

Tiger's Roar

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"I'm Not a Crook . . ."



The last SLOSH election was typical of most high school elections. There was the usual pre-election poster campaigning, culminated by the assemblies, speeches, and finally the election.

The three candidates for President, Scott Heaton, Mark Marshfield and Pat Scandalis divided the votes almost exactly, each getting approximately 33% of the vote.

A runoff was held between candidates Heaton and Marshfield. Without warning, Marshfield found himself at the helm of the Associated Student Body of San Luis Obispo Senior High School.

Just what does the President do? It's quite a responsibility. Recently, I interviewed Marshfield over the phone at McDonald's (that's where the President works), and asked him what he thinks his new job as President will entail.

Marshfield yelled at somebody in the background, and then said, "Hmmm, that's kind of hard."

He stopped to think for a moment, then inspiration seemed to overtake him. "I feel that the President's job is

to organize the people who will organize the ASB activities. After he has done that, then he fades back and lets the people who did work feel the sense of accomplishment."

Marshfield was very careful in selecting the members of his cabinet; the people who will do all the "dirty work." He had interested students send him a letter specifying what job they wanted and why.

The members of the new cabinet are: Assembly Commissioner: Pam Jackson
Assembly Coordinators: Tom Bringle, Pat Scandalis
Chairman of Congress: Charles Dumond
Congress Coordinators: Don Dumond, Joe Righello
Vice-Chairman of Congress: Rick Crawford
Publicity: Beverly Marques, Mike Silacci
Social Commissioners: Julie Filipponi, Bill Simmons
Student Ambassador: John Dempsey

On the subject of goals for this semester, Marshfield said, "I would like to see more activities and would like to get student government back on its

feet."

Toward the first goal, increased activities, the Assembly Commissioners plan to make quite a contribution. Bringle said, "We want to bring back the music we had a lunchtime last year."

It is hoped that on the average, there will be one assembly per month. Possible future assemblies are Dr. Lew March, a hypnotist, and John Platis, Inc., a rock music light show. Assembly Coordinator Pat Scandalis said, "As there doesn't seem to be anything in the line of assemblies available, any one with some ideas might contact Tom, Pam, or myself."

As for the second goal, getting student government back on its feet, Ed Cardoza seems to be tackling most of the problem. Cardoza organized the new Student Congress. According to Cardoza, "We'll have regular Congress meetings fourth period, every Wednesday."

At the first Cabinet meeting, the general atmosphere was one of concern and caring. Everyone seemed tired of SLOSH's "local color," apathy. One idea that was mutually agreed upon

was that anybody can contribute ideas to student government. You don't have to be a member of the student government to participate.

Despite all the efforts of the new officers, some student is bound to pop up and say of the new semester, "Speaking strictly for the apathetics, I don't care."

The results of the recent election are as follows:

ASB

President: Mark Marshfield
Vice-President: Ed Cardoza
Secretary: Lorlie Hull

SENIOR CLASS

President: Kristi Kardel
Vice-President: Wendy Stockton
Secretary: Wendy Phleghaar
Treasurer: Debbie Molnar

JUNIOR CLASS

President: Mary Jo Meinhold
Vice-President: Lee Avery
Secretary: Deanna Shean

SOPHOMORE CLASS

President: Cindy Sullivan
Vice-President: Warren Forest

Who's New at SLOSH

Mary Shipsey

This semester, SLOSH greets two new faces: Brian Gugler, from Waukesha, Wisconsin; and Lisa McConnell, from Attica, New York. They have arrived in San Luis Obispo under the sponsorship of the American Field Service, and both are enjoying their exchange.

Gugler has been involved in International Club for two years. He is a junior, and this is his first visit to California. When asked what he thought of this state, he replied, "Fancy cars, beach parties..." the classical California.

A senior, McConnell really likes

the contrast of weather, from the 20's of New York to the 60 and 70's of sunny California. She said that one of the most exciting sights that she has seen is an orange tree. "My God," she exclaimed, "they really grow on trees!" McConnell had no prior opinion of California, but now that she is here she loves both the people and the state.

At the same time as SLOSH welcomes these two new students, Schenectady, New York and Kewaskum, Wisconsin greet Cathy McCullagh and Marilee Enos for a six-month exchange.

More friends, new experiences and good times are what the new exchange students are waiting for.



Happy Days are Here Again

Jenny Stofer

Once again, the Drama Department is in full "swing", this time with the production of the mini-musical, "Happy Days are Here Again." The musical, created by Drama teacher Joyce Radmanovich and scripted by Peter Curzon, is a spoof, "highlighting the movie musicals of the 1930's." Added features will be "Live Intermission Acts," including a juggling team, a magician and some local talent in the form of a tap dancing duo.

The show will open March 11, and run for performances on the 12th and 13th. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. each performance night for a half-hour of refreshment and socializing, and the show will start at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at Brown's Music and the Theatre 33 box office.

According to Radmanovich, however, the musical may not become a reality unless sufficient funds are raised to finance new lighting and stage facilities so badly needed in the theatre.

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Rummage to Rake in Thousands

The doors will open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March fifth at the Veteran's Memorial Building to launch the annual International Club rummage sale. This main money-making organization will last until 7:00 p.m. on the fifth and continue March sixth from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Club members are already collecting rummage and storing it in a garage on Santa Barbara Street.

"But we need more people to donate rummage," Judy Barrows said. "If anyone has some they should contact Mrs. Honeyman."

Predictions are that the sale will rake in about \$3,000 this year. In the past, the sale brought in more money than it has in recent years. Mrs. Honeyman pointed out at an International Club meeting that this is due to the increase in popularity of rummage sales. A rummage sale is not such a unique thing now. However, the sale is still a very dependable money source for the club.

"We're looking for the rain," said Julie Hom. "Every year it rains without fail, so we're looking for rain so that this year's sale will be a really good one."

The stored rummage will be hauled to the Veteran's Memorial Building between 6:30 and 8:30 Thursday morning, March fourth, by means of small trucks, volunteer club members and parents. Many of the adult helpers are parents of students who were involved in the club years ago.

Sadie Hawkins trips the light fantastic

Girl's League is sponsoring the second backwards dance of the year. A tentative date of March 19, from 9:00-12:00 has been set. The Theme of the dance, which will be held in the gym, has not yet been selected.

Spring Has Sung

Maureen O'Hagan

Music will soon ring out at SLOSH as the annual concerts of the jazz band, concert band, choral choir and Carousels swing into full action. On March 24, the concert band and the jazz band will perform in the cafeteria at 7:30. Then, on March 25, the choral choir and Carousels will present their talents at 7:30 in Theatre 33.

Before these free concerts, the jazz band and concert band will enter competition against other high school bands. On March 20, both the jazz band and concert band will travel to Arroyo Grande to be judged. Thirty minutes are allowed them to perform 2 or 3 numbers to show what they can do.

After their high school concert the choral choir and Carousels will contend in a similar event here at San Luis Obispo in the First Baptist Church. They also will have only thirty minutes to perform.

The Mouths That Roared

Charles DuMond

A speech tournament has finally arrived at SLOSH. Our team will host the State Qualifying Tournament for the Pacific Frontensic League.

There will be sixteen schools in attendance, from Santa Cruz to Arroyo Grande. It will be on March 27 and last from 8:30 to 4:00. The judges will be chosen from faculties around the community and Cal Poly.

Speech tournaments include ten events. Programmed reading, dramatic interpretation and expository are coed, while extemporaneous, impromptu and original oratory are divided into men's and women's divisions.

The first and second place winners go to the State Tournament, which will be held at San Francisco State in April.

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Editorial

Bottoms Up! A bus or abuse



Charles DuMond: only one of the many victims of busing. Photo by Joe Stein

The student stepped out of his house and into the chill morning air. He looked wonderingly at the little clouds of fog that his breath made. The student walked to the bus stop and waited with the rest of the bus riders.

When the bus arrived, our student, who was a very polite person, let everyone get on ahead of him. Then, he got on and all he could see for the entire length of the bus was a strange conglomeration of arms, legs, lunches and school books.

This happens every day for our poor student. He will be riding a crowded bus until he can buy a car. He is forced to ride in a school bus system that is overcrowded, undermanned, poorly planned and extremely painful.

There are buses that are nearly empty and others that are stuffed full. In fact, it has been alleged that last year's ASB President, Conon P. Nolan, would arrive in a fifty foot school bus in which he was the only rider. The busses arrive at varying times (some student arrive at 7:45). The system requires a long-overdue overhaul.

The seating arrangements are unusual to say the least. The seats will hold two students, but three are forced into them. It is easy to see where the "new

math" came from. If you are the third person in a seat, you need to have a most delicate sense of balance in order to avoid falling and landing in the aisle.

A number of interesting phrases are created when crowded buses are used. Your first ride in a crowded bus is like your first visit to a foreign country. The best known phrase is "hanging a bun." This is a process in which your foundation is divided in half. One half is on the seat, the other half is suspended in mid-air.

You are "hanging a bun" when you become the third person in the seat. This is no easy chore. The other members of the seat are reluctant to give up a portion of their seat for your use. They sneer at you and become rather irritable. Eventually, they give in and allow you to "hang your bun."

Another interesting dimension in a school bus is the leg room. It is definitely not first class; it doesn't even come close to the coach. The leg room is so small even Toulouse Lautrec would bruise his knees getting into a seat. Your knees can be severely injured if you don't get into the seat properly. Everyone thinks knee injuries in football are serious, but they've never seen a case of "stoplight knee." These can be prevented with proper sitting technique.

You need proper sitting technique only if through some stroke of luck you happen to be one of the first two in the seat. If you are always third, skip these suggestions. The steps for sitting are as follows:

1. plant your entire foundation on the seat, leaving your legs in the aisle.
2. Gently turn, bringing your legs into the space between your seat and the one directly in front of you.
3. Adjust your legs (careful of the knees!) so that they will be able to adapt to the sudden starts and stops of the bus.
4. Check to make sure that the turns and bounces (remember the speed bumps) will not throw you into the aisle.
5. When you're ready signal the driver to continue.

If you follow these suggestions, you will suffer fewer knee injuries.

This type of busing need not continue. All we need is a reassessment of the system. By changing the routes of a few buses, we can eliminate all cases of "bun pull." "Stoplight knee" will cease to exist with proper technique and then we will be able to ride to school in peace.

Charles Du Mond

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Letters from the Students

To the Editor:

An invasion is taking place in our school. Under the tiles and behind the pasteboard an intruder lurks. Any locker is game, any lunch a fair catch. They strike with no warning and wham!; your lunch is inedible, your disgust plain, and your voice loud in the hallway as you cry out an accusation at — "The ants! There goes my lunch again! This school should be fumigated. The next thing you know, they'll take over entirely and we'll all starve!"

All right, so maybe it's not that bad, but the situation isn't the greatest. Especially for the unfortunates who have their lockers down in the annex. I know one girl who fumigated her locker during Christmas vacation. But now, two months later, they've taken over again! And what could be next? Could it be . . .

Yet another day dawns. The lick of heels in the hallway is heard as Joanie heads for her locker. Her stomach growls as she twirls her lock. Silently the door swings open. Throwing her books in her locker, Joan greedily reaches for her lunch, lifts an apple and . . .

The silence of the annex lawn is broken with a great tearing scream; heads turn, eyes stare, faces pale. The screams continue as Joanie runs from the annex. Just before she disappears, her voice echoes back to those on the lawn, "It's them, it's THEM!"

I doubt this is going to happen, but who knows? Right now I think that this pest problem should at least be turned to our advantage. Instead of the ants eating our lunches, why couldn't they

Maureen O'Hagan



Dear Editor(s):

After floating over the calm, lazy waters of first semester, I have suddenly become eager to graduate to shore. With this eagerness, I find myself brooding often about the lost senior privilege of leaving class five valuable minutes early for lunch.

The privilege was stolen last spring with disgustingly little objection from my fellow students and me. We, the students, sat passively in our hard seats while the clock's long hand journeyed the reluctant mile of five minutes to lunch. We sat in our seats supporting our tired heads in our hands waiting for lunch, and we allowed the confiscation of the senior privilege.

Originally, the privilege of an early dismissal was given to seniors to prevent over-crowded lunch lines. Last spring, however, the administration decided that over-crowded lunch lines were no longer a problem, and the senior privilege withered before our eyes.

I believe that lunch lines have no relation to senior privileges. What is important about these privileges is what they offer to the entire student body. A senior privilege is a favour given to the elder students of a high school. It is a small right which a sophomore can look forward to enjoying when he reaches that top ranking level of school.

Senior privileges vary from school to school. In some schools the privilege may be that all seniors get out of school two weeks earlier than the rest of the students at the close of the year. In another school, the privilege may be that seniors have the option of taking or not taking P.E. Currently, our school does not offer seniors any type of privilege.

It may be too late for Class of '76 to regain the extra five minutes of lunch, but now is your chance, juniors and sophomores. Swim while the water's calm!

Carolyn Young

Ross
Jewelers

The case of Karen Choate

"Never mind, I'll find a friend."



Photo and story by Joe Stein

Karen Choate is a pretty blonde senior at San Luis Obispo Senior High School. On February 2, 1976, a member of the administration approached her and instructed her that what she was wearing was not appropriate for high school dress and did not concur with the suggestions as defined by school ordinance #5132.

In pursuit of the truth, Karen and I decided to record an interview and broadcast it. High School Happenings carried it on KCBX, FM 90, on February 14, 1976. The following is a transcript of that interview.

Stein: First of all, Karen, explain exactly what happened.

Choate: Okay, I came to school and was walking through the halls and I remember a member of the administration came over. He said that what I wore was not in the school ordinance and, "Could you please put on a sweater or a jacket?"

'your back shows and your stomach shows ...'

I said, "I don't have one."

And he said, "We'll send you home to get one."

I said, "Never mind, I'll find a friend." I then asked why I should put on a sweater.

He said, "What you're wearing is a bathing suit top."

And I said, "No, it's not. It matches my dress."

After that he said it was a bathing suit top and that your stomach shows and your back shows."

Stein: Did he give any reasons why?

Choate: Why? No, he just said it was a bathing suit top and he said that those aren't allowed at school.

At that point in the interview, I handed her a copy of ordinance # 5132, and she read it over the air.

I asked her to name any discrepancies in the ordinance.

Dressing under duress

Choate: I don't think any of the rules are followed. Everyone at school breaks them one way or another. Girls wear boy's clothing; they wear pants, even shirts. Thongs aren't allowed. I'd say half the students wear them. On hot days, a third of the girls are wearing backless dresses, halters, etc. It's just comfortable to them. You shouldn't have to change what you wear away from school with the same friends when you get to school.

Stein: Of course. It's not a fashion show; you're at school to learn although perhaps the writers of the "code" might use that statement in support of the ordinance.

Choate: Well, maybe it's the teachers. I've never seen a student complaining that you're disrupting the class by what you're wearing.

'the suggestions aren't even rules ...'

Stein: If the suggestions were rules, that is, enforceable, they'd have to nail you and 99% of the ASB.

Choate: There shouldn't be a dress code or any suggestions. Nothing. Because they (the students) wear what they want to at school. They don't listen to suggestions. When there were rules, we used to be sent home. Now there's no difference: they were going to send me home this time. And the suggestions aren't even rules. The students have their own judgment. They know what's going to embarrass them, and what they'll look good in. Maybe they're more comfortable wearing those clothes, and if they make them put on something else, maybe it'll disrupt their learning. They'll be angry and rebellious. They won't want to learn because they believe the administration is down on them all around.

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DRESS AND GROOMING SUGGESTIONS

For Girls:

Use your best judgment and tast for good grooming. Look at yourself in the mirror. Wear clothing becoming to you and not embarrassing to others.

Cosmetics (facial make-up) are not desirable at elementary school level and only used at the secondary school level with moderation.

Preparations of the hair should be done at home; therefore, curlers, pin curls, etc., should not be necessary at school.

Jewelry that is worn should not pose a safety hazard in the various classes and activities.

Clothing such as bare midriff, revealing necklines, transparent blouses without slips, mini-skirts, and boys' clothing, of course, are considered inappropriate for school wear.

For Boys:

Use your best judgment, have pride in your dress and pride in the general appearance of the student body.

Trousers and shirts, for obvious reasons, should be neat and clean, not torn nor adorned.

For general appearance, safety and health it is recommended that hair should not be so long as to obstruct good vision. Ears should be generally visible and a portion of the neck or shirt collar visible. Beards and moustaches are considered inappropriate for secondary school students.

Health and safety should be of prime importance in considering adornments.

Schools will enforce rules which relate to health and safety. Personnel will strive to prevent disruption of the education process.

1. For obvious health and safety reasons, footwear is to be worn. Cleats or taps may cause damage and make unnecessary noise.
2. Adornments hazardous to the particular activity, (i.e. shop) will be restricted.
3. Swimming caps are necessary for those with long hair.

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The Agony of Ad Sales

Ad Sales

David Huscher

Many students from the past and present have asked the age old question, "Why does the Tiger's Roar have so many ads?"

Well the answer is simple enough to understand, but only up to a point. The simple part is the cold fact that when the Tiger's Roar staff wants to put out an issue they have to have \$180 to pay the printers. Even though the staff may not want the ads this is the "only income, so it must be accepted.

This unfortunately is the end of the simple part concerning ads, for they become much more difficult and confusing during the process known as selling ads. For in a way the weary Tiger's Roar staff must now go fishing for ads in whatever area that the fish (ad buyers) are biting. For anyone who has never been out fishing for ads, it is a good educational experience which can be arranged for the halibut after talking with any newspaper sportsman. Let's look at what you might find while cruising the down town stores looking for hungry (money filled) fish.

The first lessons that the novice ad sales sportsman will have to learn are the most common dodges used by prospective buyers. The most common of which is almost always the good old "baffle the fisher and he just might leave my store." It reads something like this, "The manager? Yes I'm the manager and you want to sell ... whoops I clean near almost forgot to

tell you that I'm only the manager in charge of the store on every 7th Tuesday. Sorry, but please come back then."

The most complicated line to swallow is the tricky double "get lost" story that only the smartest fish can master. The story combines (1) "Sorry, we're broke," along with (2) "Sorry, but the manager just left forever." When spun into one yarn it reads to the tuna "Strange that you should ask for the manager, he just left not 2 minutes ago to sell band-aids in Angola."

Some of the more common stalls that are used by the downtown fish when he recognizes the hook coming are: setting up the all-important talk with the manager when the store will really be closed, letting you play Joe the detective while trying to discover the identity of the non-existent mystery manager, and let's not forget the interested buyer who asks you to be sure to come back in 200 years. Did I hear you say that this downtown cruise didn't sound like fun? It's true that you do get skunked quite often but just think of the fishy tails that you can tell your children!

If you think that you have a special kind of bait that will make the fish swallow the ads better, feel free to contact any newspaper sportsman. But always remember, you can take a fish out of water, but you can't make him buy it.

Campbell's Chessmen Conquer County

Carolyn Young



'Muhammad Jacobi' contemplates a move.

Photo by Joe Stein

Of all the competing organizations at SLOSH this year, only one bears the title of "undefeated." This group, made up of under a dozen juniors and sophomores, meets every day at lunch and often before and after school in Mr. Percy Campbell's room. Using their minds to win, this silently victorious team is the SLOSH chess team.

The members of the team are: Steve Jacobi, Rory Cooper, Clem Davenport, Ray Davenport, Tom Crook, Jim Shiffer, Bob Ivey, Fred Tanruther and Pete Molnar. Lunch break for these boys is spent amidst lunch bags, wooden tables, and plastic chess pieces on five to ten-year-old cardboard chess boards.

Campbell found the team five years ago. According to Campbell, "Chess teams don't have coaches, they have chauffeurs."

Campbell drives the all-male team to tournaments in the school station wagon. Cookies and drinks accompany the team as well.

At tournaments, players are matched to opponents of equal rank. For instance, the number one player from SLOSH plays against the number one player of the opposing team. The average game lasts one hour and fifteen minutes. Three minutes are allowed for each move. The entire tournament demands five hours of deep concentration from the participants.

This year the chess team has played and beaten Arroyo Grande twice, Morro Bay once, and Atascadero once. The most recent match, that of February 17 against Saint Joseph resulted in a draw, because not enough players attended from SLOSH. The team will play Saint Joseph again in March and will also challenge Righetti and Santa Maria.

The number one player on the SLOSH team is Steve Jacobi. A chess player since junior high, this serious young man with a head full of unruly curls soon emerged as County Co-champion, a title he still holds.

Jeff White of Arroyo Grande was the former county champion until Jacobi began to play and defeated White.

"We call him 'Mohammad Jacobi'," one chess player explained, "He's good."

To this remark, Jacobi turned away laughing and said over his shoulder, "To be a good chess player you have to have an inflated ego."

When asked how many moves ahead he can see, Jacobi answered, "About ten. Actually, it's hard to determine, because it depends on the situation." He added, "That's a question all lousy chess players ask."

Jacobi has played with most of the best adult chess players in San Luis Obispo and still maintains his title.

"Within the team there isn't much serious competition," he said. Instead, the club offers interested students an opportunity to develop their chess skills on a friendly basis.

All the members of the team agree that with funds they could travel further and participate in more tournaments. They hope to increase their travels next year. Since none of the members are seniors, the team won't be losing any members this June, so next year looks promising.

"But we could use a few girls on the team," one member said.

The boys agree with Campbell that the most appealing aspect of chess is that it is a game of continual learning which can be played and enjoyed for an entire lifetime.



The chess team is small but mighty.

Photo by Joe Stein



Chauffeur Campbell: "Chess teams don't have coaches."

Photo by Joe Stein

The Way the Ball Bounced

Mark Hansen

Despite a valiant effort, the Tigers' shot at a Northern League basketball championship hit the front of the rim and fell short.

After the first round of league play, Coach Jim Vegher's Tigers found themselves with a dismal 1-4 win-loss mark. However, this was not a realistic measure of the caliber of the team they were. They lost out of the four games by less than 4 points.

But at the mid-league break, the team started to fast break, handily defeating Paso Robles 65-49.

The break did not stop there, as the Tigers did a reversal on Lompoc, defeating them this time by a score of 51-48. Santa Maria was next in line as SLOSH shot over the Saints 49-48 in overtime.

Putting their win streak on the line, the Tigers then had to face the Cabrillo Conquistadores, who at the time were the league leaders with a 6-1 league record. But SLOSH was not to be fooled with, as they snuffed the Q's 44-40, dropping Cabrillo back into a tie with Arroyo Grande.

A shot at a possible CIF playoff berth was by no means out of range for the Tigers. First, however, SLOSH had to knock off the Righetti Warriors, on the road and the Arroyo Grande Eagles at home.



Sophomore forward Marty Jaco goes up for a sure two points, while Phil Philbin looks on.

Photo by Joe Stein



JV guard Fred Gomez goes over opponent for two points. Photo by Joe Stein

At Righetti, the Tigers started the game with an early lead, but the Warriors stepped in front of the Tiger fast break and took the offensive charge. Righetti won 70-57, and the Tigers' shot fell short.

Although it was certain that the Tigers would not go to CIF, pride was at stake for the last game against Arroyo Grande, who had clinched at least a tie for first place earlier in the week.

At the end of the JV game, there was standing room only, and by the time both teams were on the court, there was no room to stand. The capacity crowd watched SLOSH walk over the Arroyo Grande Eagles 63-47, giving the Tigers a 4-1 second round record, and 5-5 overall in league. The Tigers finished fourth in league, but they were only two games out of first. Overall, SLOSH stood 14-9 for the season.

Inexperienced Tigers Lose Opener

With a brand new coach, and only three returning lettermen, the Tiger varsity will have to overcome youth and inexperience in order to capture a Northern League title.

Coach Dick Mueller, who coached last year's JV squad, will be replacing Dave Martin as head coach.

The three returning lettermen are Eric Schaub, Glen Hoeschel and Brian Mesa.

"We should do very well this year if our hitting and pitching hold up,"

The junior varsity team, coached by John FitzGerald, also had a very successful season finishing second in league with a 7-3 record. Overall for the season they stood with a 17-5 mark.

The Sophomore team of Coach Mark Lopez also finished with a fine 14-5 mark.

Ernie Wheeler led the varsity in scoring with 25.4 average (576 points on the year), while Newell Nelson led in assists with 107. Second to Nelson was Bruce Hitchcock with 75 assists. Marty Jaco led in the rebound department overall with 172, but Phil Philbin led the team in league with 77 to Jaco's 66.



Junior guard Newell Nelson (14) skies higher for a lay-up against Righetti.

Photo by Joe Stein

Swimmers Pool Talents

Coach Rick Ernstrom's Tiger team has a 4-1 overall record, 1-1 in league. They have defeated Santa Ynez, Paso Robles, Atascadero, and Santa Maria.

Their only loss was to Lompoc and according to coach Ernstrom, "They're the team to beat because they have a number of returning swimmers."

Ernstrom commented, "We have the working potential to beat them in the league finals, but it will take a super effort to do it...we are capable. There still are three league meets that we need to win first, and then the league finals."

This year's team has seven returning varsity lettermen. One of them is Bruce Forsyth, who last year was sixth in CIF in the 100 backstroke and eleventh in the 200 individual medley. Another is Ron Hensel, who was eleventh in the 50 freestyle last year in CIF and second in league in the butterfly. Then there is Chris Hookie who was fourth in our league last year in diving.

The strongest events for the Tigers should be the 100 backstroke with Forsyth and Andy Anthony, and freestyle and butterfly with Hensel, the 200 individual medley with Forsyth and the 500 freestyle with Jacques Deyo who is a sophomore and looks to be a real asset for the next few years.

As life putts on

After coming off of a 6-4 mark and a fourth-place finish in the Northern League last year, Coach Ernie Porter of the San Luis Obispo High School Golf team has high hopes for the oncoming year. The Tigers have four returning varsity lettermen in Chris Kluck, Matt Hoberlin, John Collins and Rick Murphy.

"Our team has very good potential," Porter commented. "We have great depth in good players. We should be a very competitive varsity and junior varsity team this year," he concluded.

The top seven golfers this year, according to Porter, should be Kluck, Hoberlin, Collins and Murphy from last year's varsity, along with James Shiffer, who golfed on last year's J.V. team. Allen Bramwell and Luke Hoberlin, up from Laguna and San Luis Junior High Schools intend to play Varsity also.

On Tuesday, February 17, the Tigers opened pre-league play as the St. Joseph Knights defeated SLOSH 499-432. Matt Hoberlin shot the best score for the match with a 76.

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Profile of intensity

"When Coach Vegher Speaks, Players Listen!"

When basketball fanatics go to watch a game, the center of attraction, as would be expected, are the ten players battling vigorously for the victory. But half the time, the fans are missing a lot of the action which is taking place at the sideline near the scorers table—the coaches.

By watching a coach, you can tell almost exactly what is going on. He plays the game with the team, constantly reflecting the atmosphere in the gym. The coach is

playing the game when he is giving advice to a player on the sideline, or trying to yell instructions to the team with a thousand fans hollering and screaming. The look of frustration that appears on his face when an official makes a bad call, or the look of satisfaction that appears when his team works like he taught them to shows us how the team is doing.

But most of all, just like the ten players on the court, the coach is a person, who simply has a job to do.



Coach Jim Vegher of San Luis Obispo reflects the many moods of coaching.



Tiger Matmen Take Third

John Westerlund

As the Northern League wrestling championships came to an end, so did San Luis Obispo's attempt to seize the title from Cabrillo High School.

The Tigers did, however, manage to place third in the overall competition with 78 points. The Lompoc Braves with eight finalists in the individual matchups were crowned number one by virtue of their 1072 points.

For a few team members, the finals marked the end of a season that began December 19. One player who fell was Junior Richard Connolly, wrestling in the 157 class. Connolly fought his way to the consolation final, where a victory would insure his qualification for the CIF preliminaries. At the end of the regulation match he was tied 5-5, and had to endure an overtime. When the clock ran out, Pat Taporco of Lompoc walked away the winner, 3-0.

Eight Tiger wrestlers received a hard-earned promotion to the CIF prelims where possible berths to the finals in Huntington Beach will await them.

Two Bengals who won in their weight classes were Mike Wilson (178) and Scott Heaton (148). Wilson took care of Lompoc's Tony Rider 4-3, and Heaton pinned Leonard Huyck, also of Lompoc, in 3:30.

Keith Harvey (123) and Mark Aanerud (136) made it to the championship finals but lost, Harvey 1-11, and Aanerud 4-5.

Fortunately, since the top three

wrestlers in each class qualify, they, along with consolation winners Matt Harty (98), Jeff Wendt (106), Matt Ferrini (130), and Heavyweight Lyle Brooks will also make the trip to Simi Valley for the first round playoffs.

The 1975-76 season witnessed the Tigers competing in four tournaments, including the Bay Area's prestigious Mark Lance Invitational, where Scott Heaton took the 147-pound championship.

In league war San Luis captured seven dual matches, plus a 30-26 victory over league champion Lompoc.

"I think the season was disappointing," said team captain Mike Wilson. "But all in all it came out pretty well. We showed that we were good enough to be the best."

Coach Lennis Cowell stated his team's chances for next year: "We'll be losing eight of 13 very important starters, but with five regulars coming back, additional strength from this year's JV team, and a tremendous group of wrestlers from San Luis Obispo and Laguna junior high schools arriving, I can foresee that it won't be long before San Luis Obispo dominates the Northern League."

This Saturday the Marina High School Vikings will host the CIF finals in Huntington Beach, and knowing the first four finishers in the preliminaries will be attending, it is quite possible that SLOSH will be well represented.

In Tennis, Love Means Nothing

The San Luis Obispo tennis team has a new coach, new players and new results.

The new results are three victories in as many non-league matches. The Tigers have stopped Morro Bay twice under different scoring systems, 4-3 and 13-11. Last week they were 19-9 victors over Atascadero.

Far from being just the standard fare of early season single-A warm-up sessions, these victories show that the Tigers are league title contenders. Their win against Atascadero was evidence to that fact. One day before the Tigers won by a bulky 10 point margin, the defending league champions, Arroyo Grande, squeaked by that same Atascadero team 15-13.

The new players who have made this year's tennis team strong in every position are sophomore sensations Marvin Drandell, Mark Bishop, Randy Cork and John Lindquist. Drandell and Bishop are playing two and three in singles with Cork and Lindquist on the second doubles team. The rest of the team ladder includes singles players Tim Hensley, David Blakeslee and Craig Shaw, and the first doubles team of Tom Bringle and Bob Armentrout.

The new coach is Hayward Butler, a standout college tennis player at Cal Poly who is in his first year of coaching.

Butler's leadership has made a team out of individual sophomore and senior tennis players. His coaching technique and his famous "Health Field Work-outs" are main reasons why the numbers have been steadily increasing on the left side of the win-loss record.

Coinciding with the "new" theme of the tennis team is a change in the schedule. The new date for next week's final non-league contest is Tuesday, at home vs. Atascadero. League play starts a week from Tuesday.

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All Creatures Great and Small



by Kristi Kardel

Picture a group of aggies congregated in a barn located off Edna Road. Leaning against bales of hay, they discuss the weather forecast while a Merle Haggard record plays in the background. Got it? Now erase it from your mind because that is NOT what FFA is all about.

So what happened to the cows, the horses, and the hay in the barn, you ask? Relax! Animal projects are still a major part of FFA. However, add snow trips, public speaking contests, judging teams, and scholarships, and you'll have a much more accurate picture of the club.

Patty Furtado, the recently elected FFA princess, adds enthusiastically, "FFA is one club that has something for everybody."

If you have over-looked FFA thinking it was just for aggies, you're not alone. According to Karen Van, "Most people don't know what we have to offer." Stereotypes are hard to break, but I have found that what Karen says is true. In a sense, FFA is Speech club, International club, Presidential Classroom, CSF and 4-H, all rolled into one fun group.

The FFA year begins with a "Greenhand Initiation Bar-b-que" in September. As the name implies, the Greenhand is the lowest level of FFA. On the point system, the Greenhands have the opportunity to achieve four levels: Chapter Farmer, State Farmer, Golden State Farmer, and American Farmer.

At the Greenhand Bar-b-que, the FFA members begin to discuss plans for their annual rodeo in October. The

rodeo is generally a big success. However the FFA group wasn't as pleased with this year's rodeo results. Explains Karen, "This year we were competing with another rodeo going on down in Santa Maria."

At the bar-b-que, the members also discuss their plans for the fair. Those members who wish to enter in animal competition must purchase an animal to raise and train. Those members who want to show in the Cow Palace and the County Fair must purchase two animals.

This is when the work begins. Paul Nunley, the chapter sentinel, estimates that each FFA member spends an average of 16 hours per week on his project. This year when the students spend much more time with their animal.

Not all FFA projects competition deals with livestock. Last year, for example, John Voris took a "cruddy old tractor," tore it apart, repaired and painted it for his Ag mechanics project.

Another aspect of FFA animal projects are judging teams. The members of these teams learn to work together as a unit, which can be fun and very rewarding. You might recall last year when the San Luis FFA chapter had a Dairy Judging team who went all the way to the internationals in Wales. There in the final contest overseas, Don Warden, Jeanne Helphenstine, Kelly Rodriguez, and Kelly Coull placed second among judging teams throughout the world.

This highlights an important plus FFA offers. It's members have the

opportunity to achieve in all areas and on national and international levels.

Another program incorporated in FFA which isn't as advertised as other areas is the public speaking team. In this category there are two main contests: the FFA Public Speaking Contest and the K.C.O.Y. Public Speaking Contest. The participants in the FFA Public Speaking Contest must write a 6-8 minute speech on whatever aspect of agriculture he so chooses. This year's winner was Mike Beach of Morro Bay. The K.C.O.Y. Public Speaking Contest has an interesting side-light. The speakers appear on television for their presentation! This contest will be held later in March.

FFA's animal projects, judging teams, and speech contests are challenging and rewarding; however, not all FFA activities spell work. The "Fun Projects" include roller skating parties, bar-b-ques, field trips and an upcoming annual snow trip to Badger Pass. Says FFA member Darlene Maddalena, "What really impresses me is their organization. They know Parliamentary procedures and get lots of things done."

A lot of any program's success is dependent upon its leaders. This year's FFA executive staff includes: Karen Van, president; Mark Rathbun, vice-president; Patty Furtado, secretary; Lisa McClenathan, treasurer; Jenny Stofer, reporter; and Paul Nunley, sentinel. The three permanent members of the staff are Mr. Don Campbell, Mr. Duane Lafayette and Mr. Wes Wilson, the group's advisors.

As Darlene said, the FFA officers know their parliamentary procedures and this is due to part to the training the organization provides. Several times per year a regional convention is held in Hollister. Each chapter sends two delegates to represent their group. On a national level, two delegates per chapter are sent to Washington D.C. yearly to tour the capitol and see government in action. Because of these activities says Karen Van, "FFA is great for the person who is interested in politics!"

Aside from personal growth, FFA provides community services such as the San Luis chapter's annual food drive, which will be held over Easter vacation. The FFA group has an interesting formula for collecting the food-stuffs. The members have a contest to see who can collect the most food in ten minutes. When ten minutes are up, they return to the truck and move down the block. This accomplishes two things: a lot of food is collected and they have a good time while they're at it.

In recognition of the achievements of FFA, last week was named FFA Week. A dance on Friday, February 21, kicked off the activities. There were luncheons, window displays went up in various stores throughout town and an animal truck co-ordinated by Mary Lindsey toured the elementary schools. To sum it all up, Brenda Protopapas says, "I like FFA because you're getting together with a group of people who have similar interests for the benefit of yourself and the community."



Elective P.E.! The People's Choice

Stephen Wise

This high school's first elective P.E. program appears to be a success. The long anticipated switch from girls and boys general programs to co-ed individual sports is finally a reality.

The forerunners to coed electives were the mini-courses held on Fridays last year. Most students welcomed the one day change, but too many of them abused the system by cutting the class. The P.E. teachers did not have Friday elective classes this year because of the overwhelming attendance problem.

Attendance was a problem that was largely solved in this semester's P.E. classes but there are few things which need to be worked out. One of these is that the teachers can't always keep track of the students five days a week. The way the program is now, a person may have one teacher on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and another

teacher on Tuesday and Thursday. If he is absent for his Thursday class, he has to keep his re-admittance card until Tuesday when he will have the same teacher. Obviously, it is very difficult for that person to keep his re-admit card for four days.

every member of the staff was in agreement with her, but it was generally conceded that it would be the best way to accommodate the students. They started the program this semester because of a decision by the school's administration to have co-ed P.E. classes.

When the teachers decided which courses were to be offered, they wanted to provide as many "carry-over" activities as possible. Carry-over activities are sports which a person can play after he gets out of school. These sports, which make up a majority of

the P.E. classes, include tennis, basketball, golf, swimming, jogging, and conditioning class for girls. The traditional team sports are still available along with sixth period C.I.F. sports.

San Luis Obispo, one of the first schools to allow their students to choose their classes for themselves, has finally done the same in the P.E. department. This is one indication that if mandatory physical education is to continue, it must be given the same consideration as the rest of a school's curriculum.

Another reason why two-and three-day week P.E. classes don't work out is that it gives the P.E. teacher twice as many grades to give. There is also a problem concerning whether the three day class and the two day class should have equal value when determining the quarter grade.

Because of those difficulties, P.E. instructor Dick Mueller favors a five-day per week elective class with the same teacher. Two different sports would still be offered during the five days, the only difference would be everybody having the same teacher.

The present system is a great improvement over past P.E. classes. It does give a choice to the students so they can participate in a sport which they will want to suit up for. The choice is not as good as the P.E. staff would like but it is the best which can be offered considering the limited facilities and small number of teachers. In many of the classes, three unexcused absences in a quarter means a transfer into another class that the absentee should like better.

The idea for this system came from P.E. teacher Miss Virginia Wilson. Not