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## C.S.F. Life Members recognized

Those first semester grades may have been a thorn in your side, but for a dozen lucky seniors they cinched Life Membership in the California Scholarship Federation. This means that they have been a member of C.S.F. at least four of the six semesters since their sophomore year, with at least one membership during the senior year.

Thus, it was with great joy and/or trepidation that Tim Armstrong, Donna Carlson, Toni Grgich, Kathy Huhn, Karen Irvine, Dan Langhoff, Julie Looper, Wayne Pearson, Kathy Rigney, Willie Smith, Anne Tyson, and Annette Wright received the judgment of their teachers. And their worries were not over until their application had been processed and their honor announced recently, along with the other members of the club.

## Asilomar trip up

If you've wondered who those gals are who run about in funny looking clothes from time to time, they are this year's Asilomar Girls. A special costume is traditional for each school's group, and this year's Oakdale High girls are going to the annual Asilomar Convention as the "Nashional" Newsgirls.

At the three-day convention, they re-

fine and practice their leadership qualities. The affair will feature speakers, seminars, and the election of Asilomar officers. Oakdale's contingent will run Julie Nash as their candidate for President. Her fellow members of the OHS group are Roy Ann Kaufman, Suzanne Gregg, Mia McKeon, Valerie Kidd, Debbie Runion, Julie Raef, and Cookie Oman.

Other seniors in C.S.F. are Tony Albertoni, Garth Hewitt, Dolores Pimentel, and Mike Pitassi. Of course, they still have one more semester in which to qualify for Life Membership.

Junior members include Brett Dickerson, Ted Firch, Beth Horton, Valerie Kidd, Jim Mack, Cindy Morrow, Mia McKeon, Julie Nash, Shawn Reeves, Debbie Runion, and Margaret Trevino.

The sophomore members are Patricia Brown, Ingrid Boronowsky, Jeff Coleman, Carla Irvine, Johanna Langton, Lesley Moore, John Murphy, Bridget Orvis, Cathy Trevino, Wayne Turnbow, Sarah Tyson, Peggy Wilkinson, and Lori Wyatt.

Freshmen making the grade(s) are Jodi Bailey, Lavinna Bingham, Evelyn Brown, Meling Franca, Susan

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# Huh? (That's what we said)

JUDY LUKENS got a 1950 truck for her birthday... BETH HORTON went to the snow, but there was no snow... KATHY HILTON just moved from Mountain View to Oakdale... KIM SMITH finally passed her sewing test after five tries... CANDY ECKERT is getting a new helper whose name is Tequilla Sunrise... MIKE MITCHELL is a great track star, or so he says... GARY STEED is some day going to the

Olympics, he thinks... RENEE JACKSON has over 100 freckles on her face... MELLYNE NEVILLE'S goat Tinkerbell had twins, named Cheech and Chong... LARRY TEXIERA finally grew a half an inch taller... VICTORIA SELBY and STACY THOMAS are still seen at their regular place... BECKY GATES turned red when she was caught sucking her thumb in P.E.... ROBERT FOWLER does not sing with

the Beatles, as previously thought... STACY BURFORD has had chicken pox twice... JACKIE CONSOLI took off her glasses to play keep-away, and ran into a pole... SHAWN LONG'S middle name is Archibald?... BERT DAVIS wears far-out and funky shirts his mommy makes for him... JON KROPP went to Berkeley and saw a real live hippie.

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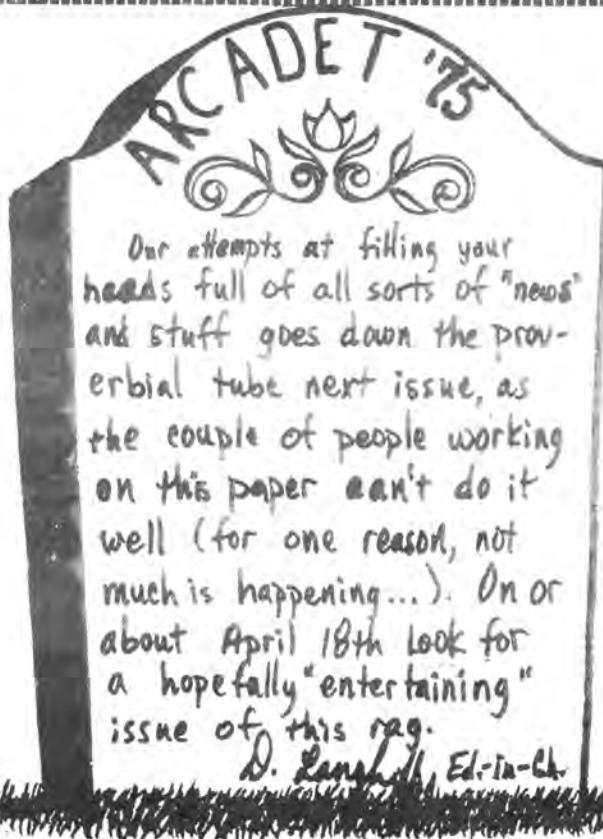
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# Eddie Ket

SITUATION TWO: You walk into the band room fourth period. Suddenly, you are struck by a flying (hard object). What should your reaction be?

- Do you practice your vocabulary?
- " " cry "Medic! Medic!"?
- " " quickly glance about for any signs of authority and hurl said object back at a likely looking party?
- Do you pay your insurance premium?

COMMENT: While "d." is clearly the appropriate action for the more timid souls, "c." is a good way to release your pent-up frustrations. For the record, however, we recommend "b." and discourage you from suggestion "a."

SITUATION THREE: You are innocently sitting in the bleachers 20 minutes before the start of the varsity basketball game, when a hoard of people shouting something that sounds like "PEANUT GALLERY" descends on your area. What should you do?

- Politely say "I'm supposed to go home and meet the milkman, anyway," and quietly leave?
  - Shout "Hey, youse bums; GET OUTTA DA WAY!"?
  - Join the fun by shouting some rather risqué chant?
  - Quietly slip out to the lobby, buy out the stock of peanuts, set them out on another vacant section of the stands, and hope they move over there?
- or e. Cover your head and cry "Mommy! Mommy!"?

COMMENT: A very sticky situation, one in which there is no Emily Post precedent. Those who know what's in store for them by staying put should lean towards "e.". Those who are rather physically imposing themselves--or have acquired lots of self-confidence from their marshall arts classes--will try something along the lines of "b.". We certainly cannot advise "c."--at least the "risqué" part. The best action would obviously be "d.", as, if the plan didn't work, you'd sure make a lot of friends, anyway.

# C.S.F., con't

Furtado, Lynn Gist, Kelley Hamby, Robin Hawkins, Cindy Horton, Jane Martin, Debbie Murphy, Ed Rapinchuk, Stanley Rieger, Barby Schiller, Debra Stevens, Karen Swank, and Ronald Zanker.

In all, there are 57 members of C.S.F. for the Spring semester: 16 Seniors, 11 Juniors, 13 Sophomores, and 17 Freshmen.

This year's officers are Tim Armstrong, President, Bridget Orvis, Vice President, Sarah Tyson, Secretary, and Kathy Huhn, Treasurer.

The faculty advisor for C.S.F. is Farrell Reeves, for the 19th straight year.

Talk about self-centered!

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# Editorial

## Opinion

By Dan Langhoff

Even though almost every student newspaper has done it at least once a year--and they've usually said little or nothing while doing so--I'd like to poke a few holes in the high-flying balloon of student government.

For all practical purposes, student government does little else than determine who the really popular people are, and insure their little niche in history as being "contributors" and "active people" in the school. Of course, the same things may be said about the "big-time" politicians, but they do legally have some responsibilities to carry out, under penalty of law. The only times student governments are "active" are when a very few people take it upon themselves to change some things. An active few have been the ones to create a favorable feeling towards a particular year's government.

If you'll look at the average branch of student government, you can see why any action taken by the group is initiated and carried out by a few. Usually three-quarters of the group is the ever-popular, hardly-ever-interested athletes and their female counterparts, the cheerleaders. Three-eighths of the organization is a hodge-podge of brilliant but either timid or not-interested-in-actually-doing-anything "brains," and a few Just Plain Joes (and Josephinas).

Not that there aren't occasionally valuable people to come out of these stereotypes, but year-in and year-out they can do little else than shout in de-

fense of ludicrous propositions and opinions when meeting. Positive, creative proposals come from the other eighth (or less) of the group, who are usually brighter than normal, fairly mild-mannered, open-minded to a point, and just all-around good people. Sometimes student body officers are part of this few. They not only propose ideas in the interest of the school, but usually end up carrying out the plan all alone. The other seven-eighths of the group acts as Yes men (after suitable righteous indignation) when, and if, they attend the meetings. So, if it's a "slow" year as far as action in student government goes, it means either:

- (a) There are no "leaders" in any sense of the word, in the school.
- (b) If there are, they cannot get elected to any of the student bureaucracies.
- (c) The "leaders" are being stifled and beaten down at every turn by peer pressure, administration pressure, a school who, as a whole, prefers the status quo rather than to risk anything new, etc., etc., etc.

As a result, student governments are not even experimentations in the democratic processes for the kiddies. Something should be done, as pupil politics is a farce in its present form. It wastes the time and exhausts the patience of those really interested, and makes its stagnant members miss class time they desperately need.

"OK--so whadda we do 'bout it?" you ask. First of all, a review of all the groups we have kicking around here and their worth would be in order. Even I, a supposedly well-informed, upstanding senior, did not know certain posts and committees existed until just recently. I question the effectiveness of some

groups, since, according to official rosters, the same people are in this and that organization.

Secondly, let's cut down on elected posts. Student body officers-- well, all right, but not student legislators. Why not open up such things as Student Legislature (the biggie) up to any and all interested parties? This would end the popularity contest (to a degree) and at least provide for the afore-mentioned practice in government workings. Make the applicants take an "oath of sincerity" --promising to attend regularly, blah, blah, blah-- if you like, but at least let those who want to be in get in and do something.

As for student body officers--well, I suppose we must keep that sacred institution. And, if we have the personnel, it's a fine tradition, at that. BUT, a spelling-out of duties--to keep them busy-- might be advisable. For that matter, activities or organizations should be started to give the lesser officers something to sink their little-used teeth into.

Enough fire-and-brimstone editorializing. We will try to stay on top of the present pupil political carryings on for you (of course, a Washington Post we ain't), and try to show I, here, have been a cynical long-haired, wild-eyed, Slurpee-munching, ill-informed non-conformist. Seriously, though--I urgently plead you to give some thought to this potentially very important facet of your high school, especially with elections for next year's officers not all that far off. For when that time comes we'll again lull ourselves into thinking the best people will win, everthing will come up roses next year, happy days are here again, I Like Ike, Tippecanoe and you tread water, . . .

Your comments on this topic are more than welcome.

## MORE from Mr. Viss

students will have to make the demands. They are settling for too little. This institution is going to have to take risks involved in educational experimentation, and be willing to make mistakes.

Also, the responsibility for students' behavior will have to be shifted from the school to the parents and community. Good behavior originates in the home.

Students will have to enter high school better prepared--knowing how to read and write. Many of them don't.

And finally, teachers will have to become professionals in the true sense of the word."

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-- Editor --

This issue delayed due to production difficulties.

# The ARCADET's first genuine, dy-no-mite in-depth character study

By Kim Rapinchuk

After a semester of sabbatical leave Don Viss is back. In honor of the occasion the ARCADET decided to bring you an exclusive interview.

Mr. Donald Viss was born in Modesto, California, where he attended school until the end of his high school years. When asked to sum up his secondary education, Mr. Viss replied, "My high school career was a disaster. I had no interest, rarely attended, and when I did, I gave them nothing but trouble!"

ARCADET: How did you make it through?"

VISS: "I barely did."

Make no mistake, we're sure that the said interviewee doesn't intend for any OHS kiddies to follow his, er, "example."

Even though Mr. Viss has been teaching nearly 10 years, he only admits to being in that "barely over 21" age bracket. This, plus the fact that our subject has eight offspring (ages six through 21) makes the preceding fact questionable.

Mr. Viss is known as a Current Events and History teacher at OHS now, but in past years he has taught Civics, Life, Physical, and even Biological sciences. However, the present is the favorite--good ol' U.S. History.

What makes him qualified? All kinds of things--namely, a B.A., life General secondary credential,

General Administrative Credential, and a recently acquired M.A.

ARCADET: "C'mon, what do you really do for a living?" (side interests)

VISS: "Sometimes I buy commodities," (for freshmen and a few others--this word defined means "stocks" and the like), and then I have my almonds."

For relaxation? Well, the subject likes to cart his bunch (or sometimes escape alone) to Hume Lake Hideaway, or take his frustrations out on a tractor.

And about OHS...

ARCADET: What are your feelings about this institution and it's students?

VISS: The students by and large are polite and pleasant and fun to be with. From an employee's standpoint, OHS is a good place to work, but we are in no way meeting the needs of the students."

"For example--the kids are not allowed to make many decisions; we are not challenging them. We are offering a very limited outlook on the future of the students--they don't know their options. We have no innovated programs, and student government is an exercise in futility. As a result, the taxpayers and the kids are getting ripped off."

ARCADET: "What would you like to see changed or implemented?"

VISS: "In order to change, the

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Worthless advice from

# Dear Slabby

Under the general direction of Tony Albertoni  
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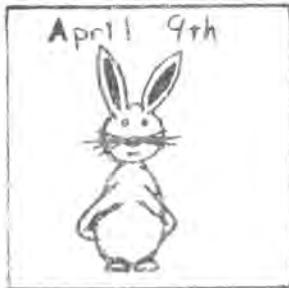
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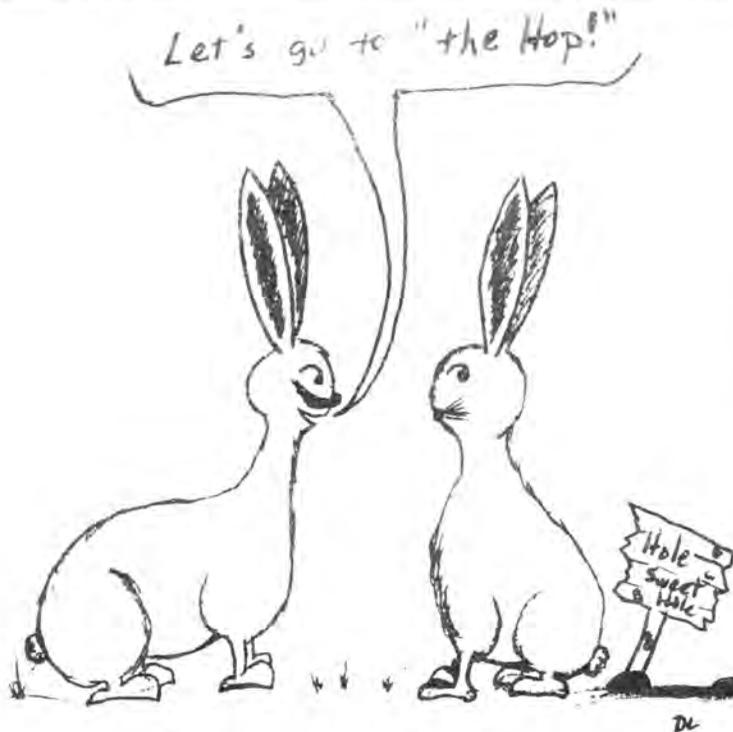
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In an effort to give a struggling young artist a break, and also to fill the paper, here's some

# Rabbit jokes



Hare today, gone tomorrow



## My TURN

By Marian Aloisio

Tennis is a very fast-growing sport. More and more people are taking to the courts. So many people, in fact, that on week-ends there are people waiting around to get an empty court.

I really would like to see more courts constructed. Then during P.E. classes more people could play, and perhaps better their game of tennis. To me, it would be a worthwhile project and perhaps make people more physically fit.

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