much, the varsity grappler replied, "I like the stiff competition, and the satisfaction of winning." As for a goal in this wrestling season, Neil wants to "go as far as I can," possibly into statewide championships.

Outside of sports Neil's time is spent working for Black's Market. As for time spent in working out, Neil says his practicing is not up to Coach Durant's standard.

After high school, Neil is not sure of his plans, but will go to college somewhere.

CLASSIFIED

"OLD JOE", probably the most photographed alligator in the world, was maliciously killed last July 31 by an obviously insane killer, in Florida's Wakulla Springs. The 11 foot patriarch whose age Herpetologists estimated at two centuries, had long been a great favorite of man and woman alike. A \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer has been posted by the Audubon Society. His death, only recently reported, is a great blow to us all.

It is reported that Santa Claus has completely armored his sleigh and had the army install a 50 millimeter machine gun in its interior in preparation for his annual ride. "It may be a little rough this year over Vietnam," Claus said, "and I'm not taking any chances. I'm gonna spread peace and good will as usual this Eve even if I have to rub out some of them Commie warmongers doing it."

Did you realize that Captain Ahab was the first and only peg-legged New Englander to be eaten by a giant White Whale?

"Athletic Oath Pointless and Useless"

Agree Many Members of Wrestling Squad

Varsity wrestlers were questioned about their opinion of the athlete's contract and gave the following responses.

Mark Reiley: I think it's a waste of a piece of paper. Nobody ever reads it, they just hand it in. It's unnecessary and there's nothing to it.

Todd Gordon: Some parts are okay, like not being able to smoke or drink, but other parts are ridiculous such as not being able to swear, and having to attend all classes on the day of the meet.

Chris Connolly: It's a ridiculous farce because both athletes and coaches know that nobody follows it.

Jon Donlon: I think it is very important that all young athletes adhere to this oath. The fiber of American youth is being corrupted, and this will put a quick end to it. "Morality when vigorously alive sees farther than intellect."

Neil Donoghue: It's pointless and a waste, and it is not equally enforced.

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