

# Mirador

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Editor Jon Baylis faces an open mind with Bob O'Learn.

## You're Only As Old As You Think - According To KMPX's Bob O'Learn

by JONATHAN BAYLIS

"Age is not chronological," stated Bob O'Learn of radio KMPX during a M.A.D. discussion. This perhaps summarizes one of the main points Bob made during the various discussions with Miramonte students. Bob went on to explain that someone like Ravi Shankar who has lived for many years is not really old because he still really lives life and grooves on what is happening. Bob deplores the way American people send old people off to homes where they associate with other old people. "They just wait to die," Bob explained.

Bob's M.A.D. offering was one of the most popular with over 150 students packed into P-4 during each of the three periods. One of the main attractions was Bob's collection of some of the latest albums. During the informal discussions, Bob played albums and discussed their significance and relation to life.

Among the albums played were the new *Traffic, Sailor* by Steve Miller, and *Buffalo Springfield*. Bob is a friend of Greg Hastings, who invited him and arranged the M.A.D. offering.

"I just want to get through life without hurting anybody and do the best I can for myself and our country," testified Bob and then he added "my country" that's a weird phrase." Bob grew up in North Carolina, but left as soon as he could for the city. In New York he took up copy writing and was doing very well. He decided that it was not his bag and went into radio where he is enjoying himself to the fullest.

When asked about drugs, Bob said that speed is a killer but grass has been proven harmless by studies such as the *la Guardia* study and will be legal in about three years. "If a person starts using grass," Bob explained, "sooner or later he is going to run into himself."

## Construction To Begin On Library

Preparation of the Memorial Circle for the new building, begins in December. Miramonte's long-standing Memorial Circle is to be completely cleared—trees, lawns, benches, and all—but not without good reason. Plans for a new dual complex prove what an addition this will be to the school.

The new plans consist of a large lecture hall on one side and a new library on the other. Each room will be 48 ft. wide plus being modern and much more convenient.

The lecture hall is to be in tiers, so that the view is unobstructed from any vantage point. It will be everything the present study hall should be but isn't. A portable divider will enable it to be used as two smaller lecture rooms. Each will have a teacher's platform and movie screen. At one end of the hall is to be a teacher's room; at the other end will be located the textbook room.

The new library, a large one, is going to have a sunken area in the center for studying, reading etc. One large picture window will be on one side and the whole library will be carpeted.

Between the two large halls—running lengthwise will be a closed in court. This will have benches in it and be a passageway. The question of Memorial Plaque is still being considered—but it will probably be placed in the court.

## New Curtains To Brighten Gym

Gymnasts may not care but drama students are delighted. Miramonte's main stage in the gymnasium is dressed up in hundreds of dollars worth of new curtains this week.

Installed with use of school funds is a new main curtain of beige replacing the red main curtain which has hung since 1955. Also installed are three sets of side wing curtains, a backdrop and a new valance stretching across the proscenium. All are in harmonizing colors.

Assistant Principal, Miss Naomi Giddings pointed out that the old curtains could have lasted longer than 13 years had not eager gym students used them as rope climbs. Miss Giddings requests, for the new set, a "hands off" policy.

## VISIT LAND OF ALOHA

On December 22 two deluxe charter buses will leave Walnut Creek for the San Francisco departure of a Pan American Jet for Hawaii. This is the 777th Annual Diablo Area Hawaiian Christmas Holiday.

This "family tour" has always been a sell out that many families enjoy two or three times. Besides the most advantageous group rate of \$355.00, there are even further reductions for family groups. The trip features water sports, a special Christmas Party, sightseeing tours, and a luau.

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## D.A.R. AWARD GIVEN TO DIANE JONTE

Diane Jonte received the Daughters of the American Revolution's Good Citizen award for 1968-1969 as a representative of Miramonte High School.

The senior girls selected three classmates based on the following qualifications: dependability — including truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality; service — meaning cooperation, courtesy, and consideration for others; leadership — that is, personality, self-control, and the ability to assume responsibility; and patriotism — which is unselfish interest in family, school, community, and country.

The faculty chose Diane Jonte from the list of three names as the girl to become good citizen of Miramonte.

The state is divided into 10 districts. The winner of each district is determined by the test in American government and history, and by activity reports.

An award of a United States government bond of \$25 will be made to the winner in each district.

The district winner competes for the state honor by writing



DIANE JONTE

a 300 word autobiography. The state winner will receive a U.S. government bond of \$100. The state winner then will compete by writing an essay for the national good citizen award. The grand prize is a \$1000 scholarship to the college of her choice.

## DANCE OF CALUMET AIDS SIOUX INDIANS



Two Miramonte students warm-up for the Dance of Calumet, which will be held tonight in the gym from 8 to 11.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

The La Cuadrilla Charity dance is tonight. Come listen to Maggie's Farm and see the Light Show. The dance is from 8-11pm. Admission is \$.75 stag; \$1.00 drag.

December 3 the Booster Card Award Dinner will be held. The Junior Class sold the most booster cards in this year's competition.

The wrestling team hosts Mt. Diablo on December 4 in the first match of the year for the Miramonte Matmen.

November 23 the Strong Vocational Interest test will be given at 8 am in 0-1.

An outstanding photographer, Victor Hugo Cantino, will be speaking at Contra Costa College on December 5. The lecture starts at 8 pm.

The Matadors play their first varsity basketball game here against John Swett on Wednesday, November 27.

Spectoral Euphoria Light Show Company will produce liquid projections and flashing lights of colors for the La Cuadrilla Charity Dance tonight while Maggie's Farm will provide the music. Since profits will go to an Indian charity, the title is Dance of the Calumet. Indian style face painting in ultraviolet colors will be featured as part of the fun. Time of the dance is 8-11 pm; admission is \$.75 stag, \$1.00 drag.

David Liu, Randy McGrew, Paul Kasaner, and Mike Friend make up Spectoral Euphoria, who have performed at Newman Hall in Berkeley, Miramonte, Diablo Valley College, and the

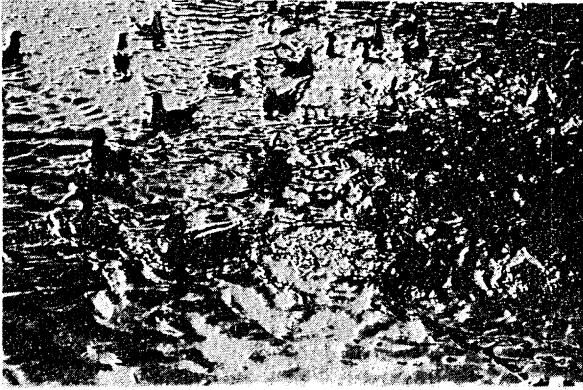
Unitarian Church in Berkeley. The group do their own photography and develop their own slides.

The proceeds from the dance will go to Saint Labre Mission School in Ashland, Montana. This school, made up largely of Sioux Indian children, is completely supported by donations.

Members of Cuadrilla working on the dance are Suzy Gonot, chairman; Bill Abbott and Luci Malin, decorations; Jim Martin and Suzette Hall, refreshments; Phyllis Rosenthal and Kerby Anderson, tickets; Suzy Gonot and Jeff Cairns and Marty de Laveaga, publicity.

# EDITORIAL

## The Ducks of De Young Museum



## INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

Miramonte's second MAD (Miramonte Activity Day) was every bit as successful as the first MAD held last year, if not more so. MAD No. 2 was not only a welcome and much needed break in the rigid routine of daily classes, it was also valuable as a learning device and experimental standard for future MAD's.

Many of the programs offered at MAD tied in closely with subjects which are being taught here at Miramonte every day, but through unique medium of MAD students and teachers were able to approach these subjects in entirely new and fascinating ways. Some of the offerings were purely practical, such as auto mechanics for girls, the biology field trip, the Rock and Roll Clinic, the College Perspective movies, and Drug Abuse Information, just-for-fun flights of fancy, such as the Renaissance dancing, the UFO discussion, Impressions '68, and the Lunatic Fringe (which gave the Drama Club some badly needed practice in acting!) All

of the programs were designed to broaden and enrich the educational experience of the students beyond the usual classroom material, and at the same time, this broadened base of understanding and learning has hopefully increased each student's enthusiasm for the classes he is taking. Another important aspect of the MAD experience is that it gives students a chance to express their own ideas and do the work involved in setting up the program they are interested in, instead of having teachers sponsor all the offerings and, in effect, tell students what they should be interested in. Of special concern to those students and teachers who are sensitive enough to be troubled by the apathy and lack of meaningful communication on this campus, as well as the various groups of students who form little cliques and close themselves off from their fellow students, was the large number of discussions on various subjects that were held under the auspices of MAD.

## From the Editor

by JONATHAN BAYLIS

A recent issue of the Contra Costa Times carried an article about the uproar an Orinda mother was causing over the way people were living in Canyon. A group of runaways, one of whom was the son of the outraged mother, had been living in shacks and VW buses back in Canyon. Without running water, sanitary facilities, or proper garbage disposal, the runaways had it pretty rough.

The mother was, of course, horrified and wanted to publicly expose the squalid inhumanity that was happening so close to the "health-haven" of Orinda. She said she would rather see her son in jail.

Ironically, the mother I have just mentioned was one of the founders of the Canyon runaway community. Parents who create a home situation so miserable that their offspring would rather live in a health hazard are the real cause for a runaway community.

Too many parents are too busy to stop and listen to the real heartbeat of their children until they are old enough to make it to Canyon where there are at least a few listening ears and an escape from the constant hassle of their dilapidated life.

Too many parents are shocked to find out that their young person would rather have psychological health in Canyon than have their garbage dumped for them back in Orinda.

The outraged mother previously mentioned was determined to do something about the situation in Canyon. It may be worthwhile for some Orinda parents to donate an out-house and a couple of garbage cans to their runaways in Canyon. But a far better solution would be for a few parents to offer their potential runaways not only running water, but a little love and a listening ear.

## "THE PREZ SEZ"

By Greg Mills

I would really like to know the honest student reaction to student government at Miramonte. Needless to say, there is a lot of apathy and outright negative reaction. Students seemingly feel that student government is ineffective; that it is either incapable of doing worthwhile projects or unwilling to attempt them. I'm not going to try to prove these arguments wrong. The fact is that I sometimes tend to agree with them.

I feel a need in student government now for several important factors. These are concern and constructive criticism. I'd like to distinguish between concern and spirit, because they are two very different subjects. Concern is an

awareness of what's going on around you and how it affects you. I think this much more important than the rah-rah spirit that high schools always try to instill. With concern may come spirit, but the spirited person who attends all the rallies may never be conscious or aware of his personal experiences and how they are affecting his character.

Constructive criticism will come as a natural result of concern, and effective criticism will never come without it. You may not like what's going on at school, but by becoming concerned and offering serious criticism, you will have done much more than those girls and guys with their raccoon coats and beanies.

## STUDENT LEADER

### Scampy Appears Smugly Content

"Come in to R-4 and give us a reaction, good or bad, to what we are trying to do." This is the plea expressed by Student Body Secretary Scampy Hickcox.

Scampy states that what student government is trying to accomplish this year is to reach out to the kids at Miramonte and to show them a purpose in the school. They must also try to reveal a reason for students to go outside their own small secure world and arouse the interest of those around them.

"Being secretary of the student body provides stimulation from people you see every day. It makes you become interested and start asking questions." This is how Scampy sums up her job on top of the customary duties which includes taking minutes, publicizing government activities, keeping up on

correspondence, heading committees, and taking care of representative and executive council business.

Scampy feels that Leadership, the class made up of executive council members, is valuable for many reasons. "We need the time every day to keep up with our own individual activities and responsibilities that arise from our own position in student government. Discussions often clear up problems between class and also between administration and students. Mr. Campbell tries to convey direction and leadership to us."

She also believes that students should discourage apathy in those around them, and should appreciate all that they have and all that individuals do instead of continually rid-



Scampy appears smugly content with the job of Student Body Secretary.

iculing other people's efforts to arouse interest.

"I enjoy my office because I can make what I want out of it. It can either be a duty or it can be a privilege, it all depends on the individual. President and secretary are the most flexible of the offices. This year I've seen more than just minutes. Student involvement is an increasing trend at Miramonte. Whether it's leadership or not, I don't know."

## ANSWER TO LAST LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to Karen Jones' recent letter to the editor concerning school policies on girls wearing pants to school, the Mirador sought expert counsel.

"Miramonte High School has no written dress codes," according to Miss Naomi Giddings, the school's female fashion arbiter. "The absence of dress codes is due to the fact that a written set of standards would soon be out of date."

In a subsequent conversation, the following points were brought up, and should be considered as valid arguments.

Pants are considered leisure or recreation outfits. Such attire

is not generally or normally accepted as business wear. Professional and business women in normal contact with the public do not wear pants. Education is the Miramonte student's business; our job is going to school.

The idea that behavior may be influenced by attire is also a consideration in the ban on pants. Girls wearing pants tend to look like boys, act like boys, and sit like boys.

Saying that pants are much warmer than skirts is false. A wool skirt and knee socks will keep a girl much warmer than worn out jeans.

Pants may eventually be accepted as appropriate apparel for women in the business world. When and if that change takes place, the Miramonte standard on pants will have to be reevaluated.

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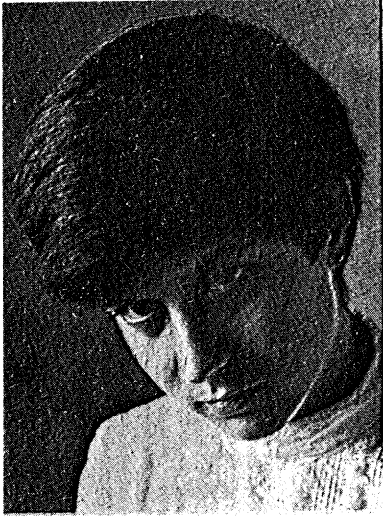
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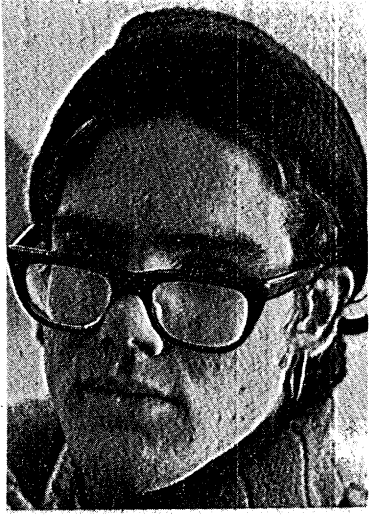
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Senior Personalities

Life And People, The Main Interest Of Both Martha And Jeff

"We're probably incompatible. I like blondes," admits Jeff Sawyer as he and Martha Wagner began to express their ideas about Miramonte.

Martha believes that "individual worth is nothing at Miramonte. There should be a system for an individual's talent. Teachers at Miramonte don't help kids who really need it, the slow students." As a solution to this problem, Martha proposes a district system of trade schools. Martha also feels that, "Miramonte puts too much emphasis on grades."

She feels that the only good program at Miramonte is the MUDS trip which she describes as "a beautiful experience."

"It is going to be so much of a hassle to get into college, it will boggle my mind," agreed Jeff. "To try to make a decision in high school about what you want to be is ridiculous." In discussing the Miramonte faculty Jeff says, "There are so many good teachers who encourage you to think on your own, as long as you think their way. The amount of knowledge in the world is fantastic. For the most part, the education we're getting at Miramonte isn't important. We are taught facts instead of logic."

"Miramonte could be a neat neat place since there are so many neat people. There is

freedom, but maybe not enough. We should have MAD three times a week, and every one should have honor passes."

Martha and Jeff agree that the universal hang-up is the social "thing." Martha has never been to a party. "I've never been a part of the social thing at Miramonte," she says. However, she doesn't feel she is missing anything. Jeff describes the social hang-up at Miramonte as the "Hate Miramonte disease." Everyone spends too much time knocking Miramonte instead of doing anything for it," Jeff says.

Life and people seem to be the main interests of both Martha and Jeff. Martha says, "I really dig people. They're wonderful if you get to know them." Jeff says, "I like people. But sometimes I get impatient. They just blow my mind."

Martha is graduating in January and then attending Cal at Berkeley.

Jeff wants to learn as much as he can about everything. "I want to learn to communicate with people," he says.

Students Tell Opinions Of MAD Day

"What would you do to improve MAD?"

Carol Millsbaugh—"We need more interesting offerings like Impressions '68 and KMPX and also need a rest period and have a class on the senior lawn."

Cindy Tipton—"Very good—need bigger classrooms and to be able to go more places."

Kathy Campbell—"We need more variety of subjects to choose so the majority won't participate in one place at one time."

Greg Mills—"It was successful and showed student interest so we'll probably have another MAD. To improve it, we need more students to initiate activities."

Debbie Stein—"Very good, but it needs more offerings and better participation."

Ken Geide—"Very successful, but need to have more offerings and a greater range of subject matter."

Nancy Nott—"MAD should last all day, but from 9-3 with a long lunch break. I think it should be more open, so kids can wander around and see all the offerings. There are a lot of things to go to, but not enough time."

Melanie McCormick—"I think extra curricular activities like MAD should be pointed towards academic achievements rather than Judo and Karate. Mr. Besser is obviously a pacifist."

John Goetz—"I want more sport activities like last Spring, ie. basketball, baseball."

Mr. John Sargis—"It should be cut down to two periods to let speakers and movies finish up during seventh and let the other kids go home."

The Creation Of A MAT Mascot - 1968

And you may wonder, as you sit in the bleachers trying to watch a game, what goes into the making of a mascot.

First of all, a volunteer is needed. Rally Committee has two — just in case. The volunteer is then taken to Sun Valley to try on ballet shoes in open shoe stores. This embarrasses him very much. Most boys aren't used to trying on ballet shoes.

Next came the costume. Long white socks were needed. White tights were suggested but, fortunately some one thought of baseball socks. Ballet shoes are bad enough, but white tights? Then there's the blouse. It has a man's tag in it—but it buttons on the wrong side.

Before games the Matador can be seen running around trying to find someone with a key to R-4. This may be one reason he's late to games. During the game he does cartwheels over benches, promotes school spirit, flirts with the pom pon girls, and generally freezes to death.

Our Matador did his good deed when Miramonte played Piedmont. He helped their mascot into his skirt. After the games the mascot may be found undressing in the band room (to the music of the Graduate). Then it's to Freddie's or the dance and home by 12:30 am so he can make the Boy Scout rendezvous Saturday morning.

JUNIOR PROM TO BE 'A NIGHT IN S.F.'

Negro soul group, The Executives, plus Sonny Lewis and the Movement will be playing for the Junior Prom on the thirteenth of next month. San Francisco Night is the theme for the prom.

Through a Looking Glass, Mardi Gras, and Outer Space were other theme ideas for the Juniors to choose from. San Francisco Night provides for imaginative decorations. A tentative decorating idea is to divide the gym into areas like those of San Francisco, Fisherman's Wharf, Union Street shops, Chinatown, trolley cars, and Golden Gate Park where there will be flowers for sale will constitute the various sections.

The group playing for the prom is really great. They have

been headlining at the Celebrity Night Club in San Francisco. Two singers and five musicians on various instruments make up the combo.

"I hope the decorations will turn-out to be realistic enough to give the effect of San Francisco rather than our gym," seems to be the most important objective for the Juniors. There is a lot of enthusiasm in the kids, so the dance should be a success.

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## Why Do You Participate In Athletics?

Athelets were questioned as to why they went out for a sport.

Peter Schnugg — For the competition — I thrive on competition.

John Bahme — For the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

Gordy Massie — I suppose I enjoy athletics but they help me dodge the draft!

Tim Howard—For the body, the most important thing I've got.

Craig Pearson — To eventually get my picture on the back of a Wheaties box.

Larry Reid — It keeps my intelligence at a peak and I love to inflict pain.

John Jessup — I like to take showers with all the guys.

Steve Hale — Seriously, I like the glory. I'd do anything for Nancy (my girl) she's tops. I also want Mom to be proud of me. Mom buys me toys when I play good. She's tops too!

Chris LeGrand — Athletics keeps me physically fit, mentally awake, . . . and morally straight . . . sometimes. Besides, Bill and I feel that if the fans come out to the games, they deserve to see the best!

Bill Mutch— I participate in athletics because I enjoy giving the crowd a thrill. I agree with Chris, our fans deserve to see us perform.

Needle Bahme — I like the ball games because they keep me in shape.

Mike Paladino—Because I just get my kicks playing ball.

Chris Connolly—For the personal identity — not much.

Chris Volker — So LeGrand can tell me to "run on in."

Pete Wolfe — I like the feel of team ball action.

## League Teams Cut

Due to a recent ruling, the Foothill Athletic League has been reduced from the present nine teams to six teams. Departing from the F.A.L. will be San Ramon and Monte Vista, who will form the nucleus of a new league, and Piedmont, who will hook up with four other teams from a variety of cities.

One of the main reasons for the division was to shorten the league so that there can be more non-league games. Next year, a full football schedule will consist of three non league games and only five league games. This leaves the possibility of having some sort of post-season bowl games; for instance, a clash between the F.A.L. champ and the winner of the rival D.V.A.L. The teams won't be as restricted as to who their opponents will be.

So, with the new ruling, the F.A.L. sports scene will definitely have a new look, hopefully for the better.

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## FALL WRAP UP Cross Country

Miramonte's Cross Country Varsity team proved they had the best depth in the league by capturing a second place with San Ramon and Alhambra in the League Meet. The Seniors rose to the occasion as they ran in their final important race. Dave Wight led Miramonte's front runners with Steve Campbell and Don Heapes finishing among the top. Juniors John Dawson finished strong with Wade Mart, Dave Huston, and Sophomore Charlie Hansen finishing in the upper half of the race.

Seniors Bob Billings and Jim Meter finished 3rd and 5th respectively in the J.V. race, ending their season in style. Also leading to the Mat's third place finish were Ken Guide and Dave Aughenbough.

The Frosh-Soph. team led by Keith Chambers also finished competition. Other important members include Dave Hansen, Mark Lee, John Harnett, Mike Stewart, and Steve Wight.

## Water Polo

Coach Bill Brown's amazing water polo team concluded another undefeated FAL season. The Aquamats compiled a 35-3 record over a period of three years which also included collegiate competition. The team, having finished league competition, goes next to the Northern California Tournament. The Mats' first opponent at De Anza College is the Santa Clara team. Buscherd, of Santa Ana, who beat the Stanford frosh which boasts four All-Americans, stars on the team to beat.

The Mat poloists are led by All American honorable mention Pete Schnugg and All League Randy Williams. The 1968 starting team consists of Dave Dupuis, Randy Williams, and Pete Schnugg as forwards. The guards are Dan Dupuis, Rick O'Hare, and Jon Svendson. Steve Patching plays goalie. Randy Warner, Steve Barker, and Bill Beckett are among the graduating seniors.

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## ECONOMICS OF FOOTBALL

Football is a very big deal. There is no doubt about it. Until the student body starts a "water-polo festival", elects a "golf queen," or has the band play at cross-country meets, it will remain the most important sport at Miramonte. To some people, it still isn't important enough; to others, it's too important. Too much money spent. Too much time used up. How much is "too much."

The time spent on football by the team is considerable. Each player spends around one-hundred and fifty hours each season. The pom-pon girls spend hours on practice. The float committees work for weeks. All this work, however is voluntary. Economically, football seems to be extremely assailable. It costs the Student Body \$6,823.50, according to the budget. But it earns \$7,750. Uniforms cost \$150 each. Buses to other schools cost about \$50 each. To turn the lights on for one night game uses up \$75 worth of electricity. Officials, clean-up men, film for movies. all cost even more money.

What is the income? A game usually earns about \$500 to \$600. Football festival earned the student body \$1,400. Season tickets bring in about \$1,750. Figuring the fact that we have five homecoming games, the football teams have a gross income of between \$5,000 and \$6,000. That means that each of the men of the team earns about \$250 for the student body. It is, therefore, evident that the football team is the most valuable group of students at Miramonte. If Miramonte wants to be a leader among schools, young men of fit physique should be given compulsory football training, five football teams should be started, and games should be played every night after school. That would make Miramonte \$120,000 richer each year.



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## BASKETBALL PREVIEW: POSSIBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

### Varsity

With the advent of winter comes the high-tension, crowd pleasing game of basketball. Coach Tom Blackwood, hoping to go undefeated for the second time in 3 years, is confident that his team can clinch the title.

Returning hoopsters to the Miramonte court this year include such last year standouts as Bob Bahme, Larry Reid, Pete Schnugg, and Dave Wallace. Supplemented by three other returning lettermen and a championship J.V. team, the Mats form a formidable foe. However, this is the year of athletes in the F.A.L. and every team must be respectfully considered.

This year's exhibition line-up consists of preliminary games against John Swett High here, next Wednesday and competition in the St. Elizabeth Tournament on December 12, 13, and 14. Such teams as St. Elizabeth's, Oakland High, and Oakland Tech. will be a few of the top-rated competitors in this tournament.

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### Junior Varsity

Combining last year's championship J.V. and Frosh teams should prove to constitute a strong contender for this year's J.V. title. Coached by the flamboyant Bill Brown, this year's team combines both experience and upcoming talent.

### Girls' Teams

The Miramonte girls' basketball team enters the 1968-69 season suffering from graduation last year; however the team hopes to place a sure second in their league and possibly take the championship.

Last year the A team placed second in the league and won second in the Del Valle invitational meet. Only five of those players are returning to join the 1968-69 team. The success of this year's team will depend on these five plus some of last year's B team members.

Aileen Bishop, Gail Rulis, Chris Coran, Cathy Soderstrom and Debbie Saunders will form the major part of the A team. Aileen, Cathy and Debbie provide an offensive threat while Gail and Chris are outstanding defensive players.

The B team won the league championship last year, but will probably lose many of its key players to the A team. This year Carol Soderstrom and Sarah French are expected to make the A team with their hustle and shooting ability.

In past years the girls' teams have done very well both in league competition and in tournaments. Campolindo has been their top competitor in all aspects of basketball. The B team from Campolindo was second behind Miramonte's team last year, and the Campolindo A team handed Miramonte their only defeat in fourteen games. This year both basketball teams hope to defeat Campolindo and all other competitors as well.

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