

Regent Review – The Senior Column

During the Winter semester Gary Mussell wrote the column and in the Spring, Bruce Rolie handled term the task. We were able to recover some examples still in existence from old Regent Review copies:

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By GARY MUSSELL

With the school year hardly a month old, the Senior B's have already scored a "first," being the only class in Reseda's history whose sweaters have been cremated. Since all Measurement records also were lost, every Val Parisian had to be re-measured Sept. 30. Barring another riot, delivery is still expected around Thanksgiving. One can only guess at what other wonders lay in store as the semester progresses.

Both Senior Cabinets have held several meetings, and plans for the Field Day battle are moving ahead. Mel Tousseau, Adeserian president, says he has some "surprises" in store this semester. "We're small," he observes. (The class numbers only 173) "But don't underestimate us."

Senior B President Steve Snyder only shrugs. "Wait till Field Day," he smiles. "You'll see"

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In our last episode, the Val Parisians were anxiously awaiting the arrival of their senior sweaters. As we open this week's adventure, we find they're still anxiously waiting. Despite this slight delay, however, there is still hope for some kind of a Sweater Assembly this semester. Three kinds are being considered: a dance, a picnic, or an assembly featuring a professional pop group. Subject to administrative approval, the final decision probably will be made soon.

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When one sees Christmas decorations going up, he knows that Thanksgiving can't be far off! With tomorrow's holiday, the "Season-of-Good-Cheer," begins. But among Reseda's seniors, it seems like this whole semester's been a "Season-of-Good-Cheer" - unlike in past years, there has yet to be any real friction between the two classes.

Incidents: Last semester's wearing of a Sequoia sweater to mock the Senior A's (The Decalesian's colors were red and white) which caused a riot have yet to happen. No one has taunted this semester's Senior A's with "You're in the Army Now," (The Adeserian colors include khaki-green); and a Val Parisian has yet to hear the chant, "You'll wonder where the yellow went..." (the Senior B's colors are yellow and white.



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In my first column, I quoted both class presidents as wishing that the rivalry between the A's and B's be kept to a minimum. In a follow up interview, Steve Snyder, Senior B president, happily told me this goal has at least partially been achieved.

"Just the cooperation between the cabinets," he said, "has helped greatly to create a 'senior spirit' instead of a 'class spirit'!"

Steve also announced that the B Cabinet is again pushing the idea of a senior banner in the Quad. This has never worked in the past: someone's always torn down the other class's flag; but, nevertheless, he feels this time it will succeed. If it is approved, there will be only one banner with the emblems of both classes on it.

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Easy come, easy go. Now you see them, now you don't. Some say that the Senior B sweaters will make a fine June graduation present. But there's no use in getting burned up over it. In fact, the Val Parisian class hopes to recover some of its lost pride tonight when the B Cabinet sponsors a Yellow and White night at the varsity basketball game here against Birmingham at 8 p.m.

"The idea," explained Senior B President Steve Snyder, "is for all of the B's to wear yellow and white (their colors) to the game. For those who do, there will be a special rooting section reserved in the stands.

"Afterwards," he continued, "we hope to have a Sports Night dance, possibly with a live band. It will be for seniors only, and will cost about a quarter to get in. I know it really can't make up for disappointments of the past few months, but if everyone will come, we can show Reseda just how much spirit we really have."

The Senior Breakfast will be held Thursday, January 6, during periods 1 and 2. In the past, the menu has included delicacies ranging from Chicken a la King to powered scrambled eggs and burnt bacon. All Senior A's who have paid their dues and who have cast-iron stomachs may volunteer to attend. The Panorama Picture will be taken the same day, period 3.



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Isn't the idea of having senior sweaters to wear them? After waiting so long, it almost seems un-American for a senior not to. When they were passed out the Friday before vacation, the Val Parisian yellow sweaters could be seen everywhere one looked. But



lately, on Senior Sweater days, perhaps as little as a quarter of the class dons them. Some people are beginning to wonder where the yellow went . . ."

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One of the unofficial traditions among seniors seems to be criticizing the music played in the Quad during lunch. Practically everyone has heard negative comments, so (in all fairness) I thought an interview with the DJ, B-12 Boss Jock Dave Bersin, might be helpful in understanding his side of the argument.

"One of the biggest criticisms," says Dave, "is that I don't play Rock and Roll. Yet it seems to me if a person wants to hear that kind of music, all he has to do is bring a radio to school. My feeling is that the Senior Radio Show should be beneficial to the listeners. Not everyone is able to hear jazz or genuine popular music at home. By playing many different types of music, I hope to expand many seniors' appreciation of modern music beyond just Folk-Rock."

In closing, Dave says he has quite a short supply of records. Anyone wishing to have an album played on the Tuesday or Thursday shows should see him. A bulletin announcement will be made soon as to where albums should be taken.

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Now that the new semester has opened and students are settled down to work, both senior A's and B's can begin to look forward to fifteen more weeks of



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friendly rivalry and the development of senior plans. The climax, of course, will come June 17 with graduation and the Grad Nite Party at Disneyland. While many Senior A's are preparing to don their "Mickey Mouse Ears," some students will want to know if there is to be a repetition of the failure of last semester's seniors to sign up for the Grad Nite Party, which resulted in the cancellation of the event. Last semester there was a lack of communication between the senior cabinet and the seniors themselves and an inability to agree on what to do and where to go because there were not enough seniors throughout the city to go to Disneyland. The class, with few exceptions, wants the last farewell to be at the Magic Kingdom. Attention Senior B's: If you don't want the confusion of last semester, urge Cabinet to start planning the Grad Nite shindig.

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Compliments go out to the Senior A Cabinet for finally getting a motto: "Reach into the heavens to grasp an idea, then bring it down to earth to make it work." Now maybe a change to something like "Better late than never," or "Haste makes waste" would be in order.

After years of attempting to get a Senior Banner, the Artesian and Valparisian cabinets have succeeded. The burnt orange and yellow standard has been gracing the Senior Quad since its presentation at Senior B Recognition on Feb. 24.

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Tomorrow night, the Valparisians bid an official farewell to Reseda High School. Even now it is not too late to reflect on what is sometimes referred to by some as the end of 12 years of "regimentation," and the look to the

First, think of the six long years spent in elementary school. Does it seem like it was so long ago? Remember

those days in the same room, in the same chair, with same people, in the same places? The reading circles? The first time the teacher

ROLIE showed you a multiplication problem? There were also the games of bean-bag, kickball, and dodgeball that were so often interrupted by minor rhu-barbs.

Then came junior high and being called a "scrub." And the classes in different rooms with novelty of going to different different teachers and classmates. There was the advent of homework on a nightly basis, and an opportunity to choose some of your own classes. There were noon dances and sports nights to show the way to the social aspect of life. And the most important thing to happen was the chance to take an interest in the opposite sex without being ridiculed.

Finally came senior high school. Not much changed since junior high school; students still went to different classes, etc. Some social events changed little. The sports nights and noon dances retained a strong influence of junior sports night and noon dances from the junior high era. But there were new things too, football games and semi-formal and formal dances, to highlight the last years in High School.

The future is up to you.

Farewell and good luck.