

## HE'S A SYMBOL

### Our Own J. Rebel

By Jim Tucker

With a flashing sword and a flapping Confederate flag, James Ratcliff appears as our hero of heroes, Johnny Rebel. James and his partner, Trudy Conroy, are this year's Johnny and Jody Rebel, symbols of Southern spirit.

The idea for J and J Rebel was re-kindled last year and it is hoped will become a permanent part of South High's theme. The first attempt several years ago was stopped because the office had no real purpose. Now Johnny Reb acts as official host to all guests to South High. His other duty is to care for the Victory Bell. James does this with loving care.

James likes the idea of Johnny Rebel, but he feels he should be given more to do. "Right now Johnny Rebel is an ornament, but I don't know how I'd change it." Mr. Ratcliff plans to use the office as a wedge to promote spirit. "The spirit here is kind of low, and I think I can do something about it." James' big idea is for mass rallies. He feels that if everyone would be enthusiastic South High would be a better school.

Johnny Reb will act as mascot this year to the football and basketball teams. He appears much like Johnny Reb might have been a hundred years ago. His uniform is light blue with gold braid, and is set off with a white sash and grey hat. At his side is an authentic Civil War vintaged sword.

Together Johnny and Jody hope that this year's spirit will be better than ever. There is still plenty of time to develop new traditions (South High is not quite a decade old); Johnny and Jody Rebel are the epitome of the established ones.

## EVEN FROSH RATE

### Everyone Serves

"Underclassmen (freshmen and sophomores) are members of the Student Body, and thus are just as important as anyone—even seniors," claims ASB President, John Walker. Because of this, John and his fellow Executive Board members plan to make campus spirit their major goal this year, especially in the lower classes.

According to John, this problem is being attacked from two angles. The first angle is to make sure the students have ample opportunity to know what is going on in campus politics. Not only will the Rebel Yell staffers try to keep everyone informed with the latest news, a copy of the minutes of each Exec Board meeting will be distributed to each advisory teachers. It is then the faculty members' jobs

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James Ratcliff, Johnny Rebel, is this year's one-half of a pair of symbols.



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Today will get off to a rousing start with a pep rally this morning in the stadium. Tonight the Rebels will challenge the Hanford heroes there, and our C class will challenge West High here.

Monday, the Spanish, Folk, Chess, Russian and Speech Clubs will hold meetings. The Farmerettes will also convene.

Tuesday is the day the juniors will test. The sophomores will conduct their first candy sale of the year.

Wednesday the juniors will again test, but on that day they will have the company of the sophomores, who will in turn, continue selling candy.

On Thursday, the Junior Varsity will challenge West High's equivalent. The sophomores will still be peddling their candy.

Friday is the day the Girl's League will assemble for the first time this year. There will also be a rally which will lead up to a game in which the Rebels will challenge Arvin here. Our C class will play the Shafter "little ones" there.

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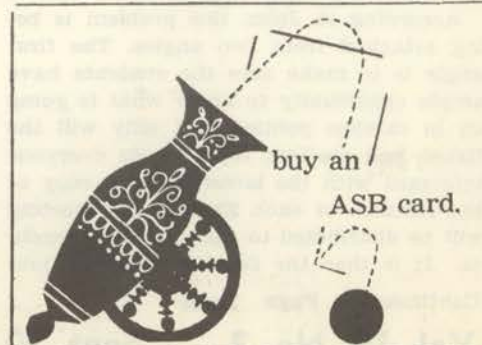
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# Miss Thompson on the Subject of Miniskirts, Etc.

**"Practical considerations, not just 'style' —that's the important thing."**

By Marge Tyndal

Our fashions are constantly changing, as one may well know; Look at pictures of years gone by and then look around today. Colors are wilder and more varied than five or ten years ago. Girls have more variety to choose from with a better quality of material and a good price range.

But not all these fashions are appropriate for school. To find out just what is thought of these new fashions by an administrator, let's take a look at what Miss Jeannine Thompson, dean of girls, has to say about fashions and fads.

On the subject of mini-skirts, she commented, "Some are attractive, but this is not to say that 'current styles' are suited for every figure or individual personality. Mini-skirts are likewise not always suited for every occasion, and this includes school."

About new styles in shoes that have shown up on campus, she said, "It is perhaps too obvious to say that feet are the least flattering of all feminine characteristics. Therefore, particular styles, such as rounded or squared toes with flat one to one and a half inch heels, will not always flatter every person's foot. I feel girls should select clothes which are right for their particular physical characteristics, and not just



because it happens to be in style."

What about vinyl or plastic outfits, she was further asked. "I've only seen one actual garment made of vinyl or plastic, one weekend at a fashion show in Los Angeles. It is

completely unimpressive; the 'shiny appearance' of the material is out of place and not really practical for every day wear.

"Students do wear low or medium length boots to school here. If the boots are high-heeled or 'flashy' in design they will be restricted."

Miss Thompson's final thoughts on fashions and fads for school are:

"There are few fashions which stay in style for long periods of time. We must expect fashions to change as our world changes. Some fashions are not long-lived because of these changes. My personal opinion is that a girl in high school should dress appropriately for the kinds of activities involved in the school.

"This is considered a place of learning and this climate or attitude must be preserved as such. Student dress, believe it or not, does affect the attitude, climate and operation of a school. Every girl should dress to suit her particular physical features and characteristics. To put it in a simple and perhaps an 'old-fashioned' expression—in good taste."

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to make sure it is read and posted in each classroom. Another method of finding out what's happening is to attend the Exec Board meetings themselves. These meetings are always open to the student body.

The second way of solving this problem is, of course, through participation. Though not everyone can serve on the Executive Board, there are many opportunities to be active in school politics. As Junior Class President, Mike Martin stressed in his first speech to the entire junior class, the class officers cannot do it all by themselves. The support and help of the entire class is needed, and class meetings, like the exec meetings, are always open to those interested. One need not be a member of his respective class council in order to serve.

## CIRCLING THE GLOBE

### Peregrinator Returns

By Gloria Martinsen

Circling the globe this summer was a new thrill for 19 California teachers including South High's Miss Jan Cook. The

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tour included a stop in Hawaii, 12 days in Japan, four or five days in the Far East, 11 days in India (on the back of an elephant), and four or five days in the Middle East. Though the educators were on a guided tour of the world, leisure time was available for sight seeing individually.

Miss Cook remarked how impressive the friendliness toward Americans was. Even in remote nations such as Syria and Jordan, courtesy was not absent. One might think confusion would reign when traveling through a world with 11 basic languages and 1,000 smaller language communities. Oppositely, Miss Cook discovered that most of the people she met were able to communicate in English.

While visiting the University of Foreign Studies in Tokyo, Miss Cook became an encyclopedia opened to "American Schools."

Students longed to know what courses were offered, and what the people were like who attended the institutions.

When asked if she met many surfers in Hawaii, Miss Cook replied that the group of 19 arrived at 11 p.m. and departed at 10 a.m. Conclusions may be drawn.

Called home by ringing bells, South's

peregrinator plans a full year of labor preparing the 1967 Merrimac.



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Best sport on campus simply has to be Mr. Clyde Klingler, part-time plane owner. This cooperative biology instructor went along with Rebel Yell's idea of what a modern pilot looks like.

## IN OUR MERRY CHEROKEE

### Piper A-go-go

By Jana Followwill

An airplane in the stadium, you say? That's no cause for alarm — it's only Mr. Clyde Klingler, Mr. Larry Lafond, or Mr. Ron Steinman zeroing in on a football practice.

A red and white Piper Cherokee 180 with a grey stripe could be a gas for school spirit or even a mascot (the Flid Piper?)

As a WWII fighter pilot, Mr. Lafond has flown myriads of bigger, more powerful planes in his time. Condescending to a four-passenger pleasure craft is as difficult an adjustment as 15 years' accumulation of rust. He and his two protege friends will spend about 25 hours in a ground school, learning, or re-learning about recent instruments, techniques and procedures.

Mr. Steinman (Blue Max) and Mr. Klingler (the Red Baron) both somewhat green in the business, try to tell people they have had some previous experience in navigating the wild blue yonder in a Camel Sopwith. Mr. Lafond, the more "aceish" astronaut, is fully licensed to fly anything with wings. Well, almost anything with wings.

The airplane itself is financed by leasing it to private parties for weekends in Las Vegas and at the beach. After leasing it a few thousand times, it will be well worn, but all theirs — finally paid for.

## THEY'RE GROWING UP

### Juniors Order Rings

"Rings on their fingers, shoes on their toes, and warts on their noses, ho, ho, ho," the song says, and many of the members of the class of 1968 will be singing this soon.

In 1957 a new school was almost completed and some students of Bakersfield High, soon to be known as Rebels, were discussing matters such as social events, future student leaders, and the style of the new class rings. It was these students who chose the style of our memories' reminders.

However, some of these students failed to see the meaning of the ring. One student actually asked "What does it represent?" And this was his answer: "It represents four long, hard years of growing up in a place most people will never forget." To the juniors receiving their rings this year it means just a little more—the date on the rings is '68—the year they feel is the best.

South Highers are dependent upon Joston's for their rings. This company offers quite a huge selection of rings, consider-



Roanne Massoni: "And they said choosing a formal was hard."

ing that there cannot be much variety in class rings. There are four different sizes, and four different rings to choose from.

For the girls there is the 10-karat gold ring without the stone, for a meager \$19.25 in the miniature size and \$19.85 in the regular. The same style for the boys is \$23.40 for the large and \$26.20 for the king size. Another ring style is available with the 10-karat rainbow pearl stone. Prices are higher for this ring. Girls' are \$22.65 and \$23.75, and the boys' cost \$26.65 and \$29.15.

And as the proud juniors receive their rings they may say with glee, "There is that little band of gold, to prove that I was there, too."

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## SUPPER TIME'S HERE

### Broadway Opening

By Herbert Jung

Ha, ha, ha's and hardy har's will greet the comedy, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," as South High's drama students will again delight audiences with their presentations. Unhampered by the loss of graduated actors and actresses, Mr. Ron Steinman and company will undoubtedly meet the same high standards which have characterized their productions in the past.

Besides the comedy, ("The Man Who Came to Dinner" will run from November 10 through 12), the dramatists will also present the famous story of Helen Keller, "The Miracle Worker," which will preview February 16-18. Scheduled for the 13th of April and lasting through the 15th is a musical, the title of which has not yet been disclosed.

Concerning the auditions once again, they were held last week for "The Man Who Came to Dinner," with the cast finally being selected from the many talented applicants. Securing roles in the comedy were Georgia Watkins, as Maggie; Rhonda Morris, as Lorraine; Mike Bensusan, as Whiteside; Lorelee Borga, as Mrs. Stanley; Debbie Duncan, as Miss Preen; Maggie Caldwell, as Harriett Stanley; Jim Ratcliffe, as Dr. Bradley; David Phillips, as Mr. Stanley; Sam Stover, as Bert; Randy Fowler, as Richard; and Sue Overstreet as June.

### All Systems Go!

To be or not to be, that is the question when you are speaking of the two party system. At a recent meeting between the members of the party system and the executive board it was voted that there will be a trial run to see how the two party system would measure up. A fake office would have been made up by the executive board and in October there would have followed a trial election using the two party system in registration, voting, and in two conventions.

At a later meeting, however, this decision was vetoed apparently because it was thought that the two party system had gone too far. It was announced that instead of a trial run there will be a vote by the House of Representatives in November, to see whether or not the two party system will go into effect. Needless to say, this was a crushing blow to the party members who had looked forward to the time when their system could be put to a test. In deciding this question on the new system, an idea thought up and planned entirely by students, it will be the responsibility of all students whether or not to support the system through their representatives.



## SELF-SATISFIED DRUMMERS

### Booming Opinions

"Who has the best band in Bakersfield?" asks band director Mr. John Briscoe after practices. "South!" Answers a chorus of voices. And if the band was asked which section was the best, an



Rebel Drummer Mike Martin enjoys a reprieve from long hours of practice.

Clements, "without a drum section what would a band be?" Some of the drummers have very set ideas on why this section is the greatest. According to Gary Zvirblis, "We have such good players like myself. We have a brilliant drum leader."

Band isn't just fun and games for the drum section. "Most of the physical labor executed by the band is done by the drum section," pointed out Mike Martin. The drums weigh 8 to 22 lbs. The reward the drummers receive for carrying these is an average of five blisters per person.

The drums first attracted their players in interesting ways. Wes Clements "just felt like playing drums." "I was fascinated by them," commented Dave Bryan. Mike Martin began to take an interest in drums when he was impressed by a drum player at Disneyland, and Gary Zvirblis was impressed by Mike Martin.

The ranks of these mighty skin-pounders include: Clements, Jim Tucker, Zvirblis, David Church, Martin, Bryan, Tom Mason, Bob Miller, Steve Ward, Scott Thomas, Bob Wheaton, John Barnett, Arthur Ellison, Willie Talluto, and Rick Wilkerson.

To present both sides of the story, Mr. Briscoe had his comments to make. "There is no section that is better than any other section. Any musical organization is superior only when all sections are superior. Although the drummers play more than the rest, and in spite of the fact they think they're best, the band is as good as they are."

## SUNSHINE AND BACH

### Musical Summer School

Going to school seven days a week may not appeal to most people but senior Judy Carlson confesses she enjoyed it. She was one of 200 students who attended the University of Redlands' week-long summer music clinic in August. Subjects such as music theory, band, and orchestra were given, and all students were in the choir.

The classes were held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After classes the students were free to swim or practice until they had supper. In the evenings the musicians attended recitals in the Redlands Bowl.

According to Judy, the highlight of the Clinic was the concert given the last day of the session. The band, orchestra, and choir members had the honor of performing in the Redlands Bowl. The Bowl had traditionally been used only for the performances of famous classical musicians.

"It (the clinic) made me realize," commented Judy, "how much more music can be appreciated with knowing what is behind what one hears, and then feeling the depth of it."

## DOUBLE PLEASURE

### Six Sweet Voices

By Patti Keller

Of all the musical groups on campus, perhaps the most popular is known as the Double Trio. Comprised of six girls, the membership of this organization changes

from year to year, and thus it has become quite an honor to sing with it.

Chosen to perform with the group this year are Karen Nelson, Jeanette McCracken, Janell Boggett, Gwen Vickers, Diane



Experienced senior members of the Girls' Double Trio, Gwen Vickers, Karen Nelson and Donna Maltby, warble "Tonight."

Garcia, Donna Maltby, Mary Wells, Cathy Reiken, and Sandy Jernigan. Seniors Karen, Gwen, and Donna have performed with the group in years past, as has Sandee on the piano.

Though the girls are still trying to learn new pieces, they are expected to entertain at the combined Girls' League - Girls' Athletic Association assembly to be held for all girls October 10.

Jeanette McCracken plays a double role in the South High music department. She is also the president of the Advanced Girls' Glee. Her slate of fellow officers includes Gwen Vickers (another double-trioer), vice-president; Molly Flanagan, secretary-treasurer; Carole Warren, senior representative; Cathy Reiken (another double-trioer), junior rep.; Sandi Heath, sophomore rep.; and Linda Smith, frosh representative.

It is expected that the Glee will first perform at the Christmas program.



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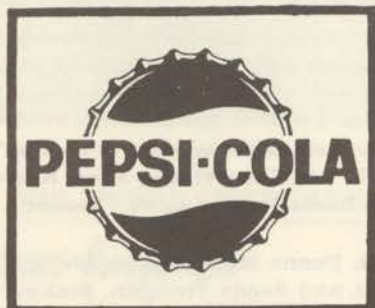


## QUEEN REVERED

### Coronation Hurry

By Susan Edwards

To reign as a Football Carnival Queen, one must spend about four hours at the hairdresser's and journey to Memorial Stadium supine in the convertible's back seat. Sheree Hale, South High's 1966 Queen, arrived home from school at 2:45 Friday afternoon of the carnival only to be rushed to Gilbert's by 3 p.m. Spending three hours and forty-five minutes at the



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Despite her hurried preparation, Sheree Hale, escorted by John Walker, appears to be enchanted by the splendor of her "Football Carnival Queen of 1966" title.

hair-lifter's, Miss Hale returned home having 15 minutes to bathe, dress, and get made-up.

Sheree expressed great appreciation to her escorts John Walker and Sam Stover for their patience. While the boys waited outside Sheree prepared herself except for the make-up. This was applied while she rode to the stadium.

Journeying to the carnival, involved a stop to erect the convertible's top. To Sheree's regret, John and Sam couldn't get the top up. In desperation Sheree reclined in the back seat in her pink and white formal holding the new curls in place. In the meantime, South High's football team passed in a bus waving to their lovely representative.

After parading around the football field in the convertible waving to her admirers, Sheree was escorted by John Walker to the platform. "All I can say to describe the feeling," proclaimed Miss Hale,

"is that it was wonderful, indescribable." Her presentation to the crowd with John meant a bouquet of red roses and a silver bracelet inscribed with "Football Carnival Queen of 1966" from Mark Padilla, team representative.

#### NEW DRAMA CLUB

### Scenesmiths on Scene

Acting isn't all that goes into the production of a play. Ask Mr. Ron Steinman. Though he may be reluctant to admit it, a lot of the credit goes to art students for their work on scenery and props.

The job is so important that Mr. Robert Douglas, veteran art teacher, decided to form a club of dedicated scenery painters, which he has called the "Scenesmiths."



It will be a service club, painting scenery and, sometimes, will design sets for various drama productions.

Mr. Douglas reports that enough students seem to be interested, and urges other interested students to contact him for more details.

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## The Flu's Flown

By Daniel Beene

"Shoo flu, don't bother me" may not be among the top ten songs of the executive board this year. Because of the flu epidemic last year many executive Board meetings took place without a quorum, and consequently few bills could be passed.

There may be a change in that absentee members may be able to call in their votes.



"Neither broken legs, swollen mouth, nor bleeding chin will keep me from casting my vote," says Shelley Shell.

Under this drastically new system the absent members may be phoned at certain times and place to give their votes. A secret ballot is not needed since all executive board voting is open anyway. This system will only apply to the executive board.

## Meeting of the Brains

If you buy a program at a home game some Friday night, you should be aware



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that you are buying it from a CSF'er. Selling programs at games is only one of the projects of this year's academic group, which will blast off on October 7, with the first home game dance.

At the first meeting, September 14, officers were elected. The president is Steve Chinn; the vice-president is Mike Beckerdite; the treasurer is Gay Pagni; the secretary is Judy Chapman, and the club historian is John Rippey.

## IVY AND ASPHALT

### Ever Improving

By Mike Chinn

Lush green ivy in South High's stadium doesn't mean South's moved east and joined the Ivy League. Instead, it shows a portion of South High's ASB funds at work. The stadium has recently become the center of multiple improvements and additions.

A permanent concession stand has been donated by Pepsi Cola. In the general scheme of improvements, asphalt has been laid around the concession stand. The low chain link fence in front of the stand helps prevent patrons loaded with drinks from tumbling down the stadium sides.

Three hundred dollars worth of fencing and walkway are the fruits of labor of SHS Director of Student Activities Mr. Jack Towery. With the aid of Neighborhood Youth Corps Boys, Mr. Towery paved the walkway and constructed the link fence. This ingenious action saved the school an estimated \$500.

The northern end of the stadium will be planted with ivy. Resting in this verdant background will be a large shield

bearing the Rebel emblem. While not a visible improvement, the stadium will soon be named.

Sports spoofs are urged to bring personal protection since, despite many improvements, stadium seats will still be unsanded.

## COLORFUL COMMISSIONERS

### Blazers on Order

"Hey, ma, I need thirty bucks," was the cry of Executive Board members recently. All of the members have ordered matching Colombia blue blazers.

The group plans to wear the blazers at school functions such as games and rallies. They will also wear them at all school conferences and conventions when they represent the Rebel student body.

Members of the Rebel Pep Band, which performs at rallies, wrestling matches, etc., will also be receiving matching jackets. The blazers of both groups will be similar, except for differing insignias.

## Baby Vikes Next Foes

The Bakersfield High C class Bits soundly thumped the South High Riders, 19-0, Friday. Tonight, the Riders seek their first win in a non-league encounter against West here at 3:30 p.m.

Coach Clete Harper commented that BHS hit hard and that his boys just didn't hit adequately. But he also said that their strongest point was up the middle and the Bits were hard pressed for yardage through the middle of the line.

The two big plays that hurt the Riders were a 30-yard pass and a 55-yard run, both eventually leading to scores.

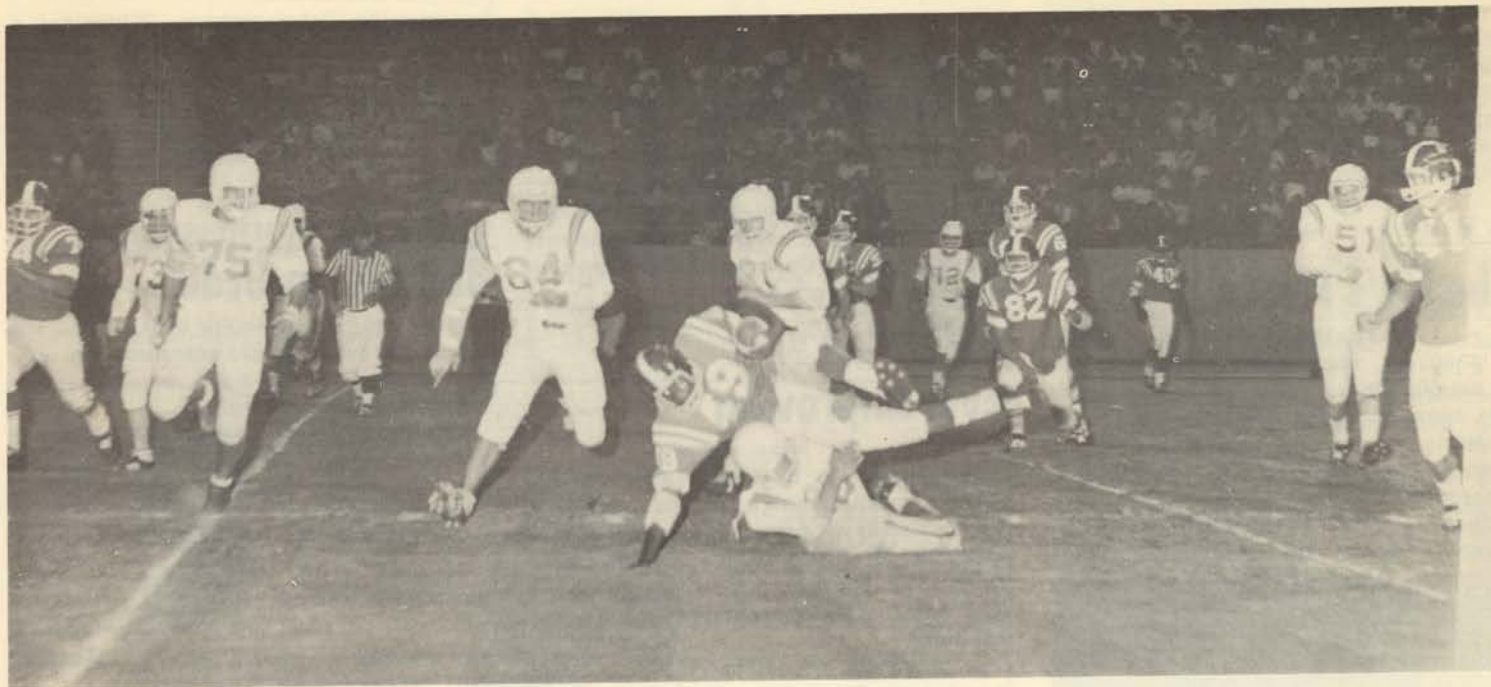
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The upright Rebels (in white jerseys) from left to right are Tim Rieffel, Mark Padilla, Ross Lippert, Rod Scott, Craig McGee and Ron Richardson. Getting his man was Eugene Walker. Photo of this carnival action was taken by Doug Reaney.

Coach Harper said that some player changes would most probably be made. He added, though, that Todd Starr at full-back and Bill Seabourne were the most outstanding players for South.

#### KENNEL VISITING

### Rebs Off To Hanford

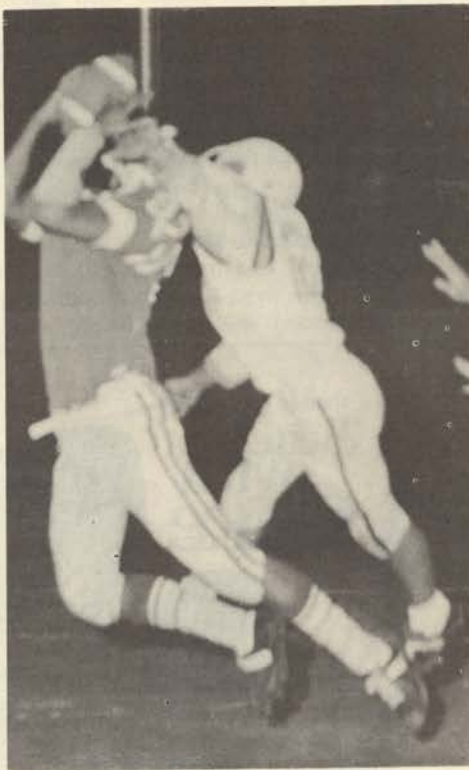
Coach Larry Lafond's once defeated Rebels get another taste of Central Yosemite League competition when they travel to Hanford to meet the Hanford Bullpups, winners last Friday over Corcoran, 19-7.

South was downed 12-6 by Porterville Friday night in a conversion-less opener that saw a valiant Reb eleven "get a little bit tired" near the end of the contest.

"On the basis of that game," the coach volunteered, "I'd say that the city teams are going to find out just how much last fall's layoff of C and B action is going to hurt them. We simply had to play our first string too long, both on offense and defense, while Porterville could put in fresh teams when the occasion arose."

The coach was pleased with the efforts of all his starters, but both he and assistant coach Don Ward admitted being worried about defensive ends throughout the game. Singled out for praise were backs Preston George, "who looked great," and Mike Hale; and linemen Tim Riefel and Tom Estrada. Riefel, the coaches said, was outstanding on defense. Estrada played every second of the game.

South's only score came on a 55-yard scamper by George on the last play of the first half. Porterville scored on long drives in the final two quarters. A couple of fumbles in the first half stopped two



Eugene Walker attempts to foil a BHS pass in the pre-season carnival.

South High drives that might have increased the Rebs' halftime margin.

Big growls in the 'Pup kennel are backs Leatra Booker and Alvin Loftus. Booker scored twice against Corcoran, one of them on an intercepted pass and a 60-yard run-back.

The Rebels have one happy note to sing

about: no more injuries were recorded in the Porterville game. But still out will be starting quarterback Craig McGee, who injured his leg in carnival play.

### Raiders Win, 7-0

Coaches George Van Pelt and Jim Riley once again will bus-up their B class Raiders and traverse afar to Hanford, where they will precede the varsity game with their assault on the Hanford Bees. The Raiders will go into action tonight with one win already to their credit. They secured this win against Porterville last week, 7-0.

The only scoring of the game came when halfback Ronnie Sessions of South romped around left end and into six-point country from ten yards out with 2:30 remaining in the first half. The extra point was added when Steve Narducci received a pass in the end zone, lofted to him by quarterback Dirk Van Pelt.

Sessions was the leading ground gainer as he carried 17 times for a net gain of 67 yards. Fullback Mike Obee was second in this area with 39 yards in four carries. Young Van Pelt passed 12 times, completing three for 50 yards; Porterville intercepted one pass. In the punting department, Chuck Ramos had about a 34-yard average.

Coach Van Pelt commented that overall the team looked good. This game, aside from giving the Raiders their first win, also provided the coaches with an idea of how to work, improve, and build their team for the rest of the season.