

# HOMECOMING NEXT WEEK

## World Problems Class Takes Vietnam Survey

Two weeks ago students taking the World Problems course asked the "man in the street" if a U.S. victory was possible in Viet Nam. World Problems is an elective course taught by Professor Michael La Morte dealing with the analysis of world-wide issues such as propaganda, politics, foreign policy, and Viet Nam.

In connection with the current unit on Viet Nam, the students questioned various persons on the Viet Nam situation. The questions asked were: "Do you believe that victory is attainable for the U.S. in Viet Nam?" and "What is victory?" One of the interviewees commented on the question, "I felt the word 'attainable' might not be understood so I rephrased the question and asked, 'Do you believe that the U.S. can win in Viet Nam?'"

Reactions to the question varied from a polite smile to "Would you please write to my homesick son in Viet Nam?" Orinda residents were polled in a door to door survey by Becky Houlette. Out of the ninety people questioned, sixty answered the first affirmatively, 23 said "no" and seven were unable or unwilling to answer due to a lack of knowledge. "Victory" to most people meant the establishment of an independent civilian government in South Viet Nam. Other answers included, "annihilation of the commies", "arriving at a peaceful settlement with the Viet Cong", and "that is a good question and I really don't know how to answer it."

Steve and Mike Johnson interviewed persons at 14th and Broadway in Oakland. Out of the 100 people polled, 60 thought a victory was possible, 16 said a victory could not be attained, and 24 had no opinion. To the majority of those people polled winning meant "beating the enemy" and "pacifying the country".

An interesting sidelight is that majority of people interviewed on Broadway thought more troops would be necessary for a victory. Thirteen called for an "all out" nuclear war, several people put all the blame for the war on President Johnson, two felt praying was the only solution and one Oriental person did not speak

English well enough to comment on the situation.

Across the bridge in San Francisco at Seventh and Market Streets, Jeffrey Brody had the distinct pleasure of listening to several inebriated citizens philosophize on the war. Unfortunately Jeff was not available for comment.

Bill Alderton, Jim Campbell, and Brent Klopfer interviewed people at the Oakland Bus Terminal, the Oakland Airport, and the Student Union in Berkeley. Their results showed 38% of the people believed victory is possible. 30% believed it is not and 32% had no opinion. Some of the answers to the second question included communist pacification, leaving Viet Nam with independent law and order, and control of South Viet Nam. People at the Student Union tended to add extra comment such as "Anything a President does is all right by me," and "Why are we always helping others when we keep getting the raw deal for it?"

The team of Tom Culberston, Jim Cunha, and "Deacon" Donlon polled the white collar workers of San Francisco's financial district. They were shocked to discover that these men had no desire to voice an opinion. They received about a dozen polite smiles and one hesitant "no" before rooting the Matadors to victory at San Ramon.

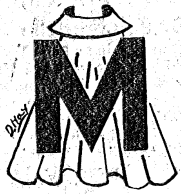
## Creative Writing Club Challenges Students To Submit Literature

It's hard to believe, but the infamous Peter Jensen, 67", and center of our fabulous basketball team, has induced the entire team to write various and sundry forms of poetry during their 7th period laps. If Ray Winquist and Jon Ferguson can be accused of writing good poetry — who knows, the same could happen to you!

The Muse challenges you to submit all literary efforts and examples of your original creativity to public scrutiny through publication in the Muse. Deadline for acceptance of any material will be in March.

For the first time Miramonte has its own Creative Writing club, which is staffing the Muse, and partially has paid for the printing with their first Cake Sale. They will also have a half-page in the yearbook, and are planning several field trips.

There is a cover design competition for the Muse, and for the first time the Muse will feature photographs of art works, in addition to original drawings (an innovation last year) so submit your magnificent scribbles to any English teacher, Jeff Sawyer, sophomore, Jane Starke, Sue James, or Kathie Russell, senior. Submit all of your short stories, serious or comic poetry, plays, fables, etc., now and insure that your work will be preserved forevermore for posterity.



# MIRADOR

## Former Miramonte Students Return To High School For Homecoming Week

Miramonte High School students invite all Miramonte graduates to attend the basketball homecoming Thursday, January 26.

Of special interest is the reception for alumni and faculty to be held at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. At this time the talking yearbook, old yearbooks, and films of school activities will be presented.

A number of alumni were contacted by La Cuadrilla and were asked to send a summary of their post-high school activities. The following excerpts are only a small sampling of the responses received from Miramonte grads.

Since graduating last year from Miramonte, Dave Tranberg has gone on to Humboldt State College where he is majoring in marine biology. He is also a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (the nation's largest fraternity) and is on the Interfraternity Council and the Legislative Council at the college. As for athletics, Dave is on the varsity wrestling team in the 123 pound weight class.

Majoring in Aerospace Engineering at the University of California at Davis is Dave Roddick, one of last year's seniors. He is also the freshman dorm representative for Beckett and Hughes dorms.

Laurel Rosenthal, who as a Miramonte student was pom pona girl, Girl's League president, Home Ec. Club president, and a

member of ally Committee, is now attending Diablo Valley College. During her first semester she was named to the Dean's Honor List and was made a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma, the Junior College Honor Society.

During her second semester, Laurel was elected a Senator of the student body, and again made the Dean's List. As a sophomore she has served as Secretary to the student body, Vice-President, Senate Clerk and has reigned as princess to the Homecoming Queen. Lastly, Laurel was honored for maintaining a 3.0 grade point average for more than a year. Next fall she plans to transfer to San Francisco State to get her teaching credentials in Home Economics.

Gordon Seacgan, another last year's senior is, at present, majoring in Business Administration at the University of Nevada. He is also a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Becky Horne of the graduating class of '63 is now attending school at the University of the Pacific, and will graduate this June with a music major and an elementary school teaching credential. At Pacific she has been an active member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and of Mu Phi Epsilon, an honorary music sorority.

Vicki McCosker White, of the class of '60, has attended the College of Holy Names, Universi-

ty of California at Berkeley, and the Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing. She is now an R.N. at Providence Hospital in Oakland. She was selected Miss San Francisco in the 1961 Miss Universe Pageant. Married to an attorney at law, she is expecting her first child this March.

In addition to attending classes at Diablo Valley College, Leo Lieber has been assembling an amateur radio station and has just recently obtained his General Class amateur radio license.

Jamie Armstrong, a senior last year, is attending Stanford University, is a member of the track team there.

## Interclub Council To Produce Assembly During February

The Interclub Council assembly, tentatively scheduled for February 15, will consist of a number of skits and acts put on by members of the various clubs and organizations. During the organizational meeting last Tuesday, the subject and time limit of the skits were established.

Clubs participating are the Biology Club, which will set about to disprove, discredit, and otherwise tarnish the sterling image of the faculty, and the Girls' League which will undertake a "musical" presentation.

Cuadrilla will make its claim to fame by presenting Terry Rawson and his famous T's crusher. Also presented by Cuadrilla will be Jim Cunha in his "Anatole Barbeck, ace pie-eater" reel. The Block M housewives will do their daily chores.

Stacy Griffith (Zorba) of the AFS Club will demonstrate her interpretation of a traditional Greek dance. The Game Management Club with the AV Club will, through a joint effort, try their hand at pantomime, in the tune of vintage music, Fred (Ceel B. DeMille) Sigworth and company, of the Photography Club will provide documentation with a nostalgic flavor. To provide the continuity to the chaos will be the Creative Writing Club, which will present a series of short skits between the other presentations and act as a tying factor. The accompaniment for the assembly will be provided, surprisingly, by the Music Club.

## Parents' Club Decides To Resume Game Dances

Friday night, January 13, the Parents Club once again resumed their after game dances.

This was the first dance to be held since October, and both the Parents Club and the faculty felt it was successful.

The All-Nite Flight, a rhythm and blues band from DVC played and the general opinion was that they were excellent. Such songs as "Season of the Witch", "Fly Jefferson Airplane", "Sit Down I Think I Love You", and "My Best Friend" were received with enthusiasm.

The blond lead singer was extended an invitation to join the well-known Jefferson Airplane, but declined because he wanted to finish his education.

The Parents Club is resuming these dances on a probationary basis. The attitude of the students was reported to be fairly good and the chaperones were generally satisfied. But it doesn't end

here. Students wishing that the dances continue will have to show better self-discipline while waiting in the ticket line. The line was closed down once because of unnecessary shoving and pushing.

## FINALS SCHEDULE

Monday: regular schedule in morning. 7th period final: 12:25-2:25.

Tuesday: 1st period final: 8:05-10:05, brunch: 10:05-10:20. 2nd period final: 10:25-12:25.

Wednesday: 3rd period final: 8:05-10:05, brunch: 10:05-10:20. 4th period final: 10:25-12:25.

Thursday: 5th period final: 8:05-10:05, brunch: 10:20. 6th period final: 10:25-12:25.

Friday: semester break — holiday.

## CALENDAR

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| January 20  | Alhambra Basketball                          |
| January 26  | Acalanes Basketball Homecoming               |
| January 27  | Semester break Declared holiday              |
| January 31  | Piedmont Basketball                          |
| February 3  | San Ramon Basketball here - dance after game |
| February 7  | Del Valle Basketball                         |
| February 10 | Campolindo Basketball                        |
| February 12 | Lincoln's Birthday                           |
| February 13 | Declared holiday for Lincoln's Birthday      |
| February 14 | Valentine's Day Basketball at Las Lomas      |
| February 15 | Monte Vista Basketball                       |
| February 17 | Alhambra Basketball                          |

## Mirador Reveals Cupid's Past

by Sue Baggerly

You may be wondering why the Mirador is publishing an article on Valentine's Day when it is only January 20. Well, it seems as though the staff went way over their budget and are \$300.00 in debt to the printer. Therefore, this will be the only issue in the next four weeks and the Mirador staff sincerely hopes it is appreciated even though we couldn't afford any pictures — (use your imagination).

Although many think of Valentine's Day as being a fairly recent festivity, it is actually one of the most ancient days on our calendar and was created long before our country came into being.

The idea of exchanging candy, cards, or other small gifts, can be traced back to the old Roman festival, Lupercalia. On this day, the young people of Rome were honored with banquets and various other activities. They drew names and exchanged presents with their secret admirers, (as many of our school children do today).

Around 496 A.D., a Christian meaning was given to this festival, when Pope Gelasius changed the name to Saint Valentine's Day, in honor of a Roman priest who was beheaded for his Christian beliefs.

Even after the Christian interpretation was derived, the custom of exchanging cards and gifts was carried on. In Great Britain, for instance, people took great pride in presenting their sweethearts with the biggest and most elaborate valentines, all of which were home-made. The familiar phrase "Be mine, valentine" has been a traditional greeting on all valentines since.

## SPACEFILLERS AND OTHER NONSENSE FROM THE EDITOR'S CRAYON

By Tim Howe

I was assigned to write something about finals in this story but I don't think I will because I'd rather not face, at this moment, the realization that they are but a few weeks away. So, I will write about something stomachable instead. Ah, I have a fantastic idea. I will write a column like Herb Caen's which will surely win me a great following in the great city of Orinda.

If you had kept your eyes open the past week and were not just a blumling dolt, you would have realized that Lucky's at the Crossroads is no more and instead is replaced by some shabby place called "Supermarket" which, according to my keen calculations is gonna go outta business fast. And you know why friend — the people of Orinda have been traditionally shopping at Lucky's for more than 20 years (don't check that figure) and they are showing their loyalty to that grand old store by not shopping at this shabby "imitation" Luck. As a matter of fact, I walked into the new place a couple of days ago because we were still mourning the loss of Lucky and out of re-

spect for the deceased we hadn't eaten for two weeks — and I overheard one checker saying to another that he'd only had 205 customers at his checkstand all day — that's not much business.

Well, the crime in Orinda has tapered off a bit in the past few weeks so there are very few newsworthy items about Orinda, so on that note let us once again return to good old M.H.S. It's been rather fun lately, to go into the gym at noon and see all the convicts sprawled on the hard dirty floor voraciously gulping down their meals. Lately though, life has been a drag.

### FINALS

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## YELL-LEADERS AND POM-PON GIRLS TAKE "BEST SPIRIT" AT D.V.C. CONTEST

Saturday, January 7, high school history was made by the Miramonte cheerleaders and pom pon girls. For on this day our bouncy and rooey song and yell leaders captured the award for SPIRIT at the Diablo Valley College Invitational Yell Leaders and Pom Pon Girl Clinic.

Sixteen schools from the Foothill Athletic League and Mt. Diablo Athletic League attended the invitational clinic. The Rally Commissioners from each school were also invited, along with the sponsors.

The Clinic was held from 12 to 7 p.m. In the morning all cheer leaders and pom pon girls met in the student lounge, splitting up into discussion groups. Every discussion group had at least one person from each of the sixteen schools who could contribute ideas for new yells, routines, uniform changes, rally skits and new ways to increase school spirit. Then it was off to Viking Hall, (a theater at the college) for the competition. Each school performed and was judged separately.

The judging of the yell leaders went in this order: Pittsburg, first; Campolindo second; Clayton Valley, third. The pom pon girls were as follows: Acalanes, first; Clayton Valley, second; San Ramon, third.

Miramonte, although not placing in the individual group judging, did win the SPIRIT Plaque. This plaque is a special award for both the cheerleaders and pom pon girls together, for their contribution of the best and most original ideas in the discussion groups and for the school yell leaders with the most spirit.

## Question Man

### Purpose of Valentine's Day Questioned

What's the point of having a Valentine's Day?

Sally Douglass — Men.

Kathy Russell — To promote boys and girls together

Jim Cunha — So card manufacturers can make money

Carolyn Madsen — To leave your heart at Campolindo

Lindy Grimes — A legal love day

Bob Bardell — L'AMOUR (French for love)

Lorrie Byrne — For hearty Campolindians with happy ears,

John Eder — To send Valentine cards

John Bishop — For shy people to express their feelings

Jan Bottjer — So you can get in better with all the girls

Bill Thurston — Mass love

Steve Traner — Hearts and flowers

John Meyers — Chichi grandes

Marilyn Halpern — It's more fun than celebrating flag day.

## ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHT BONDS TO BE REPAID

Light bonds are again in the news as Principal James Lewis announces payment of 37 additional bonds to community members.

When the Miramonte football lights were purchased in 1965, the student body decided to sell to concerned residents of the Orinda-Moraga area, \$100 bonds to make up the cost.

Thirty-seven of the bonds were paid off by what is called the "special bond fund." The money for this fund was composed of receipts from the 49er scrimmage held at Miramonte last July, as well as from the accumulated surplus in the student body treasury.

## Student Revives Guppy Swallowing

Junior Prom repercussions are happening already. Marcia Wilson, a Miramonte sophomore, had a serious "fishap" which was discussed in Bill Fiset's column in the Tribune.

Marcia was planning to wear Fishbowl earrings to the prom and emptied her two guppies into a glass to keep them until she returned. At the party she had prior to the prom she mistook the glass with the fish in it for her drink. She then proceeded to swallow her guppies. She did have one compensation, however, she "swam off" with the prize at the prom for the most unusual decor at the dance.

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## Great Things Coming In '67 As Saucerians Greet It With "Light"

By Bob Bardell

What did you do on New Year's Eve? Did you cheer in the New Year by watching Guy Lombardo? Or were you at some wild New Year's party?

"I was bringing in the New Year with the Christ Light" says Bob Bardell, famous liar, to the Bay Area chapter of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America.

Two and one-half months have passed since the historic convention in October, but both Bob and Rick Hackler, who was originally wounded by the sonic blaster, have found time to be attacked by the negatives with poison gas and a sonic blaster again!

Could anyone in their right mind believe this story? Could anyone believe it coming from Bob? Of course not! However, then again the Flying Saucer people are not exactly normal. They naturally fell for the insane story and accepted Bob and Rick with open arms.

Eventually Bob hopes to speak the next convention, sometime in the spring. "I don't want to get too national with my stories; even those mental basket-cases might not fall for some of the outrageous lies I've cooked up."

"I must admit," confesses Bob, "that I got a bit scared when some joker at the party told me my body was only a mental projection. I could see them sacrificing Rick or me to some god in order to save the world. But I know it's not true; because if it was, why would I project my body as the abortion that it really is?"

## TERRY WANTS BETTER ASSEMBLIES

"This year I have attempted to bring varied programs to Miramonte knowing I can't please everybody all the time. I think the overall effect of the assemblies will be better than too much of one thing," disclosed Terry Rawson, Student Body second in command, during a recent Mirador interview.

Some of his diverse assemblies have been the Jim Otto assembly, the General Motors Demonstration, the flamenco guitarist assembly and the Christmas assembly with our own orchestra and chorus.

Some of the assemblies that he plans for the future sound equally as diverse and exciting. He is, at the present, trying to contact The Herald Trio (of Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians). He is also trying to find a top rock and roll band, but so far hasn't had any success.

Terry transferred from Culver Military Academy during his Sophomore year. Although he liked the Academy very much, he says that "Miramonte is by far a much more enjoyable place. The kids are a lot friendlier here."

"The girl situation at Culver," Terry continued, "also left something to be desired. Of the thirteen coeds that attended the Academy, only one would pass Miramonte standards."

Terry's favorite sports are football, baseball, and skiing (ski enthusiasts may have seen him "schussing down the headwall at Alpine"). "Cannonball" Rawson is also renowned as a prominent shot-putter, but will forego the pleasure this year to join the baseball team.

Terry's campaign for V.P. is one for the records. He knew that since he was running against Cowboy Bill and Notorius Bobby B., he would have to have a strong, unusual campaign including a large TR4VP banner suspended from two weather balloons, one of which mysteriously deflated during second period that day.

Terry is very fond of raisin-mobles. He comments "Raisin-mobles fall apart easily, but serve the basic function of making trophy runs."

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# CRAMMING: Right or Wrong!

**PRO:** By Kris Ahola

Cramming for tests has been a highly criticized activity for quite some time. Why is this so? The major argument against cramming is that crammed knowledge is not retained after the exam. This is sheer nonsense. A student can retain any knowledge he wishes to regardless of how he originally learned it. It depends entirely on his interest or lack of interest in the subject material.

All that cramming is, is an attempt to acquire a large amount of knowledge in a small amount of time. Is that so terrible?

On the positive side of the argument is the fact that in most cases, cramming is successful. The necessity of learning a quantity of knowledge in a limited amount of time encourages the student to concentrate on the essentials. He then overcomes a tendency towards getting lost in details.

The student who learned a fact at the beginning of the term has probably forgotten it by exam time, whereas the one who crammed for the test can feel confident that the information will be there when he needs it.

In addition, day to day studying gives one a piecemeal view of a subject, whereas cramming presents a total picture of the material to be learned.

Cramming gives the student a great sense of accomplishment. At the end of a cramming session he feels that he has done all that is humanly possible in preparing for the exam.

Cramming is an excellent preparation for the future. The student who crammed during his school years will be prepared for any high pressure situation, whether at home, in his work, or during his leisure hours.

Obviously, cramming is not for everyone. Some people work best in a tense, black coffee atmosphere. Some prefer to study on a day to day basis and then go to a double feature on the eve of the exam. Like most things, study practices are a matter of individual preference and style.

**CON:** By Bobbie Saunders

The question of whether or not to bother studying for finals arises every year at about this time and is usually solved by the last minute attempt — cramming.

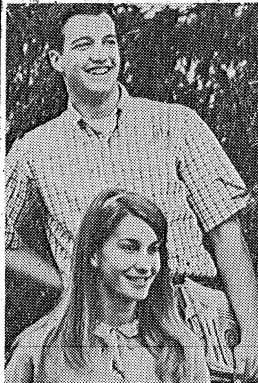
Some students participate in this activity and others don't. As a general rule, those students who maintain good grades all through the year are the same ones who spend several weeks before finals studying, or simply don't study at all. Actually, if you can keep a good grade point average through the year, you probably know the material thoroughly enough to do well on a final examination without any preparation.

The over-all, long-run importance of final exams and grades is debatable, and the purpose of education must be established before the former can be discussed. The primary aim of school is to prepare young people for a full, satisfying adult life in our society. The tests and grades are important factors in determining future personal success.

The student who studies day to day retains a general knowledge of his material that may or may not be useful to him in later life. However, if he crams for an exam he will have a far greater store of knowledge on exam day, and will probably fare better, but on some foreseeable date in the future he will miss a literary allusion that the student who studied would understand and enjoy. A detail as minor as this seems relatively meaningless on such a small scale and as isolated as it is, but the instances would not be few.

Naturally this question of how to study is a matter of personal taste and that of whether or not to study for finals, also an individual preference. The arguments on both sides are comparatively futile because study habits have most likely been established and set and probably will not change at this late date.

# SENIOR PORTRAITS



**Tina:**

"Imperfection is the spice of life," is a favorite maxim of the feminine portion of the Senior Portrait, Tina de Benedictis. However, she later admitted that the above statement is "to be used for encouragement when a person is deeply depressed only."

Tina also is very ambitious, and is at present working at Sports Unlimited. Her college plans are to go "wherever I am accepted, hopefully either University of Santa Cruz or Stanford." She hopes to study linguistics, psychology, or mathematics.

On the Miramonte campus her many activities include being the Spanish Club treasurer, Sailing Club secretary, and a member of the Pep Club, as well as the French and Latin Clubs. She is also a member of Cuadrilla, where at present she is head chairman in charge of organizing Homecoming activities.

Some odd little traits that Tina has developed over the years include "always getting lost when I'm driving somewhere" and setting her long naturally curly hair in soup cans. She has also taken a liking to water sports — sailing and water-skiing in particular — and expresses an undeniable interest in Unidentified Flying Objects. "I always wanted to see one," she admits.

**Jim:**

Have you ever wondered who does the announcing at athletic events such as football and basketball games and track meets? This unsung hero is none other than this week's Senior Portrait, Jim Cunha.

One of the ambitions that "Sir Jim" possesses is to be president of General Motors (because of the adequate salary that it provides). He feels he is definitely qualified after having been a partner with Gus Filice in the Gunga Din Watering Service, Inc. Of this business venture Jim said, "We are both looking forward to having our total assets reach \$1,000,000, some of which will be invested in Kon Tiki Ski Tours, Inc., a subsidiary of the Gunga Din Watering Service."

A member in good standing of the Rally Committee (chairman of ticket sales), Block M, and La Cuadrilla, Jim was also the editor of MHS's outstanding football programs.

Being an opinionated person, Jim has some very basic dislikes — such as "Bob Bardell running off at the mouth, people that sign up for committees but don't work, and the invisible government of the Senior Council." Some of the good things in life for him included the word subsidiary, skiing, and radio station KMAT. He also firmly believes that "you can win 'em all but you'd better not lose any."

# LETTERS TO EDITOR

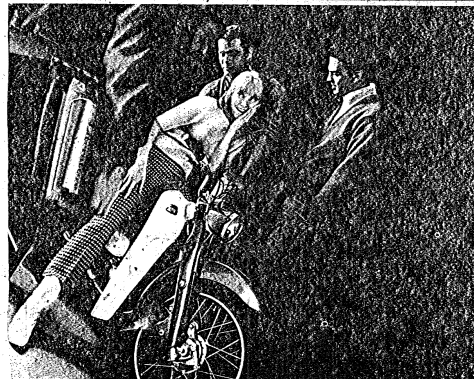
Dear Editor:  
Recently, I moved to Orinda from a less affluent community and entered Miramonte.

On my first day at Miramonte, I brought a sack lunch, that being my normal habit. As I entered the cafeteria, I was confronted by an athletic coach who informed me that only students who buy hot lunches from the cafeteria kitchen are allowed to sit in that room.

Of course, my next question concerned where that sector of the school populuz who did not buy school lunches ate. I was directed to the gymnasium, and quickly entered. There sat 500 or 600 students, eating off the floor of teh gym. Needless to

say, my surprise was great: It is difficult to believe that in a community with the apparent wealth and reputation of Orinda, that the high school students must sit on, and eat off the floor of the gym for lack of better facilities. During the warm sunny seasons this arrangement is fine, because there is ample outdoor lawn on which to sit. However, when the lawns are covered with frost, it is considerably less than pleasant to lounge and eat on the lawns.

Are the funds so greatly lacking that the students must be treated like animals? Why not open some of the classrooms to students during the noon hour and recruit willing teachers to proctor?



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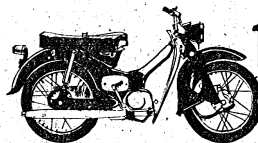
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# MIRAMONTE STEAMROLLERS COMPETITION

## SPORTS

### Where Would We Be Without The Timers Association ???

A round-robin basketball tournament is on the agenda for G.A.A. members. The tournament is sponsored by Del Valle High School and will begin the first week in February. It will include seven different high schools from the surrounding areas: Del Valle, San Ramon, De Anza, Campolindo, Berkeley, Amador, and Miramonte. The teams from these schools will play opposing teams consecutively for the six weeks of the basketball meet.

One of the most active but least publicized groups on Miramonte campus is the Timers' Association.

At the beginning of the year the club consisted of about 120 members. This number was too difficult to organize into any functioning body. In order to unify the group the membership was cut to 40 girls. "It was a very difficult job but we tried to select those 40 girls who had been most active," says Lorrie Byrne, president of Timers' Association.

The other officers are Kathy Gruher, secretary-treasurer, and Peggy Hart and Margee Holland as meet managers. The purpose of Timers' is to assist the coaches in timing, organizing, scoring and recording sports events. The Timers' Association is a big help to our coaches. Members assist in basketball, baseball, football, track, cross country and swimming, their biggest event. They timed the AAU meet last summer, twice a week during the spring, thirteen timers will be needed to time the Miramonte meets.



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Highlighted by Pete Jensen's high scoring of 29 points, the Matador basketball varsity won another victory over Campolindo last Friday night 56-48. As a result of this game Miramonte's record now stands at seven wins and two losses.

As for teamwork and cooperation, this year's team is good. Speed is not so much an asset as the experience, height, and teamwork that Miramonte boasts. Great pride is taken in the

Matador defense. Coach Tom Blackwood feels that a consistent defense holding down the score of the opposing team can win a game even on a "cold night" when the offense is not scoring. This overcoming of the "luck" element may prove to be one of the keys to winning the championship.

Another key to Matador success is what Coach Blackwood calls the "slow controlled style." This style involves taking the best advantage of Matador superiority height.

Miramonte feels quite confident in bringing in players from the bench, having what Coach Blackwood calls "the strongest bench in the league."

The Coach emphasizes that no one person means the success of the team, and that a Matador success can be credited to a team effort.

As for scoring, Pete Jensen and John Bishop average sixteen points apiece per game. Strength is added to the team by the

scoring and defense of Andy Wolfe and Bruce Washburn. Ray Winquist helps hold the team together. Coach Blackwood would also like to comment Barry Svendsen, Jon Ferguson and Cress Gilbert for their contribution to Matador success.

Being rated first in the League and winning success already this season, the Matadors are faced with the problem of feeling confident without overconfidence. A great responsibility is placed on a winning team to live up to their outstanding past or rating. Coach Blackwood stresses a "belief in self" that goes along with acceptance of success in the way of a "true sportsman".

The FAL teams are so well-balanced this year that any team could beat any other team in any particular game. "Every game will be tough," says the Coach. "All the teams are trying to beat Miramonte." The Matadors aren't really out to beat any one team. They are just trying to remain on top of the league.

As for players, Miramonte can win the championship. The Matador team rates highest in the league.

There are certain variables in high school basketball that make the FAL outcome unpredictable. Readiness, luck, and emotional stability are factors that are sometimes undeterminable.

The Matadors feel that they have an edge over other FAL teams and that those teams must challenge them. Miramonte must be able to overcome the challenges.

### Sportlite



The athlete chosen for this issue's "Spotlight" is "Night-Train" (John) Bishop. An outstanding basketball player, John has been on hoopster teams since fourth grade. In this first year of John's career, he played on a team from Del Rey elementary school called the "Bombers." Upon reaching seventh grade, he dropped out of the "Bombers," only to join an Inland Valley team called the "Hongoers."

When asked why basketball was his favorite sport, "Night-Train" replied, "I started young and really liked it. It's fast moving and gives a chance for variation." Although basketball is his favorite, John also has been on the baseball team for eight years. This year he will go out for track on the encouragement of Coach Phillips. Alley soccer is another favorite with John.

When not practicing, playing, or watching, basketball, "Night-Train" can be found making mysterious calls to K.O., listening to Yard Bird albums, and thinking up practical jokes.

Like athletes, John has high goals for himself and his team. This season he aims to win the league championship and also to play in the Camellia Tournament. Upon graduating from Miramonte, John plans to attend either Northwestern or U.S.C., after which he hopes to become a dentist.

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### Pick the Standing — Win Prizes!

It's contest time in the Mirador again. We are now presenting our first and last annual "pick the standings contest." For the first time all of you can use your clairvoyant talents to good ends by picking the final standings of this year's F.A.L. basketball pennant chase.

Simply tear out this following coupon, fill it out with the correct final positions of the teams in our league at the end of the season, and turn in your predictions to C-2 or give it to some Journalism student.

| Team       | Position |
|------------|----------|
| Acalanes   | .....    |
| Alhambra   | .....    |
| Campolindo | .....    |
| Del Valle  | .....    |
| Las Lomas  | .....    |
| Miramonte  | .....    |
| Piedmont   | .....    |
| San Ramon  | .....    |
| Name       | .....    |

Congrats to the organizers of

the Saturday basketball League. For the first time in the recent history of good old public minded MHS the school has put its great gymnasium to some constructive use. Now instead of spending Saturday cruising or reposing at K's or the arena, the male youth of Orinda can find a peaceful outlet for the emotions. Not only does the league provide healthy competition, but it also stimulates pride in school facilities. At least basketball is better than organized street fights.

What ever happened to that friendly spirit of the old interclass sports battles. Why were the interclass football games not held this year? It seems to me that interclass games are a lot more fun both for the crowd and the players.

If we can believe the Tribune scribes, Miramonte's first ever basketball championship is in store for us, long-suffering fans this year.

Special inside tip: final 1967 basketball standings. 1st—Miramonte, 2nd—Piedmont, 3rd—Los Lomas, 4th—San Ramon, 5th—Acalanes, 6th—Campolindo, 7th—Alhambra, 8th—Del Valle.

## JOHN, NEAL UNBEATEN GRAPPLERS

Although the Miramonte Varsity Wrestling Team has started out the season slowly, many of the wrestlers have achieved five individual records. Neil Donaghue, wrestling at 154 lbs., remains undefeated, having wrestled five matches. Two of his contests were won by pins; one of them in one minute and nine seconds of the first round, the other in 55 seconds of the third round. The other he handily defeated by points.

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Another grappler, Ron Ortmann, wrestling lightweight in the 105 lbs. weight class has been defeated only once, losing to his Clayton Valley opponent. One of his victories was by a pin in one minute and 35 seconds of the first round. A middleweight weighing at 135 lbs., is Todd Gordon. He has a record of 4 wins and 2 losses. Gordon has achieved 2

pins; one in the third round in the Pacifica meet, the other, also in the third round in the meet against Concord. Jon Donlon, the Matadors' star heavyweight is undefeated in the unlimited class. He has wrestled 6 matches pinning both his Mount Diablo and Concord opponents in the 3rd round.

### SOPHOMORES

The sophomores on the team so far seem to be having problems because of their lack of experience. It is hoped that as the season progresses they will increase in skill. So far this season only the 3 most promising sophomores, Chuck Manuel, Mike Sullivan, and Jeff Sawyer, have been able to pin their opponents.

### J.V.'s

The record of the J.V. team presently stands at 3 and 3. They beat Pleasant Hill by a score of 22-20, defeated Concord 25-20, and

annihilated Mt. Diablo with a score of 38-12. They were narrowly defeated by Pacifica and Clayton Valley teams.

Many of the Varsity wrestlers are switched back and forth between the Varsity and Junior Varsity squads. This may help explain the fluctuations of the JV scores. The constant switching of such competent Varsity wrestlers as Thomas, Sage, Heller, Horning, Duke and Connolly from varsity to JV helps to bolster the nucleus of the JV team and raise the score.

(It is interesting to note that Varsity grapplers wrestling JV rarely, if ever, lose). One of the standouts on the JV team is John Wight weighing in at 103 lbs. Wight has been defeated only once in his five matches by a Clayton Valley adversary.

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