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## Jack Foise: How to Win the War

"If we don't do something soon to get this war on a winning basis, then we will have to pull out for nothing." So spoke Mr. Jack Foise, correspondent for the Los Angeles Times, in a speech to the Senior class on the subject of Vietnam. Mr. Foise (brother-in-law of Secretary of State Dean Rusk) has been in Vietnam frequently since 1962, on assignment for the Times.

At the present time we have 400,000 soldiers in Vietnam, and are going nowhere. His theory is that "we are little better off than we were in '65; in other words, we are stuck on a treadmill." "There is never going to be pacification until we secure day and night, every productive village in South Vietnam." He explained this by saying that the American troops retreat to the protection of their garrisons at night, leaving the captured villages unprotected. Therefore, we must fight for the same villages again and again, and on the same ground. In order to turn the war in our favor, he feels we must double our ground forces in Vietnam.

He then presented the "Foise Theory." This was a two-part plan to make one final effort to win the war. First, we must incorporate the existing Vietnamese army and make it an effective force by

mixing it with our own manpower as we did in Korea. Next, we must take over many responsibilities of the Vietnamese government. He fully realizes that this would lead to political problems and a possible propaganda backlash from Peking. However, he feels that regardless of the consequences, the war must be ended before U.S. discontent leads to withdrawal.

### An Orange Crush

The Social Committee this year, with Betty Black as chairman, has become an active and important organization. Its purpose is to arrange social activities and to promote a closer relationship between Day and Res girls. The first dance of the year will be given by the Social Committee on Nov. 4, from 8 to 12. It won't be a semi-formal affair, but rather a more casual coat-and-tie dance. The Creators, who have been playing for the past two summers at King's Beach, Lake Tahoe, will provide the music. The theme for the dance is, originally enough, the color orange. The dining room will be decorated in various shades of orange, perhaps with orange lights.

Mr. Foise supported this plan by stating that our foreign policy of continued Communism had been successful in Korea, the Phillipines, and Indonesia. He feels that although these may not represent perfect democracies, at least "we maintained the integrity of South Korea." Foise definitely feels that Red Chinese aggression poses a grave threat to the world today, and is feared by both Russia and the United States. He therefore believes that if Vietnam falls to Communist aggression, so follows the rest of South East Asia.

"I am neither a Hawk nor a Dove, but wavering somewhere in between," claimed Foise, but he reiterated his plan to step up the war by saying, "Let's give it one more try on the ground!"

### Marin Youth Congress

Saturday, Nov. 18, the Marin Youth Congress is holding a conference at Drake High School, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The subjects to be discussed are not abstract or detached from us, but ones which concern us closely. The main purposes of the convention are: to promote communication between high schools in Marin County, and to further the interests of teens in the affairs of the community.

The Marin Youth Congress was organized in March of 1967 by Mike Tierney, now the senior class president of Drake High School, at the suggestion of the San Anselmo town council. The Youth Congress was originally intended to work within San Anselmo, but it was later extended into a county-wide project. Mike chose an assistant chairman, created an executive committee, and appointed one elected student body officer from each school in the county to represent his school in the council. This representative then chose three people from his school to attend the council meetings. The representative from KBS is Pam Lusby; working with her are Madge Tufts, Alison Amonette, and Kim Innes.

Much interest is needed in the Nov. 18 conference to make the adult committee take notice of and support teen actions. Talk to your representatives. By a show of interest in this important new movement, you can help your own cause.

## WOULD YOU BELIEVE \$500 A SECOND?

In a recent session of the Senior Course, Miss Rogers presented a brief discussion of the national budget. She asked us to consider the following facts:

1) Our budget this year may run as high as \$144 billion.

2) Of this, approximately \$25 billion is directly attributable to expenses of the war in Vietnam. A short computation showed that this expenditure amounts to almost \$3 million an hour. As a matter of fact, one out of every six government dollars is spent on Vietnam.

3) More than 53% of our national budget is required to meet defense expenses, including those of Vietnam.

4) A fighter-bomber now under development for use by both the Navy and Army costs between \$2 and \$5 million per plane, depending upon whose figures you read.

5) Reportedly, about 700 aircraft of various types have been lost in hostile action.

6) By early October, over 13,700 men had been killed in action, with 788 missing, and 87,525 wounded. 2,000 others died of non-hostile causes. Add to the direct expenses of the war, the expenditures involved in hospitalization, rehabilitation, death benefits, dependents and veterans benefits, etc. and the cost is staggering.

7) Of a labor force of 78 billion, 10% is in uniform.

8) 4.1 million people are employed in defense generated jobs. 3.3 million of these are in uniform.

Throughout the discussion, Miss Rogers warned us to consider the sources of facts and figures, and concluded with the admonition, "statistics can lie."

## EDITORIAL

### Are We Machines?

We of the Blazer staff consider the KBS girl to be an aware and thoughtful individual, though somewhat computerized. Due to the demanding academic pressures, we sometimes feel that we are becoming little more than homework machines. To alleviate this problem, the Blazer staff is trying more than ever to be the channel through which your voices can be heard, and to present articles designed to stimulate thought.

We would like again to emphasize that this is your newspaper. Your criticisms, suggestions, and ideas are needed, and should be the foundation on which each issue is built. Any student is encouraged to submit letters to the editor. These must be signed upon submission, but names may be withheld from publication upon request.

Our intent for this year is to make students more aware of the outside world, by presenting controversies which effect each of us. We will attempt to present school news in a new and updated fashion. Without your support, these aims can not be achieved. With a student body as vocal as we know this one to be (see cartoon), it is hoped that in the future we may reflect some of your abounding spirit in the Blazer.

# Dialogues at Top Level

As many realized at the time, our headmaster suddenly disappeared from campus last Oct. 1. Being naturally nosy, the Blazer set out to find the reason for this excursion, in an attempt to enlighten the students as to just what goes on in the upper echelon of KBS.

Mr. Richardson was one of 24 high school counselors and headmasters from California who was a guest of the Colorado Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (CAICU) at the first annual College Visitation Workshop in Denver and Colorado Springs, from Sunday evening, Oct. 1, through noon Wednesday, Oct. 4. CAICU hosted five admissions directors of member colleges: Temple Buell, Colorado College, University of Denver, Loretto Heights College, and Regis College. At Colorado College, our Headmaster toured the campus guided by Liz McIlroy and Melanie Blaskower, class of '66. Tuesday morning, at the University of Denver, he visited classes on television writing, where undergraduates developed their own commercials and sold them to nearby networks. At the time of Mr. Richardson's visit, the students were in the process of perfecting an anti-litter commercial. Then on to Regis College, where he spent the day in the Physics building, which had been designed by the instructor and his

students. At the final luncheon, Mr. Richardson was asked to present a summation of the group's activities. For the final meeting, each college set up a table where high school heads and college counselors could converse freely with the admissions directors. Mr. Richardson felt that this was a valuable conference because it was quite easy to get honest reactions from the other counselors, due to their common goals.

## Cultural Calendar

### THEATRE

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown — Little Fox Theatre.

America Hurrah — Committee Theatre

Hamlet, Our Town, Dear, Liar, and many more A.C.T. plays.

### LIGHT OPERA

Show Boat — Pat O'Brien — Curran Theatre, begins November 4.

Dumas and Son — Edward Everett Horton — Curran Theatre, ends November 4.

Fantastics — Ghiradelli Square, fourth year.

### CONCERTS

Carlos Montoya — Nourse Auditorium November 11, 8:30 p.m.

Simon and Garfunkle — Berkeley Community Theatre, November 18, 8 p.m.

Theodore Bikel — Berkeley Community Theatre, November 4, 8:30 p.m.

Andy Williams — Oakland Coliseum November 12, 8:30 p.m.

Ed Ames — Fairmont Venetian Room ends November 1.

### DANCE CONCERTS

Rock, Jazz, Art — Vince Guaraldi Sopwith Camel, and others, McNear's Beach, October 28 & 29.

Fillmore Rally for yes on Proposition "P" with Jefferson Airplane, October 29.

Avalon — Quicksilver Messenger Service, Sons of Champlin, Taj Mahal and Blue Flames, through October 29.

### MOVIES

Gone With The Wind — Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh plus Ulysses — Golden Gate Penthouse.

Far From The Madding Crowd with Julie Christie — Golden Gate Penthouse.

Man and a Woman — Vogue

Reflections in a Golden Eye with Marlon Brando — Northpoint.

Camelot with Richard Harris, Vanessa Redgrave — Coronet.



# KBS Charms Richardson II

Our new Business Manager, Mr. William Richardson, may be more commonly known as Mr. Richardson the Younger, or as Mr. Richardson Jr. With the official title of The Assistant to the Headmaster for Non-Academic Affairs, Mr. Richardson prepares financial reports, does administrative work, and is in charge of general campus maintenance.

Born in Cincinnati, he attended Yale and later joined the Navy. While in the Navy, he had a chance to visit Greenland, Newfoundland, and Antarctica. After the Navy,

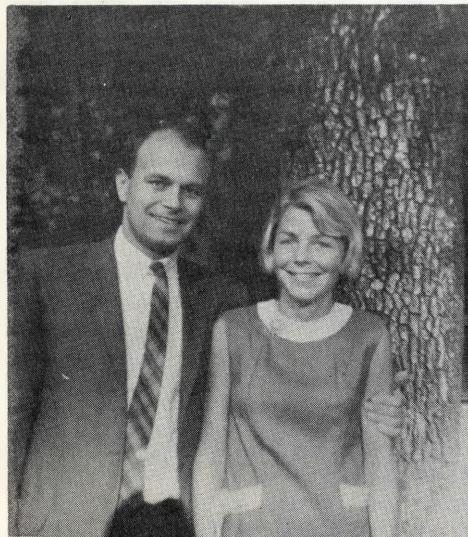
Mr. Richardson was employed by the Chase Manhattan bank in New York for three years, then left and worked for the Cerro Corporation, a large copper mining and fabricating company.

Deciding that the school business appealed to him, Mr. Richardson became the Business Manager of the Scarborough School in the suburbs north of New York. The headmaster of Scarborough School at that time was none other than Mr. H. Leonard Richardson. When Mr. H. Leonard Richardson came to KBS, Mr. William Richardson asked to be contacted if there was ever a job opening. As a result, we are now fortunate to have Mr. W. Richardson as part of our school.

Mr. Richardson is an avid sports enthusiast, and is a member of the Tam team. He especially enjoys skiing, swimming, and horsebackriding. These sports are also enjoyed by his wife, Betsy, who attended Smith College. The Richardsons were married nine years ago and have four children.

Mr. Richardson has already shown himself to be a great addition to KBS. He is responsible for the presence of yoghurt in our lunches, and this has met with the enthusiastic approval of the student body.

Mr. Richardson remarked that he was willing to do anything he could for the students if they would only come to him with suggestions. When asked what he thought of KBS, our affable Business Manager replied, "KBS girls are remarkable; I could stay here forever."



DYNAMIC DUO

## SENIORS ACT AS GUINEA PIGS

The taboos of traditional education have been lifted. Under the title of Senior Course, discussions of sex education, future careers, finance, and marriage are being introduced to KBS. Various other names for the course were discussed, including Senior Problems. This was rejected as it sounded dead and focused on present dilemmas. "Loose structure" and flexibility will be emphasized, in order to accommodate speakers of interest to the class.

Civics, the rather dry, factual, and compulsory half unit, has been formally removed, but segments remain in the form of a section on state, county, and city government. This personalized approach concerns our individual responsibilities as conscientious voters.

World Affairs, our point of departure, is being met with first-hand information. No attempt has been made to suppress radical views, right or left, Mr. Otho Greene, from the Office of Economic Opportunity, defined Black Power and its signi-

ficance to the "black" movement, as he preferred that it be called. Mr. Jack Foise, correspondent for the Los Angeles Times in Bangkok, reviewed his contacts with the Vietnamese people and suggested his personal solution for ending the war. "The incomparable Saul Taishoff" kindly consented to speak on Eastern Europe, its industrialization, and growing independence from Mother Russia.

The question of how to succeed in life economically is being tackled by Miss Helen Rogers and Mr. Bill Richardson. These lectures vary in content from the budget of a young family to preparing tax forms and playing the stock market.

Professionals on marriage, divorce, and sex will give us background information on making family life work. The role of the young, married woman, her "civic and philanthropic obligations," will be presented by speakers from organizations in these fields. Concluding with a look at careers, the class of 1968 will be learned, polished, and ready to face the world.



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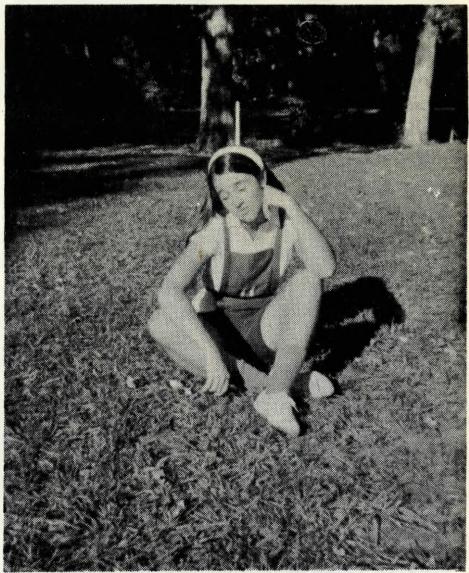
## Franaise Is Anglaise?

Madame La Borde, one of this year's newcomers into the faculty fold, is a favorite of all students, and has already been honored as a Purple Top. Mistaken many times for a student out of uniform, she fits in with the girls easily and is accepted readily.

Madame La Borde was born in New York City. She has lived in the states of Florida, Georgia and California. She attended a high school which, she says, resembled K.B.S. She was a student at Pine Manor Junior College for two years, after which she attended the University of California at Berkeley for a year, joining the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. After attending photography and secretarial schools, she went to Europe for a year, living in Paris for six months. After returning from Europe, she received her Master's degree at Emory, earning high honors in French.

Madame La Borde was married in August. Her husband, Andre La Borde is a lawyer in San Francisco for a Federal District Court judge. He went to Stanford on a basketball scholarship and was later turned down by the military service because of his unusual height (6'6-1/2"). And, most unusual of all, Mr. La Borde isn't French.

Madame La Borde leads an active life. Her main interests are skiing and sailing. She and her husband plan to spend many of their winter weekends on the slopes of Squaw Valley. Madame La Borde is a vibrant person, and adds much to K.B.S. She likes K.B.S. very much—she thinks it's "healthy." We're glad to learn that she feels at home here, since we are all delighted to have her with us.



"MURPH" MURPHY

## Behold the Glory Of the Teams

The annual initiation into the select sorority of the student body of the Katharine Branson School took place on Sept. 28. Impassively calm, if somewhat aloof, the new girls passed through the iron-studded gym doors to behold the gleeful malevolence of those awaiting them. The new girls were then submitted to sundry ordeals. Here, it seems, is the only spot where initiation was not as thoroughly perfect as all our other school functions, for most of the initiation participants spitefully or masochistically desired severer trials. Many girls were expecting something a bit gooier. We will try to arrange for that next year, and a lovely oatmeal-egg-white-honey-and-peanut-butter hairdressing has already been suggested. Each initiate was happily introduced into and seated with her own team, and we are delighted to announce that both teams appear to be surprisingly outstanding. Unfortunately, there are some Purple Tops this year, headed by the notorious fiend, Diana "Murph" Murphy.

Harmoniously singing the school song, everyone strolled out of the gymnasium after the ceremonies had concluded. A snack was then served at the poolside.

There are no longer any new girls here; we are all old girls. To be overly modest about it all, you must admit that is a marvelous thing to be.

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# Deutschland Über Alles?

To Mr. Taishoff, the most memorable part of his year in Germany was the exploration of one of his main fields of interest: Baroque art and architecture. It was the final visualization, or in his words, "finding the picture books fulfilled three-dimensionally," that was the most meaningful. Accordingly, almost every spare moment was spent exploring the monasteries, palaces, and churches of Southern Germany.

But exploration occupied only a fraction of the year. The rest was spent teaching English ("They don't want Americans teaching history in Germany") at a Gymnasium, the equivalent of our public college preparatory school. It was an all-girls school (co-education is still just an experiment in Germany) which included grades five through 13. Although this was a selective school, complete with entrance and scholastic aptitude examinations, the 900 students suffered from one of our public school system's most common problems: overcrowding. Another problem was that of dropouts, for many German parents feel that working to help support the family is more important than getting an education.

Often American students hear of the six-to eight-course load that European students carry, and marvel at their stamina while struggling with their own four or five subjects. However, even though the curriculum may be broader, it is not as deep, and each subject meets less often per week. Therefore, even though they receive more breadth of education, and more culture, they are perhaps even less intel-

lectually motivated and, Mr. Taishoff feels often less responsive.

In general, German teachers have the same problems as their American colleagues. The greatest one is having to face "this great mob of students" each day. Because of this, it is hard to consider the student as an individual. The main reason for this is that the class remains intact from the fifth through 13th grades, and all subjects are taught in the same homeroom class. This leads to a strong feeling of class loyalty ("if you reprimand one, they all take it personally"), but very little individual competition or "passion for excellence."

Perhaps the most basic difference is that in Germany, the school's primary function is to develop the mind — not the character. For example, in our schools cheating is regarded as morally wrong and a grave enough offense to be grounds for expulsion. Therefore, Mr. Taishoff was amazed to find that in Germany, little attempt is made even to discourage it.

"There is the feeling," he said, "that the student is there to outwit the teacher. If he should succeed, it's his own loss."

In praising American students over German students, Mr. Taishoff remarked "this will probably get me into hot water, then added "but then I like hot water."

## KBS Athletes Triumph in Meet

The success at San Domenico Day was a rousing start for a promising year. The outstanding individual performances were backed up by team efforts and great sportsmanship. Nine schools participated in the games at San Domenico. In the first place spots for KBS were Kate McCartney in riding, Pam Small in badminton, and Sally Pinkham in swimming. The swim team as a whole placed third in the meet. The hockey team was the surprise of the day, as it came from behind to tie San Domenico 2-2. The volleyball team needs some more work, but the season hasn't really started yet, so it still has time for glory.

Many events have already been planned for this year. A swim meet and volleyball game are scheduled with Castilleja. Mrs. Schoff has written to Burke's and the Athenian School about proposed volleyball and basketball games, so the Friday afternoons are filling up with activities. This year, as in years past, tennis is planned with Domenican College and some public schools. When outside competition is at a lull, we can always rely on the Blue-Tam games to keep our abundant spirit at its peak. With the help of the P.E. department, this should be the greatest year yet!

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