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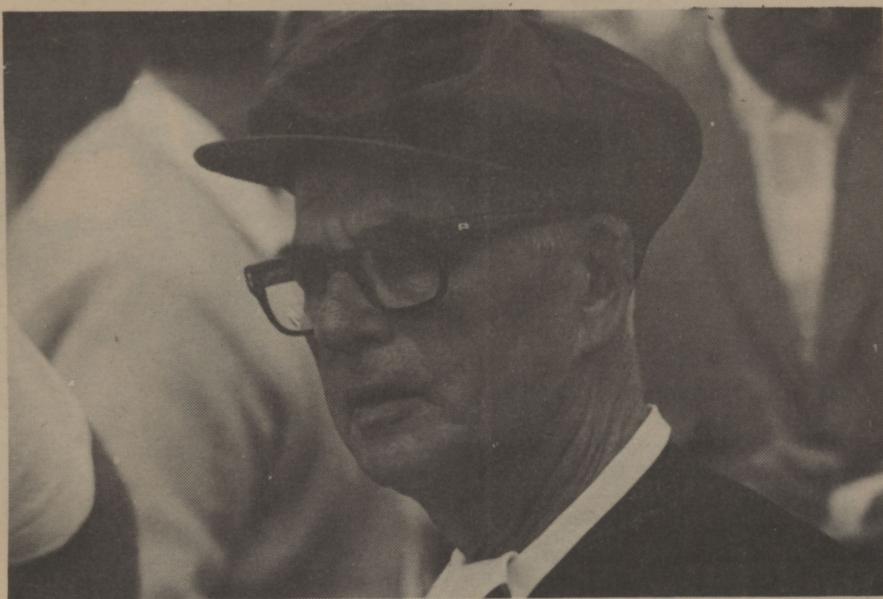
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Br. Albert says, 'Nostalgia reigns', photo Gael yearbook

Alarming Behavior of Campus Primates

Actuating their latest violation of the sensibility of any and all persons of this campus' community, those members of the student body politely termed the Yahoo contingent are this very evening holding what appears to be one of the most obvious occasions in which their puerility shall be made manifest; to wit, the election from the ranks of the group of females concomitant with their sect of a representative to be known as the homecoming queen. No doubt the words of leading Yahoo spokesman Meaty O'Kerr reflect the general attitude of this vital campus faction, in an interview conducted last night at feeding time: "Uh!". (We say words for Meaty was only able to repeat this monosyllable, incoherently at that, several times upon being asked for the rationale of such an event.)

Traditionalists of all kinds are of course gratified by this overt effort on the part of students at this college to return systematically to the dark ages of Gaeldom.

We, as the official voice of any non-existent members of the college, extend our heartfelt support of this activity of the youthful intelligentsia on campus, using this term in its loosest sense, that of a field, for Yahoos after all are root eaters, at least in their calmer moments, and a field is required for them to graze upon. At the same time we would exhort all individuals on this pasture to join in this Yahooism in order that former Gaels can have a sound basis for returning here, since the purpose of the college, if conceived as other than being a countryclub is at once impossible and also reasonable, (and so in keeping with the laws of nature, these alumni should recognize the necessity for the college to maintain pointlessness in every possible respect.).

Wherefore to conclude, without belabouring the illiterate members of this crew, if you must preserve the ideals of the liberal arts, do not entrust your sensibility to a group which is known to hurl their own ~~—~~ at one another when in fits of ecstasy; which is as much to say that a plain fool should have enough trouble with his own derangements without extending his incapacity, by subjecting it to those more grobianistic than himself.

It is hoped that the Gaels may not pay any attention to any of these remarks so that they may render themselves accessive to similar execrations in the future, because it gives us something to write about, and you can't make any other kind of news.

Homecoming Dance

Following the activities of Homecoming on Saturday, there will be a student sponsored dance to be held in Dryden Reception Room, featuring two popular Bay Area music groups, TOJO and GRACE. Admission for this affair is one dollar for both students and alumni.

The dance will last from 8:00 p.m. until 12:30 and is according to Social Chairman, Dan Domench, a casual affair.

All students, past and present, are exhorted to support this activity.

Refreshments will be served.

Alumni Seminar Success

After the rousing success of the Law Career seminar, on September 29, the Alumni Association has decided to present similar seminars on other career interests for the Saint Mary's Student Body. These will include seminars on Business, the Sciences, and Education. No definite dates for these meetings have yet been determined.

The idea of such a program of seminars was developed at the annual Alumni Leadership Conference at Saint Helena, the Christian Brothers' Retreat House. Other programs suggested during this Conference, which was held on September 11 and 12 of this year, include Athletics and a Minority Student Program.

The aim of this program, and others like it, is to give the Alumni Association a purpose, other than a social one, as a counselling resource for groups or individuals. Any individual students desiring this service are advised to see Mr. John Cunningham of the Alumni Office, who will arrange a meeting through the Alumni Committee on Career Counselling. The Chairman of the Committee is Mr. George Silvestri (Class of '64).

Rugby News

Wednesday, Oct. 13th is a Rugby Club meeting for all people interested in supporting the sport in any way. 7:30 p.m. D. 204.

Symphony Notes

The St. Mary's College chapter of the San Francisco Symphony Forum has begun its annual sale of student discount-priced symphony tickets.

Advance orders are now being accepted by John Kikulica Jr., a day student, with official ticket sales opening on October 4 and continuing until October 29.

The popular program sponsored by the San Francisco Symphony Association and administered by student Forum members, will offer students on some 40 northern California college campuses the opportunity of attending regular Wednesday evening concerts by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under the baton of its popular, new conductor and music director, Seiji Ozawa. Maestro Ozawa begins his second season, and the Orchestra's 60th anniversary year, on December 1.

The Wednesday Evening Series this year again offers students a choice of a complete series of 24 weekly concerts, or two half-series of 12 concerts each, with prices beginning at only \$18.00 for the half-series—a savings of \$15.00 over the cost of the same series, same seat, to non-students. Student tickets are being offered, in most locations, at less than 50 per cent of regular season prices.

Student identification, certifying full-time status, is required both for the purchase of student discount tickets, and for entrance into the Opera House at each performance.

As in the past, the Wednesday evening audiences at the Opera House will be comprised of college students, as it has been for the past 31 years since the series was instituted at student request. Many of the distinguished guest artists and conductors scheduled this season will also appear on campuses in person for informal discussions with students.

Featured this season, of course, is the return of Maestro Seiji Ozawa to the podium. The 35-year-old maestro proved extremely popular to students last season, and he will conduct 15 of the 24 Wednesday evening concerts.

Dimitri Mitropoulos Competition winner Niklaus Wyaa, the Orchestra's assistant conductor, will lead two Wednesday evening concerts. Noted guest conductors who will share the podium are Raphael Fruebeck de Burgos, Paul Kletzki, Istvan Kertesz, Conductor Emeritus Josef Krips, Dean Dixon, and James Levine.

Included in this season's Wednesday evening series is a Christmas season performance of Handel's Messiah, featuring four outstanding vocal soloists. The Easter season brings a second religious work, Berlioz' Requiem, as part of Maestro Ozawa's continuing three-year survey of this composer's works. The three-year Haydn survey will also figure prominently during the season.

Debuting instrumentalists this year are young Christoph Eschenbach, one of the most successful and distinctive of the young German pianists (who will be featured in Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21, the "Elira Madigan" theme); 23-year-old Garrick Ohlsson, the first American to win a gold medal in the Warsaw Chopin Competition; and Hungarian violinist Gyorgy Pauk, a Dvorak specialist who will perform that composer's Concerto.

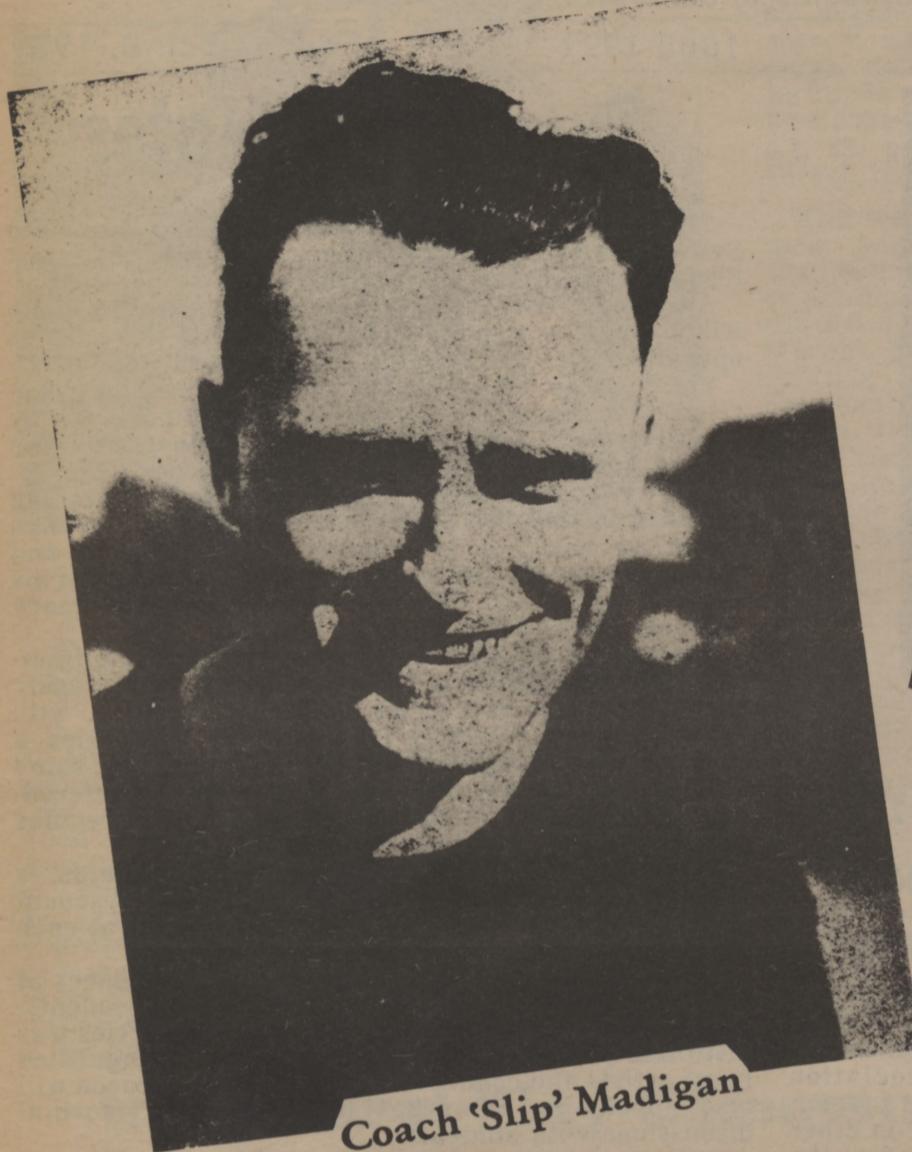
Celebrated artists in return engagements include pianists Vladimir Ashkenazy, Misha Dichter, Phillippe Entremont, Horacio Gutierrez, Rudolph Serkin, Yuji Takahashi, and Andre Watts.

Yehudi Menuhin and Isaac Stern, two world-famous violinists who made their professional debuts with the San Francisco Symphony, also return to help celebrate the Orchestra's 60th birthday. Other featured violin soloists are Concertmaster Stuart Canin, Henryk Szeryng (performing a "lost" Paganini Violin Concerto), and Pinchas Zukerman.

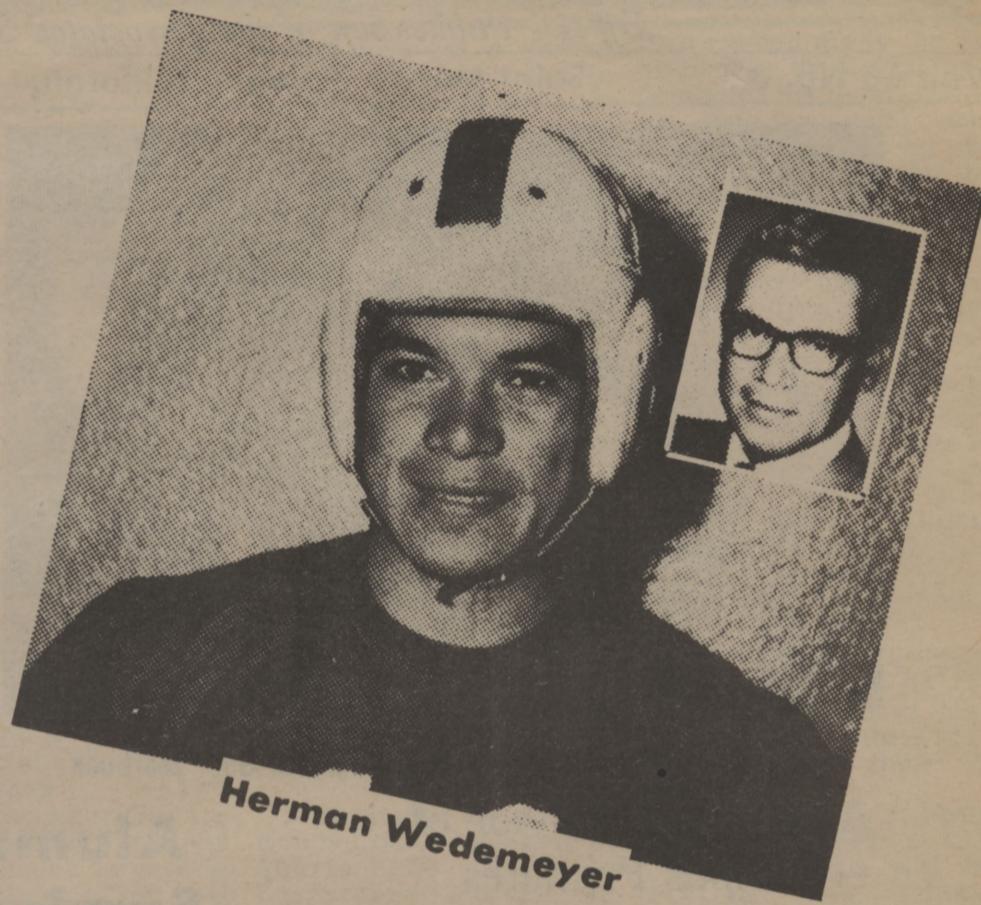
All of these great artists are among the array of celebrities who will be joining Maestro Ozawa in celebration of the Orchestra's 60th anniversary year, the 32nd in the history of the San Francisco Symphony Forum.

Tickets for the entire Forum season of 24 Wednesday evening 8:30 p.m. concerts are priced at \$36.00, \$44.00, \$48.00, \$52.00, and \$58.00. For either one of the 12-concert series, tickets are \$18.00, \$22.00, \$24.00, \$26.00, and \$29.00.

FOOTBALL: A Gael Tradition



Coach 'Slip' Madigan

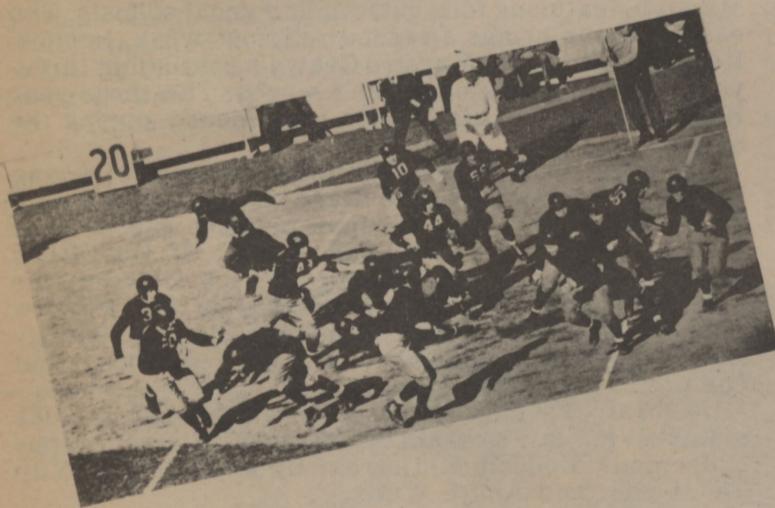


Herman Wedemeyer

ST. MARY'S ON TO VICTORY

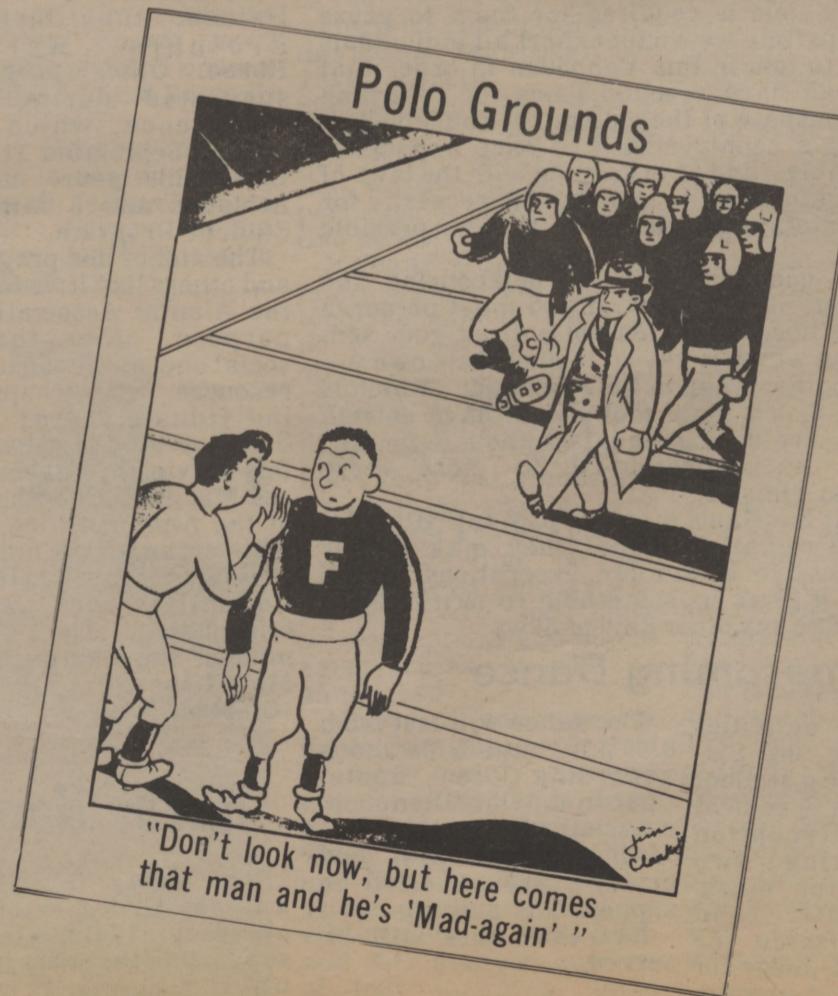
(Tune "Invercargill March" -Lithgow)
On to victory
The Red and Blue shall win today
From Moraga's hills
Our team is ready for the fray
When we've won the game
Throughout the land will spread our fame
And with all our might
For Red and Blue we'll fight, fight, fight.

Fordham vs Saint Mary's



"The Bells"

The bells of Saint Mary's, I hear they are calling
the young love, the true love, that comes from the
sea. And so my beloved, when red leaves are
falling, the love bells shall ring out, ring out for you
and me.



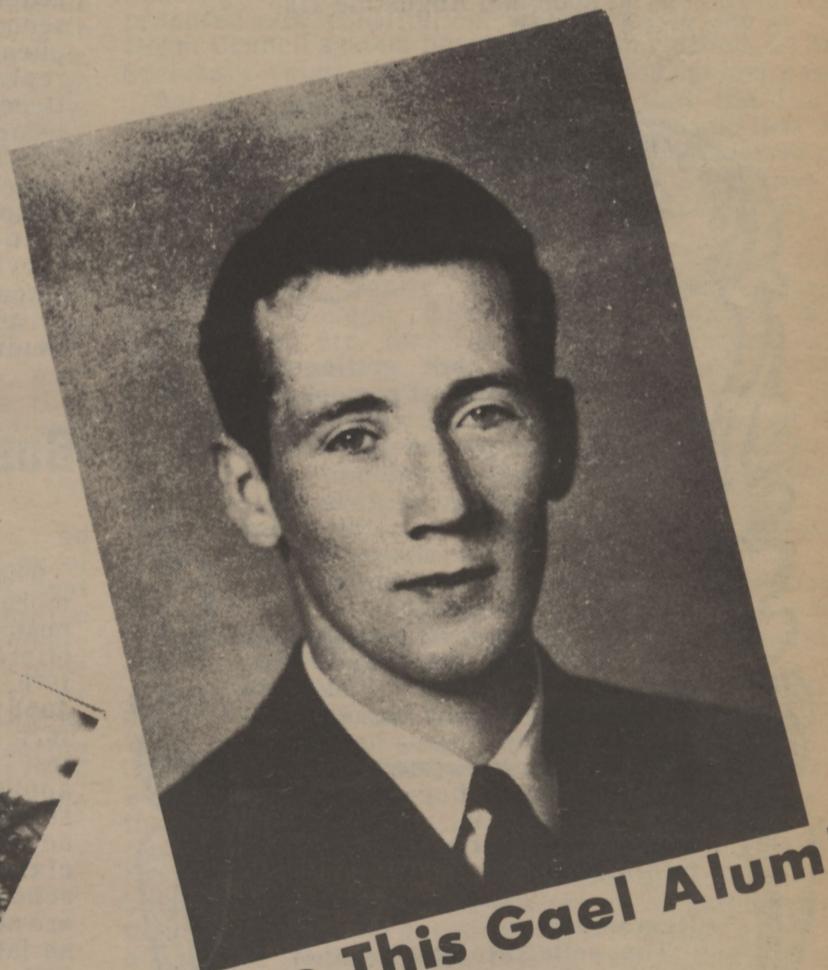
Moraga Quarterly



JAMES L. HAGERTY



BROTHER LEO



Name This Gael Alum!



Skiers Rejoice; Snow In Moraga!

January Travel

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL STUDY PLANS FOR THE JANUARY TERM SHOULD CONTACT THE RESPECTIVE INSTRUCTORS IMMEDIATELY.

Language courses:

French Language and Culture in Paris—Brother Phillip Garcon

Italian Language and Culture Abroad—Joseph Dongarra

Spanish Language Study in Mexico City—Valerie Gomez

German Language and Civilization Abroad—Maximilian Berg

English course:

The Contemporary English Theatre—Byron Bryant

Interdisciplinary:

Europe-Past and Present—Elmer Gelinas

The instructors will inform all interested students of expenses, prerequisites, grading techniques, course levels, and the descriptions of their programs. However, the prospective enrollment for each course is in each case strictly limited, with the result that teachers must know who plans to take their courses before registration on January 11.

PLUS:

Local & National Politics- of Great Britain.

Contact Bro. Gene Batori, Aquinas 212.

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Chaplain's Notes

List of Retreats, all at Anchor Bay:

Nov. 12-13-14

Dec. 3-4-5

Feb. 25-26-27

April 14-15-16

Sunday evening mass at six, Dryden Reception.

Daily masses side chapel at noon and Augustine 218, 6:45 p.m.

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Day Students

by Jerry Rossillon

Day Student Senators for this academic year have been announced by the ASSMC officers. They are Jerry Donnelly, Jim Gonzales, and Agnes Stretch. Congratulations to them, and we hope they'll do their job for us well. Interviews of them in this column will be forthcoming.

Father Ed Martin's first retreat at Anchor Bay had many more applicants than the maximum permitted number of 30, so all students, especially day students, interested in taking part in this experience are advised to see Father in his office, De La Salle 201 (phone 376-0811), soon, before the next retreat, scheduled for November 12-13-14.

The cost is \$7 per person, and everything (linen, blankets, food, etc.) is provided; all the person needs to bring is his or her frame and their personal effects. Anyone going to SMC is welcome. The groups leave between 2:30 and 3 p.m. on Friday (Anchor Bay is about 150 miles north of San Francisco on California Hwy. 1) and return between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Besides the retreat in November, the others this year are dated for December 3-4-5, February 25-26-27, and April 14-15-16.

Day students from time to time may want to eat meals on campus for any number of reasons. Mr. Jerry Foster informs us that we can buy meal tickets for a lump sum, and symbols will be punched off the ticket at the rate of \$1.85 for dinner, \$1.30 for lunch, \$1 for breakfast, and \$2.50 for the steak dinners Sunday nights, with all prices reduced 15 per cent for paying a lump sum. Seconds on food and beverage are unlimited at no additional cost. Tickets are on sale in Oliver Hall during hours meals are served.

According to Brother De Sales, the language lab, Dante 114, is now open, with all language students welcome to use the facilities offered. This will vary according to student usage, because last year it wasn't used nearly as much as it could have been. A word to interested day students: If you want hours that are convenient for you ask for them, and use it when you can. These facilities are for all students, if we bother to use them.

After settling a few complications, this columnist has found, not one, but two locations for note boxes. Please place any notes, criticisms, comments, or suggestions for this column in the ASSMC offices in the Gaol, or in the Collegian box at the Information Center (switchboard). Mark any notes "Attn.: Jerry Rossillon."

Jerry Rossillon

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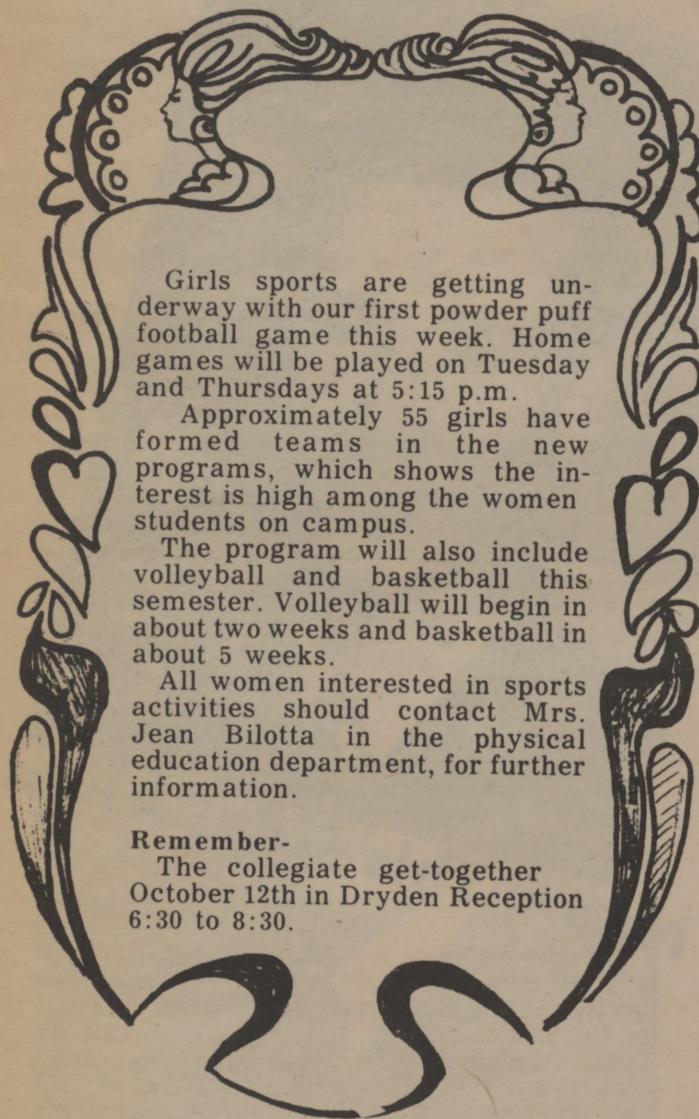
Mike Shea

Ed Johanson

The assistance of some volunteers is needed on a daily basis for the driving of some emotionally handicapped young adults (18-28 years). A Chevy-van is furnished for this purpose. Those who are able to answer this request are asked to call PHOENIX HOUSE, 3830 Clayton Road, Concord; on the phone, ask for "House Manager" at 686-6867.

available in the Dean of Studies Office.

Registration deadline is three weeks before a test date. Students who are considering graduate work in business will find assistance in Programs of Graduate Study in Business; 1970-71. It can be ordered free by writing to Policy Committee, Admission Test for Graduate Study in Business, Box 586, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.



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NOTICE

In the last issue of this newspaper there was an article on the front page concerning student employment. At this juncture the information from the office of Brother Louis is merely the proposal of that job plan rather than its ratification. It was not clear in the story of last week that the plan of Brother Louis is only a proposal; although the information in the article is factual, it has by no means been finalized. All students should be informed of the needed corrections, so that possible distortion may be avoided.



Joel Fransiosa, has been selected as Saint Mary's candidate for the Danforth Fellowship. Joel, a senior English major, is a day student who commutes from Hayward.

Danforth has offered financial support and encouragement to individuals planning a career in teaching since 1951. Some of the qualities looked for in the candidate are: flexible and varied intellectual power, academic achievement, and personal ability to relate to students.

Any student who does not wish to have his name, address, and telephone number printed in the student directory, or released to any outside agency, (FBI, CIA, DAR), must notify the registrar's office immediately.

Ecologists Active

By Edward Johanson

There are now over 30 members of the St. Mary's College community involved in the ecology club. However, we are hoping for a bumper crop of new recruits at our next meeting which is scheduled for October 13 in Dante 204 at 7:30, or slightly thereafter. We even have procured an excellent guest speaker for this most auspicious occasion. To address the assembled multitude will be Mrs. Susan Watson, the chairman of the Orinda-Moraga conservation committee. She is prominent in local politics and very possibly the areas leading advocate against the proposed freeways. She has been active in conservation causes for years and should be able to answer any questions you may wish to direct to her in regard.

The matter of the freeways is important to all of us here at St. Mary's. The state highway commission has planned an eight lane super freeway right in front of the college on St. Mary's Road. So many of us here at St. Mary's take for granted the beautiful green rolling hills, the radiantly blue skies laced with occasional wisps of clouds, and the delicious vanity of trees and shrubs which surround our campus all of which are so conducive to a relaxed yet productive educational atmosphere. Yet this is all so rapidly slipping from our grasp sinking ever so swiftly into the past.

We who have been here but a few years have seen the threatening moods made by various construction companies on all sides and now comes this new and even more powerful beast called freeway. To give you some idea as to the seriousness of the problem, if the proposed freeways are completed as they now stand on the drawing board, 230,000 cars will daily pass through the city of Moraga where too freeways are to be joined. This is 1 3/4 times the number of cars now using the bay bridge daily! The city of Lafayette has gone on record to oppose parts of this mad freeway sprawl. They do not believe it is, in their words, "compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury."

This is an ecology problem which has been, so to speak, presented to us right at our door step. The situation is not hopeless but it soon may be unless an effort is mounted now to come to a realistic grasp of the situation. It is much easier to obliterate a paper freeway than one of cement.

It is at this point that you come in. We need the help and support of anyone who has a little time but a lot of concern. This invitation is also extended to teachers and the administration. These problems have to be faced. No longer is it possible to regard the earth in the same terms as a no deposit-no return bottle. It is the hope of the St. Mary's Ecology club to send students into the surrounding community to acquaint it with the facts not only in regard to the freeway but anything relevant to ecology. We hope to thereby gain new members for the Orinda-Moraga conservation committee.

Take the time to come to this meeting or you may soon be taking a freeway which is guaranteed to take you in more ways than one.

Moratorium Slated

Because of the success of the April 24th demonstration in San Francisco, the Student Mobilization Committee is planning an organizational meeting, a moratorium, and a rally to protest the continuing American involvement in South East Asia. Therefore, on October 2nd there was a regional coordinating meeting for planning and discussion of this year's anti-war activities. Various members of the different sectors of the anti-war movement were present.

October 13th has been called as a moratorium on business as usual, and activity on the campus to support this is called for. Also there will be an all day Peace Center at the Embarcadero Plaza which all are encouraged to attend. On November 3rd the Student Mobilization Committee and the Association of Student Governments have called for a national student strike, not merely to close the schools down, but to open up their facilities to the building of the anti-war movement.

Finally, the fall anti-war movement will culminate on November 6th, with the San Francisco march, which will be held in conjunction with rallies in 15 other cities, all of which are sponsored by the National Peace Action Council and the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice.

The local Student Mobilization Committee encourages all those who are interested to participate as fully as they can, for the movement can only prosper with the continued help of the student community.

There is no organizational meeting of the Saint Mary's Student Mobilization Committee planned for the immediate future, but those who have any questions or suggestions, or would be interested in volunteering their time should see Dennis Rice, Augustine 428.

Ski Club Formed

The first convocation of the Saint Mary's Ski Club shall be held next week Wednesday evening, October 13, at 6:30 in Dante 204. This year is the initial attempt of individuals on campus to form a ski club. Support from all sides is welcomed. At the opening meeting skiing movies are to be shown free of charge, for those who are not skiers as well as for those who are.

Sede Vacante?

I noticed with some satisfaction the secretarial statement in the Forum of last week's Collegian. It has been my contention for years that student self-government is a perversity, an abomination, and an evident self-contradiction of the purposes of the liberal education, and Secretary Neudecker's statement, combined with my own experience, bears out this point practically.

A liberal education is designed ideally to give a free man the opportunity to retire from affairs into a situation conducive to his learning wisdom--to such an extent as his capacity will allow. His intent is not to involve himself in the rapacious and lacerous schemings which govern his physical state, but is, in effect, to be supported until he shall honestly deem himself sufficiently armed in wisdom and sophrosyne to face the tasks which he desires to set himself.

This notion is, obviously, an ideal, and by definition can have not a full reality. However, in a circumstance such as is proffered us here at Saint Mary's College, it is possible to achieve perhaps to the heights to which reality corresponds to ideality. In the situation of Saint Mary's, it is possible for the student (who desires this) to be in retirement from the world and supported by the Institution or Community.

Indeed, in practice, this reality is being effected, and witness to this is the condition which Secretary Neudecker deplores and which by some is labelled "apathy"--by those whose opinion of Education is not true. I do doubt that these persons to whom this label is affixed are all such philosophers as to see what they do, yet is not the best tutorial that from which the conclusions are (not only conceptually, but) actually inescapable?

However, it is too plain that you will persist in this madness, and therefore I ask, "Is it too much to desire you to act within a coherent system?" The few points I shall mention below are obvious, but, as is often the case in Applied Politics, the obvious is forsaken in preference to the secret.

Unfortunately, the condition of the Document of By-Laws is not clear. Throughout the Constitution of the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College, reference is made only to an Executive Council--and it is this Constitution under which we are now labouring. The proposed new constitution, which was to set up the Dorm Council system has not yet been ratified, as Mr. Secretary Neudecker so honestly pointed out last week.

But the implications of this are that the Dorm Council is not, that is, it has no legitimacy, and that the fast and furious election which was neatly carried off last week were but High School Civics Class games in democracy, and not very coherent a democracy at that.

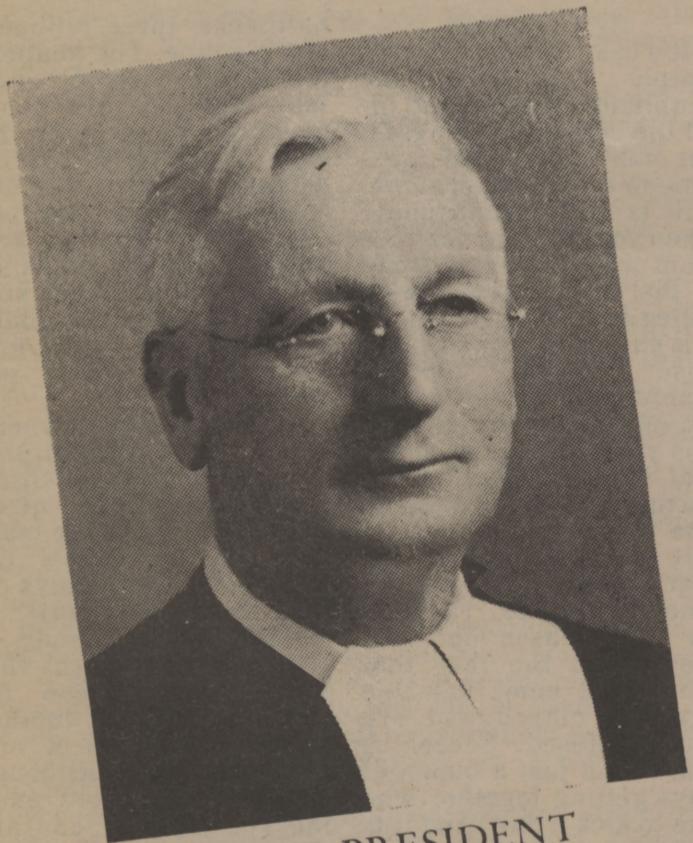
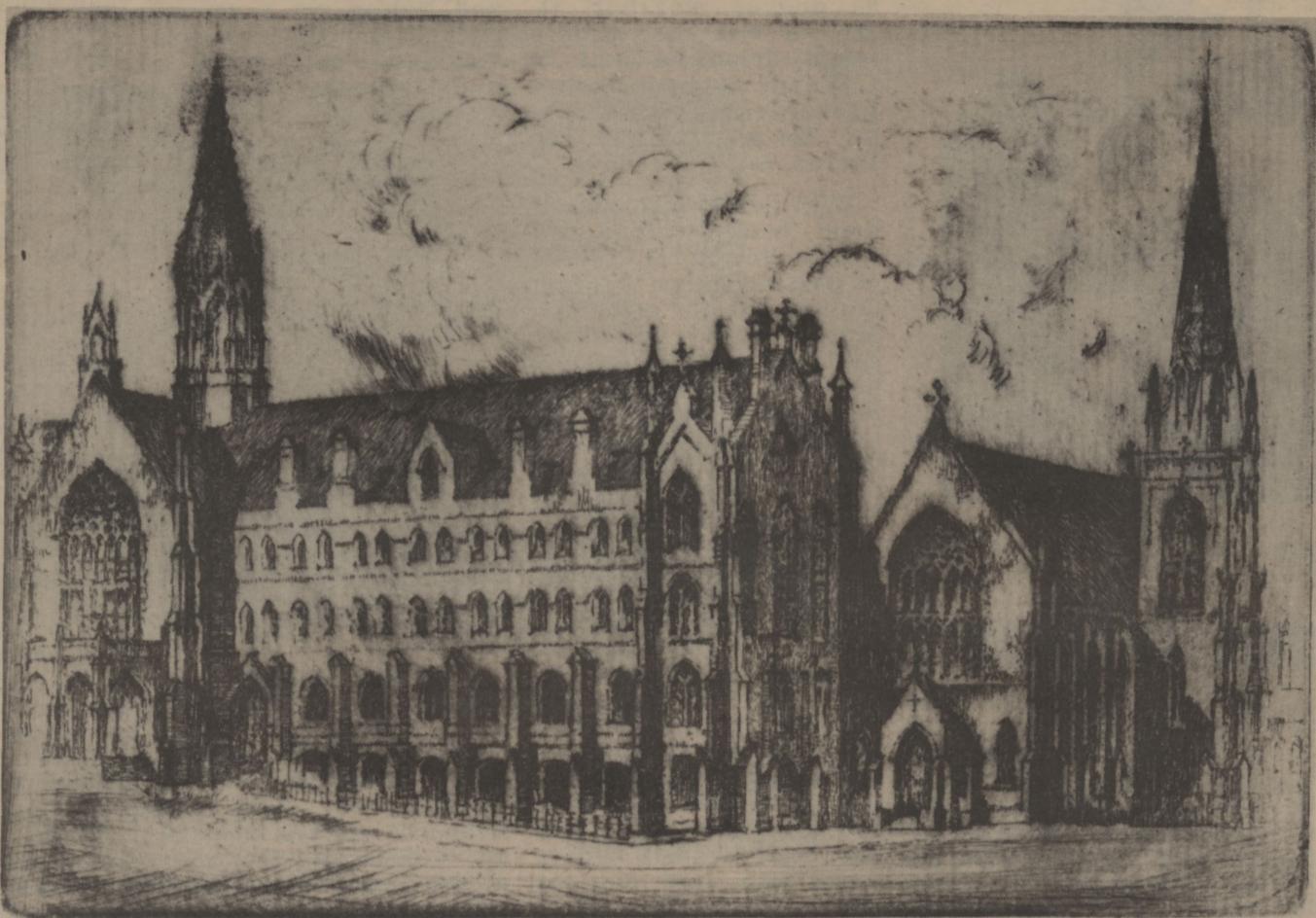
And if the Dorm Council does not exist legally, then the only offices legally held are those in which dwell President Joseph Blell, Vice President Will Geselbracht, Mr. Secretary John Neudecker, and m'Lord Privy Purse, Sola Sobayo. The Social Chairman, the Parliamentarian, the Rally Chairman, the Publicity Chairman, and the Representatives to the Committee on Lectures, Art, and Music, if any of these gentlemen have been appointed, but they have, indeed, not been, as their appointment must be approved by the Executive Council, which as we demonstrated above, does not exist.

Finally, any acceptance or rejection of a proposed budget which was ratified by this Kangaroo Council would not be legal as far as the system of democratic government reigns in this school.

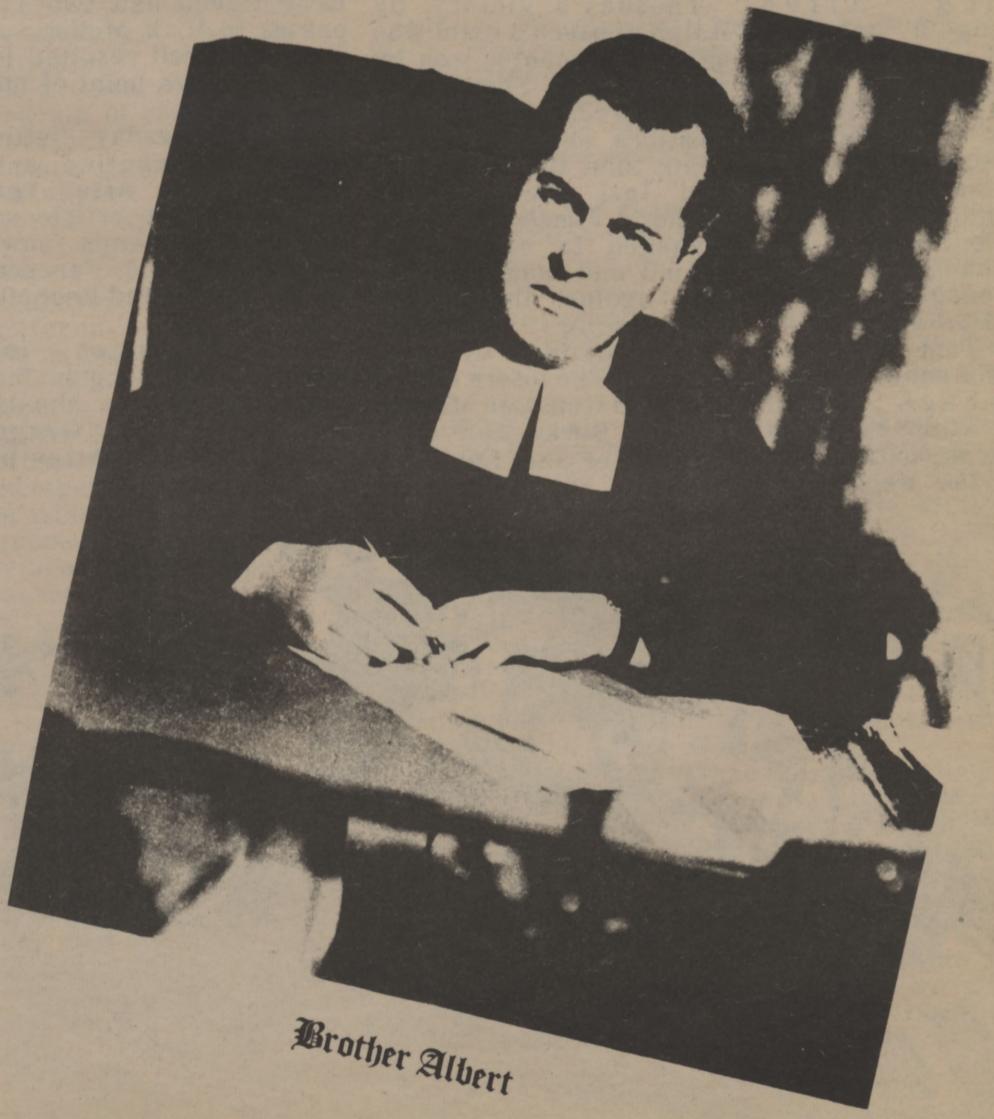
Therefore again I must play interlocutor and inquire of our elected officials what is going on at this campus. We must surely not submit merely to a ratification of the proposed new constitution, because by this time it would be inextricably interwoven into the workings of the Dorm Council, which would amount to the Dorm Council's voting itself into existence. We cannot accuse the elected officials of malice in their dealings, either, but such gross and monstrous errors in judgment on their parts raise the question of whether they are fit to administer to the students for the rest of their terms.

In the light of all these problems, I offer this suggestion to Brother Mel Anderson, the President of this College--that he suspend the workings of the Associated Student Body from the date of the publication to the students of this statement, and that during this interregnum he declare a time and place in which the problem of the old and new constitutions can be either debated or presented, and that at the earliest moment after this assemblage that the Student Body be called upon to ratify the new constitution or reject it, and to register a vote of confidence or no in the present administration, and to confirm the election of the Dorm Council Senators and Representatives, should the new constitution have been ratified. Then alone will the ASSMC be able to unwind this tangled sleeve of politicking and continue in the blithe paths of democracy.

"The Brickpile"



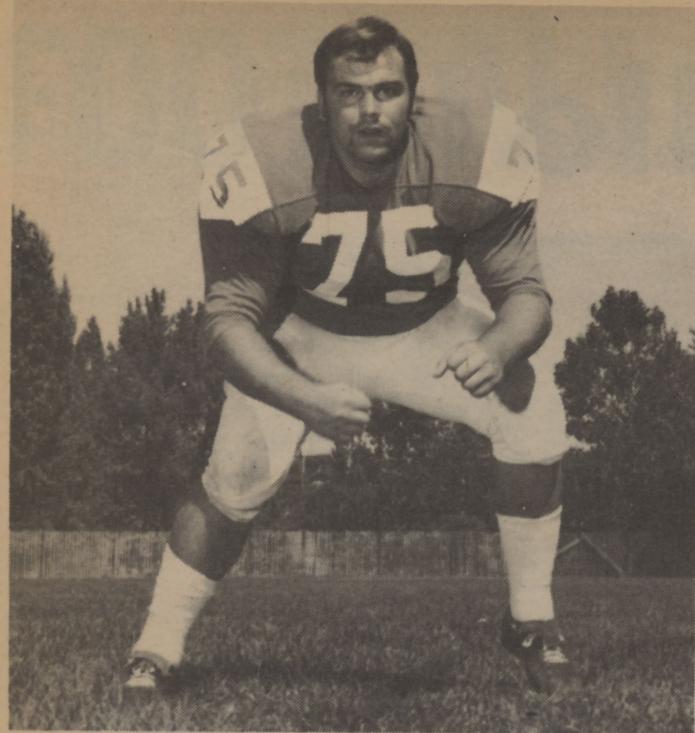
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Brother Albert

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Kevin Hagerty - No.Cal pick

Gael Gridders Triumph

by Katie Wilkens
Ol' Man Time continues to play a leading role in the Gaels heart-stopper football happenings both at home and on the road. Last Saturday's cardiac caper against the LaVerne Leopards went down to the final minutes of the game, with the outcome 13 Gaels, 11 Leopards.

If the first three games

of the 1971 season are evidence of what is to come in the six remaining gridiron battles, one might be wise to come prepared with nitroglycerin tablets and tranquilizers... to offset the breathtaking plays going down to the wire in the fourth quarter.

Playing in smoggy-hot

After a week of practice games and the first week of League games, predictions of this year's champion are still changing. After dominating a practice game last week against a greatly improved team captained by Bob Baldwin, Baldwin's team had lost their opening practice game to the all-sophomore team captained by Mike Bechelli, but with a few position changes and good breaks managed to upset Sollini 13-6. Touchdown passes to Tom Miles and Joe Escareno from quarterback John Fanucchi with Fanucchi running in an extra point provided the necessary

margin needed to down Sollini. The lone score for the losers was provided by Jim Hudson running in the for the TD.

Tuesday's victory by Ralph Fonseca's team was another encounter won by the underdog. Showing up with a rearrangement in positions and with more depth than the team that had lost their season opener, Fonseca's team managed to come from behind and hold onto the lead against the always threatening sophomore team captained by Mike Bechelli. The losers scored on a pass from Lee Mareck to Tim Burke and on a "length of the field" in-

terception runback by Dave Paesero. The winner's scored their 19 points on touchdown passes from Brophy to Rene Revell and two TD passes to Rick Mellott. A pass to Revell resulted in the only extra point of the day.

The Wednesday battle between Tarantino and O'Brien was after the writing of this article so the league stands now, it's: Baldwin 1 0, Fonseca 1 0, Sollini 0 1, and Bechelli 0 1.

Any Freshmen interested in playing in the Freshman league should contact either Gregg Hely or Joe Lightsey in De LaSalle 221.



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SPORTS SECTION

85 degree weather St. Mary's was met with a tough defensive unit in LaVerne's tractor-size linebackers, Hank Moore, 6-2, 220 pounds, and Ted Pierce, 6-4, 215 pounds.

With the strong wind at their backs, the Gaels went to the air via a series of passing plays to begin the 3rd quarter of action. Murphy began his drive splitting up his passing between Jim Datrice, Blake Chapman, Julio Lopez and Mike Fanucchi. On a 4th down and less than one yard to go, the Gaels chose to go for it with Murphy handing off to Lopez who didn't make the first down.

Swan came in to call the signals for the Leopards, but fumbled to Gael freshman linebacker Bill Zimmerman, which proved to be a key play for St. Mary's. Jerry Murphy then proceeded to pass to Frank Sullivan to the goal line and handed off to Lopez who went over for the touchdown.

Randy Nelson attempted the PAT which went off to the side. But the officials called LaVerne offside.

and Nelson got a second chance and succeeded in kicking the extra point, to make it Gaels 7, Leopards 3.



Frank Sullivan

Late into the 3rd quarter Kenny Lipken took over at quarterback for the Leopards and was knocked out of bounds by Gonzalez at the 2 yard line. Lipken arguing that he had scored a TD received a 15 yard personal foul, but on a 3 and 17 play took the ball into the end zone and more

than enough made up for his penalty by racking up 6 points for his team. Going for the two point conversion two Gaels hit the ball, sending it into the arms of Leopard Dan Drake to make it 11-7 in favor of LaVerne.

The key play in the fourth quarter was LaVerne fumble, recovered by Hero-of-the Day Don Hensic. With 2:09 remaining in the ball game, Hensic ran back 45 yards to score six more for St. Mary's. The man covering for the Leopards ran into the referee, thus knocking himself down and opening the door wide open for Hensic.

The conversion attempt was no good, and for the final two minutes of play the Gaels held onto a 13-11 lead to make their '71 record 2-1.

Returning to their home field next Saturday at 1:30 p.m., the Gaels will be meeting as their Homecoming '71 opponents the Azusa Pacific Cougars. Hopefully history won't repeat itself as the Gaels were clawed and scratched by the Cougars 20-0 last season.

Cornered by Cahill

By Tim Cahill

It's easy. In fact it's very simple. Yet, for all the simplicity involved and for all the enjoyment derived, not many people spend the time to see a soccer game. This is rather unfortunate when you consider that our team will be playing some of the powers that are in collegiate competition in this nation. Teams like San Jose State, U.S.F., Stanford and others will be playing on our home fields this year. It is easy to see that we then have an opportunity to observe some fine soccer matches.

It really is too bad that many people will not attend the games. There is no real reason for this other than the fact that they don't know how the game is played and are thus confused. Soccer is more than just a bunch of guys getting together who like to kick a ball. And it is not true that soccer players have paralysis of the hands. To stop these misconceptions and others some rules should be announced.

Upon first notice soccer looks like a game of feet. It is that, mainly because any use of the hands, arms or shoulders is outlawed. Thus, feet, knees, chest and head come into use. These parts are used by eleven men on each team and this number consists of four forwards, three

halfbacks, three fullbacks and a goalie. The goalie is the only one on the team that can use his hands because he defends his goal. While he is playing defense, the forwards and halfbacks work the ball toward the opposing goal for the score. As they play offense, the fullbacks stay back and help the goalie protect their own net. Each goal is worth one point.

As in any game, where there are infractions, there are also penalties. Free kicks are often awarded to the other team if a player handles the ball. This rule applies at any time the ball is touched by the hands or arms. Along with this penalty goes those for kicking or tripping another player or offside or any dangerous play. Although soccer is not rated as a contact sport, contact often happens.

So, there it is, some simple rules that help to understand the game. I've done my part. All it takes now is to spend a little time and watch a little soccer. The next game will be played this Saturday (Homecoming) at 11:00 here on the soccer field in back of the gym. They will play Cal State Hayward, which should be a good way to start off the Homecoming weekend.