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Appearing in native costume
is Jill Cargay.

Class of '80 affected Exam required to graduate

With no discussion, no committees, no public hearings, and little attention on the district level, the state legislature now requires freshmen, and subsequent classes to pass a three-part proficiency exam in order to graduate.

The three parts include composition, computation, and reading. The freshmen will be given at least six chances during their school years to pass the profi-

ciency exam.

Additional proficiency tests in other subjects, and new graduation requirements are now being discussed at Student Advisory Council meetings, who's members are composed of students from the four high schools.

"If a student fails the test, even if he attains the appropriate number of credits, he will not graduate," bluntly states head counselor Wayne Hooper.

Teachers from all four high schools in the Santa Clara district have been doing questionnaires in the last three months to generate suggestions about the requirements for graduation.

The teachers then presented their list of how many additional required units each department wants to the SAC, where they will present it in a survey form to the student form to the student body sometime in December. The results of the surveys will be returned to the SAC and given to the Intermediate and Secondary Curriculum Committee.

MBR building in progress

A new building for the Monte Bello Ridge school is currently under construction on the student lawn. It will measure 5000 sq. ft. and 16 feet high, and will be used mainly for storage.

"The building will not only serve for storage purposes, but will also give the science classes a place to work on projects without disturbing other classes," related science teacher Brian Osborn. "Mr. Philips' class has already drawn up the architectural plans for the interior construction of the building."

When asked for an approximate completion time for the building, Osborn stated, "I feel the external portion of the building will be done by the end of the semester. The internal part should be done by the end of the year."



Remodeled ASB office provides spacious facilities for student government, Mr. Rambis, and the secretary, Mrs. Johnson.

ASB room remodeled

"For those of you who want their questions answered quickly, and not 15 years from now, there is finally a place especially for you," stated Scott Shields, ASB room committee chairman.

In addition to be a question and answer service, the remodeled ASB office now provides a center for bulletins concerning any school activities.

The old room was shared by the student government and Mr. Rambis. Now, with the remodeling completed at a cost of \$350 which will be paid by the school, there are three separate offices. The largest of the rooms is occupied by the student government. The two remaining will be held by the secretary, Mrs. Lois Johnson, and Mr. Rambis.

Editorial

At the recent football game between Peterson and Palo Alto, the Palo Alto High School band showed us their idea of sportsmanship by booing our band, yelling obscene insults, and hurling eggs at our bus.

These actions could be viewed differently if they were due to a few individuals in the Palo Alto band, but this was the collective effort of many and, therefore, cannot be tolerated under any circumstances (even if it was done in the name of school spirit).

Just what type of school spirit did the Palo Alto drum major, the leader of that band, show by "flipping off" our band?

The solution, then, calls for either Palo Alto to dampen its "school spirit" or else be barred from performing at future games.

As for now, it is the consensus of this staff that Palo Alto High should send our band an official apology.

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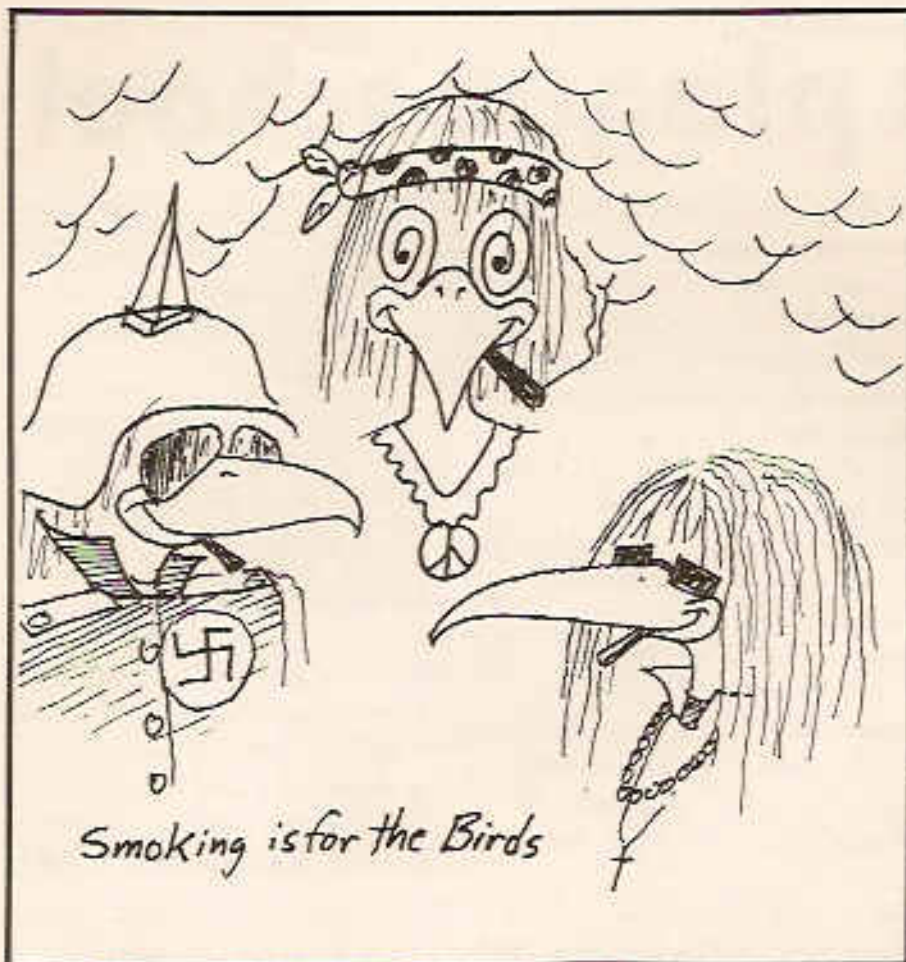


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Smoking is for the Birds

Opinion

Student union desperately needed here

What is a student union?

A student union might be considered to be comparable to the teachers' lounge.

There could be such comforts as pinball machines, couches, coke machines, ping pong tables, a stereo system, and many more.

The purpose of the union is for student relaxation, so when you don't have a class you could relax in your own lounge.

Staff suggestions for location of the student lounge included: obtaining a relocatable building, using an empty classroom or a portion of the cafeteria, or even using the principal's office (???).

The Current staff encourages your views on this subject. Submit your ideas (in writing) to the publications office.

Vandals plague school

by RICK STEELE

Vandalism has always been a problem at Peterson High School as any student or alumnus will tell you. It seems, however, that vandalism occurs sporadically.

Two years ago a wave of mural defamation was a major concern of both students and faculty. Now another wave has struck, this time not only at property but at persons as well. Widespread vandalism plus an unusual amount of fighting on campus have given Peterson High an ill reputation among local communities.

Over the summer vandals caused a great deal of damage, namely theft of beacon lights essential to the school's alarm system; destruction of two drinking fountains; breaking of baseball bleachers with a lead pipe; and damage

to tables and benches in the Home Economics nursery.

Among recent events are breaking of windows and glass covers of bulletin boards; breaking and removal of decorative cement circles in front of the campus; removal and destruction of fences and trees on the Senior Lawn; filthing of restrooms with excess toilet paper and human waste material; and the drawing of obscene markings on campus murals.

"Ninety-nine percent of the students are extremely well-behaved," Assistant Principal Robert Buchser said. "Basically, the vandals are non-students, not our own."

"We've got a hold on most of the vandals," Buchser added, "and from what I hear, court appearances will soon be made."

However, according to PAC (Parent Advisory Committee), Student Representative Becky McLeod, local parents are not sat-

isfied with Buchser's explanation. At the Nov. 4 PAC meeting parents emphasized stricter enforcement of the law on campus.

"The majority of the student body is also against vandalism," Becky said. "No one wants to see the school ruined."

Fighting has also been on the rise during the first quarter.

"We've had more boys fighting so far this year than in the first quarters of the last two years," Buchser said. "However," he stressed, "the fights have been between individuals and not groups."

Any real answers for this sudden onset of campus crime can and will only be found in the courtrooms.

The Current welcomes student opinion in the form of letters to the Editors-In-Chief of the Current.



Grinning from ear to ear is tonight's band at the Sadie Hawkins dance. The dance is 8-11 pm in the multi-purpose room, with admission set at \$3.50 per couple.

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Attack

The Dynamic Duo, Kathy Goldsby and Joy Dula, are shown in one of their compatible moments following a long and tortuous battle.

Washed-up

Reported World Spit/Slurp Championship held recently in the pool, boasted unknown Peterson swimmer as champ.



Arm-in-arm

Due to the diversity of campus life, two arm-in-arm couples meet head on during lunch. The two males were reputedly having a gay time and were just kidding around.

People on campus



This year Rick Johnson is not only Band Drum Major, but has also landed one of the lead male roles in this year's operetta, "H. M. S. Pinafore."

He has been in all of the musicals since his freshman year. His experience in choir and band has helped him obtain these roles.

His talents are not, however, limited to music. He has been an active member in CSF for three years, and has participated in humanities and track for two years.



Virginia Huang is no ordinary student. She is the ASB secretary, the German Club president, and the Science Club secretary. She is also involved in the English Club, CSF, and Humanities. And, as if that's not enough, she also goes to NASA once a week.

Virginia belongs to the Student Space Biology Research Program for selected students.

The students study mostly the life sciences and are placed under the supervision of a scientist working in the same area.

She goes every Monday from 10 am to 3:30 pm, and from 3:30 to 4:30 pm she listens to lectures.



Joe Lum is President of the Math Club, Vice-President of Quill and Scroll, and, as if that is not enough, he is also active in the Science Club and Orchestra, playing the violin.

He will be guest soloist with the Santa Clara Youth Symphony and is a National Merit semi-finalist.

When asked what he considers the most important thing at school, he replied, "Interphasing smoothly or getting along with other people."



Former SAC advisor, Bill France, consults with SAC president Jeff Jackson on.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVENTURES in

By Duane Shewaga

With solemn faces of intent concern, approximately sixty students participated in the most recent ASB student government session.

The revised constitution gives the power to vote to all Representative Assembly persons elected by each second period class, and club presidents, thus producing greater student involvement.

The primary issues of the new government is establishing an information center in the ASB office, and planning and organizing committees for future activities. Also, the spending of ASB money is an issue dealt with by the government. Spending has ranged from an appropriation, motioned by Cathy Berdan to

Proficiency test

Let the reader beware

by MIKE SWALLEY

Good afternoon and welcome to the Proficiency Test. This test has been engineered to test you in the basic knowledge the state feels you should possess to graduate from high school.

You will note, however, that many portions of your test have been left blank. These portions have been explained in the supplementary sheet provided, which will be run through now.

The first section deals with political science. You have been provided with a red telephone. Start World War III. Then report at length on its socio-political effect, if any.

The second section deals with physical education. State why it would be unwise to antagonize Mean Joe Green. Construct an experiment and, if you survive, write a summary.

The third section is anatomy and physiology. You have been provided with a razor blade, a piece of gauze, and a bottle of scotch. Amputate any unimportant part of your body, do not suture until the instructor has inspected your work. For extra credit, estimate how many pints of blood you can lose before losing consciousness.

The 4th and last section is on engineering and creative thinking. For this section the disassembled parts of a high powered rifle have been placed in a box on your desk. You will also find an instruction manual printed in Swahili. In ten minutes a hungry Bengal tiger will be admitted to the room. Take whatever action you feel appropriate. Be prepared to justify your action.

I hope you will enjoy the test. All doors have constructed of 3-inch armor plate, and double locked from the outside (to prevent any cheating, of course).

This has been a recording.... a recording.... a recording!



discusses the new graduation requirements as ASB president Ellen Bernstein

Government boldly to politics

buy five dozen carnations for varsity player's parents, to \$100 motioned by Jeff Jackson to financially assist the Current.

However, student government does possess some internal strife. Several student government members feel that the meetings are run "too formally, which suppresses the free flow of thought and speech." Plus, personal opinions, to flare up into grievances and disunity.

B-T.R.A. rep. Dan Dibble observed, "As soon as more student reps begin to actively participate in the meetings, we'll have a good student government."

Dibble also added, "I am more impressed with our group than I have ever been before."

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Varsity season proves surprising

By MIKE SWALLEY

Proving the intuitive abilities of Coach John Sepulveda wrong once again, the Pirates, predicted for sixth place in league play, seem headed for the "Wild card position" in this year's playoffs.

Shock seemed to be the key word in everybody's mind as the Varsity demolished the Homestead Mustangs (The favored team) 20-0 in the first game. Third down drives were the key plays of the game as they kept the team well supplied with vitally needed first downs.

The league opener the following week against Santa Clara seemed a little one sided as the Varsity scored two of it's three touchdowns in the first half.

An error by Santa Clara's Jim Blaha handed the ball to defensive tackle Kevin Smith who blazed fifty-one yards for a six pointer. The extra point missed, but still left the Pirates with the score 13-0 in their favor nearing the end of the second quarter.

Hope was restored, however slim, to the Panthers as Santa Clara back Tim Palomino scored with five minutes left in the half.

The hope was short lived however as quarterback Daryl Hill shot a low pass to end Mike Pollock who made a spectacular catch in the end zone for the score. Hill followed up with a pass to Pollock for the extra two points. That ended to scoring for the evening. Final score 21-6.

Although the gate receipts were high for the homecoming game, the Pirates soon went into the the black as, the three minutes left in the game, the lights went out.



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Although leading six to nothing, the game was called the remaining three minutes were played at Peterson, the afternoon of November 22 at 2:30. At press time the results were not known.

The team suffered it's only loss against Los Altos losing 20-0 final score. Seemingly undaunted, the Bucs came back with three wins, the first against Palo Alto (the favored team) scraping by with a two point margin, 14-12.

The Cubberly game was a cliffhanger as with only a seven point lead, and three seconds left in the game, the Cougars had possession with a fourth down on the seven yard line. The Pirate defense held, and we chalked up another victory

In climate weather held down the scoring against Gunn High, winning with a score of 14-0.

Injuries plagued the game with offensive/defensive tackle Kevin Smith and runningback Roger Jones incurring leg injuries.

The final game against Wilcox was played Nov. 19, but at press time the results were not known.

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Wheeler ,Campbell lead J.V. football squad in great season

by PETE PELKEY

The J.V. football team, with an overall record of 4-4, met the Wilcox Warriors on Nov. 20 for the final contest in the SCVL season. At press time the results were unknown.

Its season was a series of ups and downs. They won two of their last four games, the first victory being an impressive 14-6 win over the then undefeated Los Altos Knights.

Lineman-turned-running back David Wheeler led the team in rushing and scored the first touch-

down. The other win was a 20-14 whipping of Gunn led by half-back Scott Campbell.

The final two losses were against Palo Alto, 22-21, and Mountain View, 22-19. Both games were indeed close and worked the players to the bitter end.

Outstanding players (according to Coach Jim Gardiner) are Dan Ries, Steve Nill, Roger Clark, Arnie Thorsteinsson, Campbell and Wheeler. The outstanding freshmen are Joey Gonsalves, Ed Smith and John Wilcox.

Player profile



Split received Bob Duran, leading receiver in the SCVAL with 27 catches, running a pass pattern. Duran was the Scribes player of the week for his performances against Palo Alto.

The following story is a filler...

Hi there! You are now enjoying the honor and privilege of reading an honest-to-jiminy space filler. Ya see, the above story is too flipping short, so we had to spend the better part of 7th period to write this blurb. But, we are still proud of good ol' Pete, an ersatz journalism student who complained bitterly about the lack of space afforded to his testimony of our gallant junior varsity gridgers.

Even with the odds working against him, our relentless colleague braved the elements and came out with the above gem of a story.

Alas, dear readers, we are cracking up! Sportswriting is indeed the thumbtack in the proverbial gluteous of journalism. Oh, gargoyles yes, it is fun, but we feel that we have overworked certain phrases to the death; words of wisdom and escape that

protect the sportswriter from procuring falsehood and having to use his imagination.

At press time, results unknown.



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Wrestling 'dynasty', grapplers attempt fourth winning season

For the last three years the Varsity Wrestling Team has won league championships. For a dynasty like this to continue it will take the exact ingredients that were present in the previous years. This year's team seems to have those championship qualities.

Larry Hester, who has chalked up an impressive record of 44 wins against only 3 losses in the last 3 years, explains that with his team "working hard" and with "spirit great" they have a "good chance to win the league."

For a team to win consistently it must have good balance. Of the seven players who made first or second team all-league last year, four are back: Bob Arata (127 lbs.), Lee Mills (120 lbs.), Dan Norris (145 lbs.), and Kahl Rodriguez (112 lbs.). These players will be the backbone upon which Coach Hester will build



Wrestling Coach Larry Hester


his team. Already top notch in quality and competition, the SCVAL adds the school Gunn, Palo Alto, and Cubberly that make the league, if anything, tougher. But, in the case of this year's Varsity wrestling team, when the going gets tough, the tough get going.

G.A.A. has fantastic season

The 1976 varsity GAA tennis team netted a 3-2 record in the Southern division. Their two losses went to a tough Santa Clara team and to Buchser who won the division title. At the league tournament, the team smashed their way to victory. Elaine Minderler and Susie Keyes won in doubles, while freshman Ann Wong took first place in singles. "I feel the team did very well this season considering that we had many new players," said Holly Endicott, the veteran GAA tennis coach. "We'll be losing six seniors which could affect the performance of next year's team," added Endicott.

GAA volleyball, coached by Diane Hart and Debbie Sordello, rallied up a very impressive season. Hart stated that they had a greater turnout and a roster than ever before.

The varsity team, led by setter Carla Vaughn and spikers Mary Hile and Suzi Gransee, posted a 11-2 record. "Experience is why the varsity did so well this year; we had all seniors, except for one junior, on the team," said varsity coach Hart.



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Girls drown in victory

GAA swimmers waded through the season in style. Their last victory of the season, against Wilcox, brought their record up to 7-1.

At the SCVAL (Santa Clara Valley All League) meet, senior Tana Worth took 1st in the Open 100 Breaststroke with a record breaking time. Coach Janelle Vogt said, "Tana has a pretty good chance of breaking CCS (California Central Section) record time." Worth also took 3rd in the Junior/Senior 100 Freestyle. Freshman Mary Eilrich, another impressive swimmer, came in 3rd in the Freshmen/Sophomore 100 Freestyle. Other outstanding swimmers were Tammy Jurkin, Janet Moorhead, Joni Heineman, Sheryl Lamb, Lyn Cruzan, Janis Johnson, Chris Troolines, Vicki Hunter, and Lori Feasel.

Many of the teams' victories were by a margin of over 100 points. The Peterson powerhouse could only be stopped by Buchser's

large team.

During the SCVAL finals Petersons relay team disqualified, which could have meant the difference between 6th and 5th place in league standings.

The team has recovered from last year's season, where they were only able to tie one meet. When asked why the team did so well, coach Vogt said, "It's because we have a lot of Freshmen swimmers."

One team member said, "Our coach has a rare quality that is not found in most people she is more willing to get up at six o'clock in the morning and make us work."

The team of 35 swimmers had morning and afternoon workouts Monday through Thursday.

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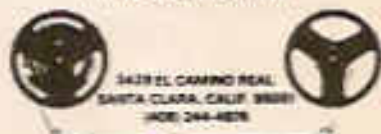
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Gemini (May 21-June 20): Even though you appear to know everything, in reality you know very little.

Cancer (June 21-July 20): When your feelings are hurt, you retreat to your shell. People don't like you because you tend to be stingy.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21): Although you consider yourself a born leader, people often think you're too conceited.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 22): You often try to force your opinions and ideas on others.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You find facing the truth an ordeal, and prefer living in a world of make-believe.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): Sometimes you boast excessively in order to compensate for what you feel is neglect.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20): You are often so honest and forthright that you end up putting your foot in your mouth.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19): You tend to look down on others and often expect people to live up to your standards.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sometimes you are so busy with your thoughts you lose touch with reality.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You are often paranoid because you feel something or someone is following you.

Paris announces "Pinafore" cast

The cast of Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore," the music department's theatrical endeavor for this year, has been announced by choir director Mr. Jim Paris.

One of the reasons the G & S operetta was chosen over a Broadway musical was that G & S shows are more difficult and require well-developed voices and more musically skilled performers.

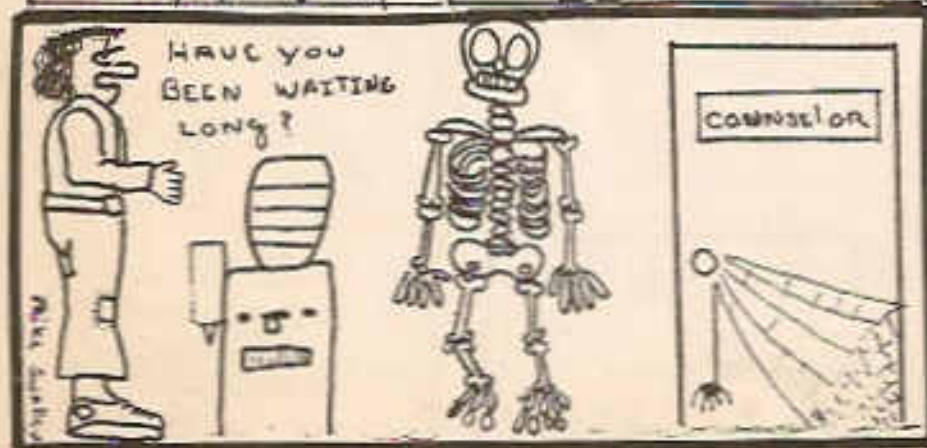
It was necessary to cast the show entirely from choir members, according to Paris.

Soprano Vicki McGowen will lead the cast as Josephine, and tenor George Fresta will play Ralph Rackstraw, her beloved, but lowly, sailor. Rick Steele will be seen in the delightful comic role of Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., and the part of poor little Buttercup who loves him will be portrayed by Michele Van Remortel.

Josephine's father, Captain Corcoran, will be played by Rick Johnson and Dan Newsom will portray the dastardly Dick Deadeye.

Dan Brennan and Mark Novak will be seen as the boatswain and carpenter's mate, and Stephanie Dickey will appear as Cousin Hebe. The entire cast, including a chorus of relatives and sailors, will be made up of choir members.

About half of the rehearsal time will be conducted voluntarily by Mr. Paris and Mr. Patterak is outside school time.



YOU VOTED FOR WHO?