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TONIGHT

FROSH CLASS OFFICERS FOR FIRST SEMESTER

A freshman assembly was held on Monday, September 19, for the purpose of hearing the election candidates. Students were given overnight to digest the speeches, and the initial voting was held the next day in World History classes.

Run-offs between the two top contenders for each office were held on Wednesday. After the votes were tallied, the winners were announced. For their president, the Freshmen chose Tim Howard. Ralph Newman will be the vice-president, and Debbie Saunders will be the secretary. Jody Sweet, as Freshman class treasurer will be in charge of the financial end of things.

New Advisory Board Makes Improvements

By EARL McKEEVER
Chief Justice

This year's Advisory Board is functioning with a new purpose. In the past the Board focused its activities on interviewing students with discipline problems. This year the Board will seek to broaden its responsibility as a part of student government.

Members hope to review the Code of Conduct and advise on some changes. The Board also wants to get interested students to take care of the litter problem. To accomplish these and other objectives the Advisory Board urges students and faculty to participate, and to feel free to make inquiries concerning school policies and regulations.

Students who wish to indulge in a discussion with the Board may sign their names in the Dean's Office along with the subject to be aired. Regular Advisory Board meetings are at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

AFS STUDENTS IMPRESSED WITH MIRAMONTE SPIRIT

From Quito, the capital of Ecuador, comes Margarita Jaramillo, one of Miramonte's AFS students for this year.

Staying with Barbara Rust, Margarita is enjoying Miramonte. She is particularly fond of our mascot, the Matador, because bullfighting is one of her favorite sports. Some of the other things Margarita likes include our school spirit, her fellow students, her teachers, and the senior lawn.

A Catholic university is her destination after high school. While majoring in foreign language, Margarita plans to hold a job. She already speaks fluent Spanish and English and is beginning French. After French, she will begin Italian. For her career, Margarita would like to write for a newspaper.

Margarita's home school is called "Americano" and is one of the few schools in Ecuador to follow the American plan of changing classes. Americano has about 1600 students ranging from first to twelfth grades.

At the end of each semester a final and an oral exam are given. The final examination covers all the material covered that semester or year. The oral examination covers material from the five subjects that the student plans to specialize in.



Sigve Gramstad

What is different about Miramonte? "The system," says Sigve Gramstad, our AFS exchange student from Sauda, Norway. He went on to explain that they have a weekly schedule in which they have different classes on different days — much like our college systems.

When asked what he liked best about Miramonte so far, he suggested the idea of students having a hand in their own government. In his school the rules are created entirely by the principal but Sigve's thoughts on it are that there would be "a better relationship if we could have some control."

In Norway, Sig was taking 14 different subjects scattered throughout an entire week, a schedule which included such things as history and literature from various countries and an English class similar to our foreign language classes. Though he has had six years of English, Sig still had difficulties when he first encountered some of our slang expressions.

The only athletic events comparable to our football games in Norway are in the form of clubs which are separated from school. At the present, Sigve is staying with John Ferguson and plans to stay in the United States for approximately 2 years. After that he plans to continue on to one of the two Norwegian Universities. Sigve's career choice is to be either a lawyer or a teacher.



Margarita Jaramillo

INTERCLUB COUNCIL PRESENTS PLANS

By ARTHUR DAWSON

You are the students of this great high school, and you want to know about your student body. Now you say: "Are you kidding me?" Well, little or nothing is known about my seemingly remote job of Interclub Council President. And you probably say to yourself, "Now — let's keep it that way 'cause I don't want to know about I.C.C.". But I intend by several means that you have a better understanding of this office as the year progresses.

Generally speaking my job has me act as an intermediary between you, the students, and Executive Council; preside over I.C.C. meetings and activities; and direct all clubs as effectively as my minimal brain power will allow.

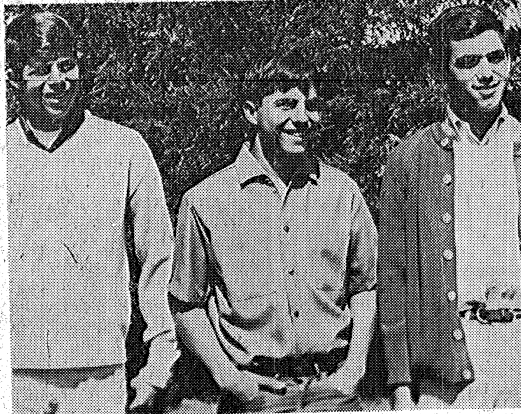
First, I plan to initiate as many new clubs as possible throughout the year, such as Guitar Club, Lonelyhearts Club, and Mechan-

ics Club. This past week has been Club Initiation Week, but if you have an idea for a new club, come to me and I will help you get it started.

Second, I plan the revival of some old defunct clubs. Third, I anticipate more activities for I.C.C. as a body, and fourth, I intend to raise money for the clubs by these activities, out of our pockets, or embezzling if we must.

My fifth responsibility is to run I.C.C. meetings every Tuesday noon. At these meetings I learn your problems, and my sixth duty is to bring all these problems to Executive Council.

The seventh and most important aspect of my job is to propagandize you into joining those grand organizations of our school known as clubs. So get out there and join your clubs. Be greedy like we all are.



A great year in store — Pictured above are sophomore, junior and senior class presidents. Left to right are Peter Schnugg, Craig Rieser and Gus Filice.

CLASS PRESIDENTS PREPARED FOR FALL

This year's class presidents have many surprises in store for the student body.

Gus Filice, the president of the Senior Class, is positive that the Seniors will have one of the most "original" years ever. Starting this year's activities will be the football programs put out exclusively by the Seniors. This is the first time that a twelve page program has been issued at M.H.S. and "all the credit goes to the Seniors," says Filice. "Also we would like to sponsor a computer dance and maybe some other activities."

In addition, the Seniors have been working since last summer on the plans for the Senior Ball. When asked what he is the most proud of concerning his class, Filice answered directly.

"Spirit. I bet there will be more people at the games from the Senior Class than any other. When it comes to spirit, we rule."

Craig Rieser, Junior Class president is ready to challenge the Seniors anytime.

"I've got a lot of faith in my class," Rieser stated, "and if the Seniors thought they had a good prom last year, wait until you come to ours."

The Juniors are busy working on the prom as it is their major money making event. There is a great possibility that they will sign a contract with a well-known recording group. The Juniors also plan to take the prize for the best float at the Football Festival.

"The Seniors won't have a chance," Craig said.

This year's Sophomore Class president, Pete Schnugg, also has a lot of enthusiasm for his class.

"The Sophomores have always been in the background," Schnugg said, "but this year calls for a change. We plan to be a better than average Sophomore Class."

This year the Sophomores are raising money by serving refreshments at the J.V. football games and track meets. They plan to use the funds for the annual Sophomore dance, which will be open to all classes.

SERVICE CLUB ROLLS

"In order to supplement the Executive Council," was the description given by Miss Naomi Giddings as to the purpose of the new Miramonte service club, Los Cuadrillos. "The club is to be an extension of student leadership," stated Mr. Robert Callan.

Only recently the club chose a name appropriate to the kind of work the members do. Los Cuadrillos are assistants to the Matadors in the bullfighting ceremony; Los Cuadrillos members here give assistance to Matadors representing their school in any service project where help is needed.

Los Cuadrillos is open to Juniors and Seniors. Criteria for acceptance will be threefold: Scholarship, citizenship, and service. Students must have a 2.51 grade point average and have no grade

lower than a C in order to apply for membership.

Applications are passed on by a committee consisting of Mr. Callan, Miss Giddings, two students from the membership, and two faculty members.

This year's service club members are Alice Acton, John Burkman, Peggy Chappell, Linda Christie, Jim Collin, Jim Cuhna, Tom Culbertson, Tina de Benedictis, Steve Doty, Gus Filice, Margaret Frick, Stacey Griffith, Marguerite Guzzo, Wendy Hall, Bruce La Vigne, Sue Loper, Stan Majka, Michele Moran, Martha Oakes, Jenny Peake, Terry Rawson, Mark Reiley, Judy Roberts, Mark Russell, Barbara Rust, Steve Schnugg, Scott Simmon, Brenda Webb, Kent Williams, Charlie Woodard, and Janice Yee.

CALENDAR

Sept. 30, Friday
Football—Las Lomas
Oct. 5, Wednesday
Cross Country—Las Lomas
Oct. 6, Thursday
SCAT Tests
October 7, Friday
Football—Campolindo
Oct. 14, Friday
Football—San Ramon
Oct. 17, Monday
Oct. 18, Tuesday
IOWA Tests
Oct. 19, Wednesday
Cross Country—Acalanes

LETS ALL GET TOGETHER

Almost 1,300 students saw the beginning of another new school year several weeks ago. New friendships, new loyalties are now kindling as the laughter and conversation of people who were once strangers fills the corridors with warmth even on the windiest mornings.

For those of us who have entered Miramonte this year as third or fourth year students, nothing is strange or different. We see most of the same faces, many of the same teachers, the same classrooms, and the same deans. But those of us coming to Miramonte for the first time are confused and bewildered. Strange faces often seem cold, simply because they are unfamiliar. A friendly smile can cause no pain to anyone, but it can be very beneficial.

Most of us have, at one time or another, been "that new kid" at a new school. We have all felt rejected and mistreated because we'd lost all our friends. If we could remember what a lovely feeling it is to see a smile from a stranger, none of us would ever look right past "that new kid" at someone we've known for years.

There is no easy way to adjust to life in a new town, in a new school, among new people. However, the attitude of the "old-timers" can certainly make a difference. If we seem willing to accept and adopt new students from all other schools into our various cliques and organizations, adjustment can be made more comfortable.

Those new students too have a responsibility. Joining clubs and participating in class activities is a good way to meet people and make friends. Miramonte clubs rarely get too many applications for membership, so interested people are always welcome.

If everyone did his part, in no time at all there wouldn't be any "new kids" because everyone would be friends with everybody else.

CULTURAL LACK AT MHS

Although Miramonte is rated very highly in academics, any cultural background is greatly lacking. Our math and science departments offer an excellent variety of interesting courses. But what about the music department. How many courses can be offered with only one teacher in the music department? The drama course is another good example. One play, two nights a year is all the drama students can do. No one ever hears about the short plays or readings that the Drama Club presents during lunch hours once in awhile.

With such great stress on the college preparatory, many students feel that they cannot afford to take any music or drama courses, because the "solids" are so very important.

Someone, perhaps the teachers, the administration, the parents of the community, someone has failed to impress the students with the real importance of a well-rounded education. A steady diet of "college prep" courses builds machines, not human beings. Appreciation of the fine arts is a vital part of modern American society, and it would be a crime to turn loose the senior class of Miramonte High School with very little or no background in music, drama, or art.

Not all of the students have ever heard the Miramonte band play. With debatable accuracy, we will suggest that the general student body would rather hear the school band than the Air Force Band. Furthermore, we can see no reason why the Drama Club or class could not present short plays during assemblies.

Life can be so much more meaningful than just square roots and chemical symbols, and those "finer things" must be presented to us at this level of our education.

COUNCIL CORNER

President Welcomes Student Body Again; Encourages Pride and Spirit in Miramonte

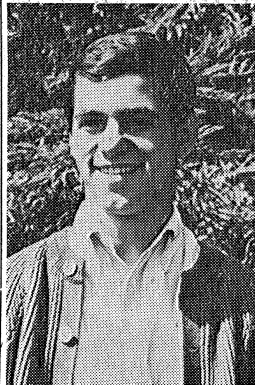
By JACK KESSLER
Student Body President
The Student Government of Miramonte would like, once again, to welcome everyone back to Miramonte.

There are many projects, plans, and activities for this year. Of primary importance at the moment, however, is the football season. These games are not made a success by the thirty members of the squad alone; they in turn, must be backed up by the student body. This year we already know that we will have a fine football team, but the rooting section really has yet to be tested. Do we have those rooters? Do we have that pride in our school? Do we have that spirit? Spirit is a nebulous term. It can take the form of pride, it can take the form of enthusiasm, or it can take the form of an intense desire to excel. Most of the time it includes all three of these expressions, and many more. This

year we can express that spirit through an exciting student government, through academic and physical excellence, through a buoyant enthusiasm, and through an intense desire to work.

So do participate; Do come to the games; Do get in and try! This year we can create the finest government, the finest rooting section, and the finest school in the league.

Senior Portraits



Gus Filice

"I want to be a top-notch lawyer. I don't know about the top-notch!" These are the words of the Senior Class President, Gus Filice. For his law study, he wants to go to Notre Dame or Cal at Berkeley.

Gus has been an active sportsman at Miramonte since his freshman year, beginning with the football season. Also that year, he started his wrestling career. In his sophomore year, more wrestling, and membership on the Advisory Board. As a junior, he joined the track team, continued his fabulous wrestling and worked on the junior float and Junior Prom. He was also on the Advisory Board again.

This year Gus is a member of the Service Club and hopes to join the Water Polo Club. Also this year, as Senior Class President, he and other senior officers have had talks with the Parent's Club about off-campus senior activities. The banquet and all-night are already off campus, but the ball and picnic aren't. The ball causes the most controversy.

With sports, studies, and activities, Gus is likely to be voted busiest member of the Senior Class.



Linda Christie

Linda Christie, the brown-eyed, black-haired Senior class secretary, is this week's senior portrait.

Linda transferred to Miramonte from West Covina, California, in March of her Junior year. She is very enthusiastic about the kids of Miramonte — "It's what I like best about the school" — and she is also enthusiastic about being secretary of the Senior class. Being secretary keeps her very busy — "Those Tuesday morning meetings!" — but Linda also finds time to belong to A.F.S., Service Club, and Welcome Committee. Her favorite subject is physics, and her ambition is to become a nurse. After graduation she plans to attend the University of San Francisco Nursing School.

Linda also likes spareribs, parties, the color green ("and white"), and the beach. In today's music she likes Bob Dylan, the Stones, and the Beatles, all of whom "show class". She dislikes reading, lima beans, frowns, unhappy people, and insincerity. When asked for a quote to enlighten Miramonte High School students, Linda replied, "Ignorance is lack of knowledge, but insincerity is lack of character".

"LOS CUADRILLOS" TO SERVE MIRAMONTE

By STEVE SCHNUGG

Miramonte's new service club, "Los Cuadrillos," under the direction of Mr. Robert Callan and Miss Naomi Giddings, was organized at the end of last year. Its purpose was declared to be to foster pride at Miramonte, specifically in athletics, scholarship, faculty, campus, alumni, and community. Applications for membership were distributed, and, from those returned, thirty juniors and seniors were chosen as charter members.

The group has ideas in abundance concerning fostering pride at Miramonte. Among these are plans for a board or show case to list the athletic records at Miramonte, such as, in football most yards gained rushing; in basketball, most points scored in a game; in baseball, most home runs. Many other sports lend themselves to this sort of thing, and Los Cuadrillos hopes to include them in this publicity as well.

The service club plans to work closely with Rally Committee and Pep Club to maintain the fine spirit shown by the student body so far this year. An intramural sports program is being planned for after school, something that has not been offered to date at Miramonte. The Ugly Man Contest is scheduled for late fall, and it is almost certain that Los Cuadrillos will hold the Free Dance in the spring.

The first activity of Los Cuadrillos is helping the Friends of the Orinda Library in the Book Fair, Saturday, October 1, starting at 7:00 a.m.

ATTENTION!

Are you bothered by something? Do you wish you could tell somebody about it? Well, here's your chance. You can finally get that earth-shaking situation off your chest. The MIRADOR wants your opinions on anything that you feel is worthwhile. Now, here's how you do it:

Simply put your "Letter to the Editor" in the box so marked in the Dean's Office; or you may give it to any Journalism student. It is also possible to bring letters to C-2 after school. Please sign your name to all letters, as we cannot accept anonymous material.

Write now, let the world know how you feel!

Humanities Seminar Begins Soon

The Humanities Seminar is, again this year, offering a series of ten lectures scheduled for Tuesday evenings. Field trips to museums and concerts, always popular with seminar members, are being planned.

The lectures offered on Tuesday evenings will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will end at 9:00 p.m. The plans are to now have them in room F-2 at Miramonte High School.

In addition to lecture discussions on topics ranging the entire spectrum of the humanities, student participants will also attend the San Francisco Opera production of "Electra" at the University of California Greek Theatre,

October 9. The discussion of the first "Humanities Seminar" held September 27, provided background for the Opera performance. Jeffery Neighbor, a graduate of Miramonte, described "Electra."

Other lectures set for the fall session of the "Humanities Seminar" include: Architecture, by David Coleman, Diablo Valley College instructor; Working with Adolescents, Dr. Robert Meyers, University of California; Central African Nations, Earl Peacock, with Kaiser Engineers; The Brundage de Young Museum Collection and Jade Stones, Dr. Burton Brody.

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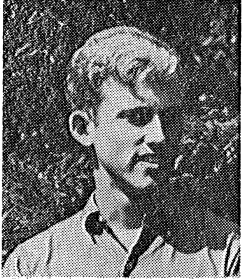
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Meet Your Student Leaders



Student Body President

Jack Kessler poses for a Mirador picture. In a recent interview Jack said "This will be a great year for Miramonte, one that all students will be proud to remember."

To make this prophecy true Jack will need the support of all Miramonte students.

Kayaking, skiing, sailing, water-skiing, girls, and politics are the major interests of our new student body president. However, when asked what was the most important thing that he could stress, for himself or others, Jack answered, "Desire to excel is important, but it's the attempt to excel which gets you where you are going."

Perhaps that statement ap-

JOINT DANCES?

Tonight marks the first after-game dance of the year following our victory over Las Lomas. The Breakers will play for the dancers from 10-12 p.m.

The Miramonte dance committee is not a school organization. Members of our student body work in cooperation with the P.T.A. to plan and carry out the dances.

This year's P.T.A. supervisors are Mr. and Mrs. John DeGunto. The two representatives from each class chosen to the committee this year are Frosh; John Bahm and Kathy Thompson, Soph; Joe Dirckx and Eileen Bishop, Jr.; John Robrets and Lori Sponberg, and Sr. Al Rossmo and Sandy Beretta. This year's chairman is Lori Byrne.

Lori states, "There may again be a joint dance with Campolindo because of its great popularity last year. This opportunity entirely depends on student conduct at the dances."

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Show For L'il Sis

Big and Little Sister Day, sponsored yearly by Girls' League, was the major event highlighting last week's activities. All the action took place during a lunch period that was extended to an hour.

Following morning classes, the freshmen and new girls were treated to a free lunch supplied by their big sisters after which they adjourned to the gym for the scheduled performances. Upon entering the gym, each girl was served a popsicle.

After all the girls had taken their seats, Betsy Brock, Girls' League president, spoke on the purpose of the club and then introduced the other officers — Chris Anderson, vice president; Sandy Jaekle, treasurer; Michele Moran, senior representative; Mary Alice Newman, junior representative and Shelley Skaggs, sophomore representative.

Among the acts presented were the Pom Pon girls — Chris Anderson, Mary Ellen Yost, Gayle Patton, Denise Roddick, Margo Doran and Cheryl Hatch, who did a pom pon routine to the music of "Rock Around the Clock". The school band, led by Dan Walden, accompanied the Pom Pon girls in their number.

Also on hand were the Singing Doormats — Sue Loper, Barbara Rust, Kathy Gruhler, and Judy Roberts — who sang original lyrics to the melody of "My Favorite Things."

To end the program, Cyndy Hamilton, Denise Meyer, Marty Hackett, Peggy Sheehan, and Christie Shuttelf, presented a satirical pantomime to the accompaniment of the recent hit record, "Born a Woman".

BILL BOTCHES AGAIN

Our teenage spy, inactive for this first issue of the paper, has been replaced by Bumbling Billy Botch-it, one of our new Mirador reporters.

Billy, a sophomore this year, is currently interviewing students concerning their feelings about the beginning of school.

Billy has come up with some very valuable statistics. He finds that the school enrollment this year is 1,368 students. The Freshmen enrollment is 375, and the number of seniors is 315. (Realizing that these statistics do not pertain to the story, but also realizing that he must reach his deadline, Billy leaves this information in his story.)

The first people Billy interviewed were some of our fabu-

lous seniors — the first of these being Samantha Throckmorton.

"I wish the '68 seniors were back," Samantha croaked dejectedly. "I miss their ugly smiling faces in the corridors."

Samantha and many other upper class girls are feeling pangs of nostalgia thinking about their long lost loves of a year ago. Other seniors, such as Donald Derigable, think of the '65-'66 school year as merely a rung in the ladder of school achievement. "I've only got one more rung to go," quotes Donald.

The third senior Billy interviewed was Tommie Shutterdoorn, who represents the typical Miramonte Footballer. "We're going to have a really great year, fans. Come out to all our games and we guarantee you will lose your voice."

Billy decided, after these memorable interviews to return to C-2 to write up his story.

Miramonte Teachers Return To School

Miramonte is very pleased to have ten new teachers this year. Mr. Don Underwood of the Science department and Mrs. Molly Gravelle of the Industrial Arts department are back from a year's absence.

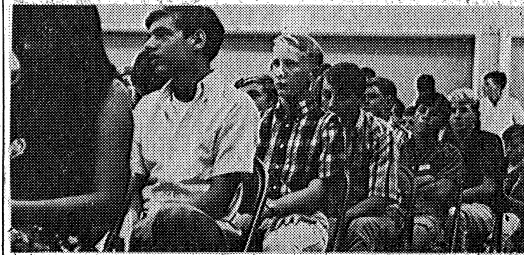
Mr. Underwood is back from Harvard University where he studied on an NSF fellowship and received his Master's Degree in the natural sciences. He also spent two months at Cape Cod and the New York World's Fair. He says it feels great to be back at Miramonte.

Our other returning teacher, Mrs. Gravelle, is back from a most interesting year. She took slides of outstanding examples of home architecture in the United States covering the periods from 1645-1965. She divided her information into seven sets for the district Home Design classes. She also sent out over one hundred questionnaires to large architectural and engineering firms in the Bay Area to learn what in-

dustry wants from draftsmen, engineers and architects. She also attended full time classes at S.F. State and one evening class at San Jose State for the second semester.

Along with our returning teachers are the new ones. Miss Janet Primm of the English and Art departments is in her first year of full time teaching. A Cal Berkeley graduate she was a student teacher at Acalanes and Las Lomas last year. She says she likes the Miramonte faculty and students.

Also from Las Lomas is Mr. John Willcox of the business department, where he taught for ten years before coming to us. Before that he taught at Alhambra for six years. He likes the business-like attitude of the students and notices most the lack of tardiness. He says the faculty has made every effort to make him feel easy. He also said "I'm glad to be here."



Freshmen Eagerly Anticipate Day

Freshman Day

"J-1 is that way. X-1 is way over there by the gym." These are a few of the typical statements issued to some very confused students on September 3 — Freshman Day.

Before the new students were turned loose on the school to find their classrooms, a program was held for them in the cafeteria.

Jack Kessler welcomed all the new students and proceeded to introduce all the new student body officer. Terry Rawson told of his plans as vice-president. Sue Loper and Barbara Rust outlined their jobs as treasurer and secretary, respectively. Earl McKeever and Peggy Sheehan also told about their jobs. Juliette Ohleyer told of Rally Committee plans and pleaded for school spirit. Art Dawson illustrated how

much joining clubs at Miramonte could benefit each student.

The pom-pon girls did a routine to the record "James Bond", and the cheerleaders led the Freshmen in the Miramonte spell-out yell.

After everyone learned directions for the rest of the afternoon, they were given refreshments and sent on their way to begin their first real school day at Miramonte.

Drama Is Active

"Students have already expressed an interest in a drama club, and one will be organized soon," said Miss Sueljen Burton, the new public speaking and drama teacher. Miss Burton, who graduated from Cal, had taught speech and drama before joining the Miramonte faculty. She stresses that one need not be taking drama in order to join the club; everyone with a genuine interest is welcome.

Miss Burton feels, "There are lots of good physical resources for productions of all sizes and purposes at Miramonte."

With these new ideas, prospects for an active year are in store for M.H.S. students.

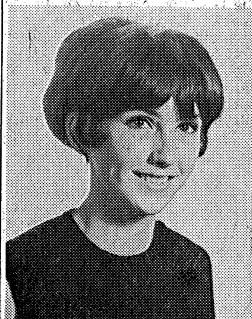
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DOUG GAROUTTE

A regular feature of the Mirador Sports page will be a column spotlighting some of Miramonte's best athletes in their respective sports. The first athlete featured is Doug Garoutte, Miramonte star track and cross country runner.

Doug Garoutte, a senior, is one of Miramonte's most valuable and recognized athletes. He is presently running the cross country, and plans to go out for track in the spring. He runs six miles a day to get into shape for the cross country meets, the toughest of which he believes will be with Del Valle.

In track this year he plans to specialise in the mile. His best time in the mile, 4:22.5 is within a few seconds of 4:19, the school record. His goal this year is 4:15 or better. He will place secondary emphasis on the 880 yard run.

As of yet Doug is not sure which college he will attend. He is, however, sure that he will continue his track and cross country running in his chosen school.

CAROLYN HACKER GOES TO OLYMPICS

Carolyn Hacker, former Miramonte student, finished second in the final tryouts for the United States women's gymnastic team, less than a point away from first place.

A little more than a year ago Carolyn went alone to Connecticut to train under a former 3-time Olympian of women's gymnastics. To work out with the Southern Connecticut women's team, Carolyn has a 50-mile drive daily, one which she never misses. Carolyn is devoted to gymnastics. She spends 6 hours a day learning and refining routines. Besides this she attends a full day of school and is maintaining a B+ average in her academic subjects. She is a senior this year.

Carolyn was the California State Champion in women's gymnastics from 1961-64. In 1965 she placed 5th in the Senior National Meet. She now rates among the top American gymnasts.

Rating second in the United States, Carolyn will compete this year in Dortmund, Germany, September 12-25 in the World Gymnastic Games.

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Underwood's Runners Sail By San Ramon

In the first Cross Country meet of the year, Don Underwood's inspired runners creamed San Ramon on a sizzling Sept. 21, capturing all but second and sixth places of the first eight. Varsity runners taking honors at the meet were Doug Garoutte, Sr.; John Wight, Jr.; Jack Bowers, Sr.; Charlie Woodard, Sr.; and Alan Deubner, Jr.; who came in first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth respectively.

Following the victory in an exclusive interview with Mirador staff reporter Meredith Brody, Coach Underwood stated that this year cross country may become an all time great not only for Miramonte but for California.

Making up the varsity this year are Doug Garoutte, Andy Wistrich, Jack Bowers, Charlie Woodard, Alan Deubner, Duane Carlton, Gerry Dunbar, Mark Hennigh and John Wight.

Cross Country meets are usual-

ly held every Wednesday, while practices are held after school on the other weekdays. Generally an average practice entails running 7 or 8 miles and working out with weights. In addition, Coach Underwood has come up with a "brilliant" idea in reducing the monotony of practices. His idea to reduce everyday tensions is "bean-bag runs" where team members run fildly after one another and try to cream each other with bean bags.

While loath to commit himself as to prediction of place in the league this year, Mr. Underwood said that "Miramonte has always had good Cross Country teams and this years' is perhaps the best." On a more note he added, "I seriously believe that some of the best experiences I've had at Miramonte have been connected with the Cross Country team."

MATS LOSE TO RAMS IN HEART BREAKER MOST TOP RATED LAS LOMAS TONIGHT

The top rated Miramonte Varsity started off the year by dropping a heartbreaking "exhibition game" to Pleasant Hill, 6-20. The Mats led through nearly the first three quarters as in the opening moments of the game, a quick touchdown put six points on the scoreboard. The Rams however, after a brilliant defense thwarted their offensive up to the final minutes of the third quarter, broke through to score seven points with three minutes of the third quarter. Inspired by this touchdown, the Rams went on to score two more touchdowns in the fourth to take the game 20-6. This game, while a little damaging to the team's morale, in no way hurts their chances to take

the F.A.L. crown as it was not a league contest.

Tonight, the Mats face probably the toughest opponents standing between them and league honors. The first - rated Las Lomas Knights will meet second-rated Miramonte tonight, in which might be the most thrilling and most important game of the year.

Going for their second F.A.L. crown in a row, the Knights lead the attack with Dave McRay at quarterback and a large group of returning lettermen. The weight of their line is slightly fantastic in that they have one 225 pounder, two 215 pounders, one 205 pounder, and two 190 pounders to send against the Mat's defense.

Some of the "big guns" on the Mat line are Randy Longacre at 200 pounds and, playing tackle, Warren Webster at guard and weighing in at 180, Jon Danton (190) at tackle and Terry Rawson (170) at guard.

The Mats backfield has a new addition this year, as former tackle and two year letterman Jan Bottjer moves to the full-back position. Making up the rest of the backfield are Marsh Snover at halfback, running back Mike Lucis, and quarterback Tom Shelterly.

Under second-rated Miramonte is third-rated San Ramon, followed by Alhambra, Piedmont, Del Valle, Acalanes, and Ampolito. With the strongest team in three years, Miramonte has a good opportunity to reclaim the F.A.L.

SPORTS

G.A.A. Begins Activities; Tennis, Hockey, Swimming Highlight Fall Sports Events

Swimming, tennis and field hockey are on the agenda for the beginning of after school sports activities planned by the Girls Athletic Association.

The swim team has begun practicing on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in preparation for the District Swim Meet to be held on October fourth. For those that are still interested in competing in the District Swim Meet, two practices with the swim team are necessary. Coming up in late October is a tri-meet with Alameda and Encinal High Schools. M.H.S. hopes to participate.

Both the tennis and hockey teams are now practicing after school. On Tuesday beginning

tennis is being offered with Miss Shirley McPheters instructing. All teams will accept more players if they will make themselves available. Girls' sports advisors met this week to plan the game schedules for the year.

G.A.A. cards are now on sale in the gym for fifty cents. There are certain privileges that go along with being a card holder. These include becoming a member of the club, being eligible to receive awards, such as a pin, sweatshirt or block, and being eligible to run for an office of G.A.A.

The officers of G.A.A. were elected last spring term. The president, Sue Jones, hopes to find many new and enthusiastic girls joining G.A.A. this year.

FROSH GRIDDERS SHOW EXCELLENT PROMISE IN 1966

"By the first game the freshman players should be disciplined athletes rather than individual boys," stated Coach Brown in a pre-season Mirador interview. Coach William Brown, a recent graduate of Cal Poly, has replaced Mr. Brian McCarthy as the new coach of the Freshman football team. Aside from his after-school job of coaching, he is an American History teacher.

Coach Brown's interest in football dates from the days when he played for Cal Poly as a first string split end and was a student coach of their freshman squad. Coach Brown shares coaching duties with Mr. Jim Clark, and, as coach of the line, says that the team has good potential.

The turnout for the team this year was 48, which is good for frosh football. The final squad, after cutting, accidents, and ill health have been taken into consideration, will consist of only 35 to 36 members.

Six games have been scheduled for this season; the first one will be with Del Valle on October 6. Other games are as follows:

J.V.'s Taste Victory In 13-0 Win

"Keep it simple, and play it by ear," was Coach Durant's reply when asked about his plans for the Junior Varsity football team this year. The offense will be planned around the particular strong points of the team, as they are revealed in the various games and practices during the season. This way, the full ability of the team can be utilized.

In the first J.V. game of this football season, the score was thirteen to zero, in favor of the Matadors. This Coach Durant expected, but in the first game, there is always some doubt, because of the inconsistency of J.V. teams from year to year.

As for speed and ability, this year's J.V. team is better off than last year's. Most of the

players come from the sophomore class, which Coach Durant says is a physically strong class. The team does lack size and weight, but this shortcoming is easily made up for by the speed, coordination, and strength of the players. "They are well developed for their size," says the coach. Most of the players from last year's very successful freshman team are playing Junior Varsity this year. There will be a total of eight

J.V. games played this football season, six more, now that the first two games have been played. There is an inconsistency about J.V. teams that makes it hard to foresee which teams in the league will be the tough ones to beat. This is because of the constant moving of J.V. players up to the Varsity. Based on the performance of last year's teams, Coach Durant sees a real challenge in the games against Alhambra and Las Lomas.

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