

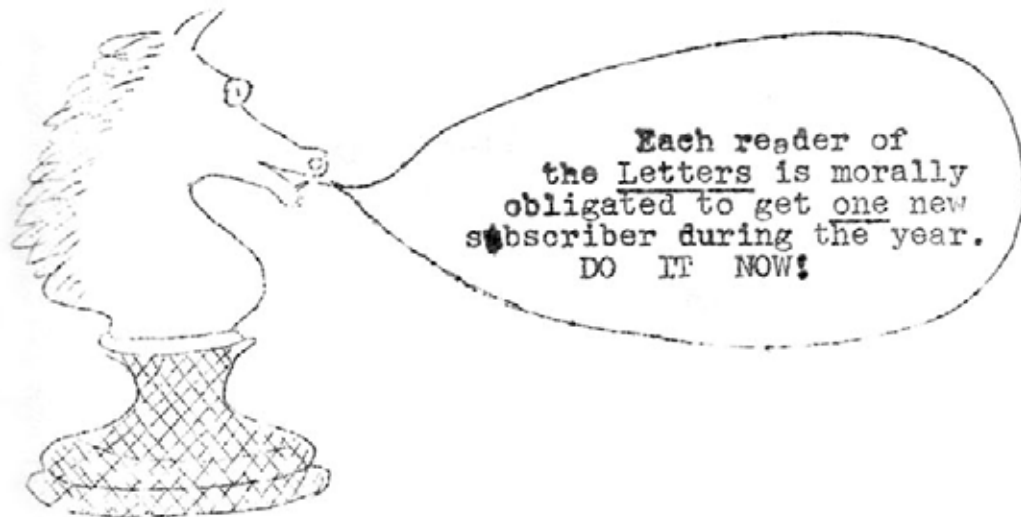
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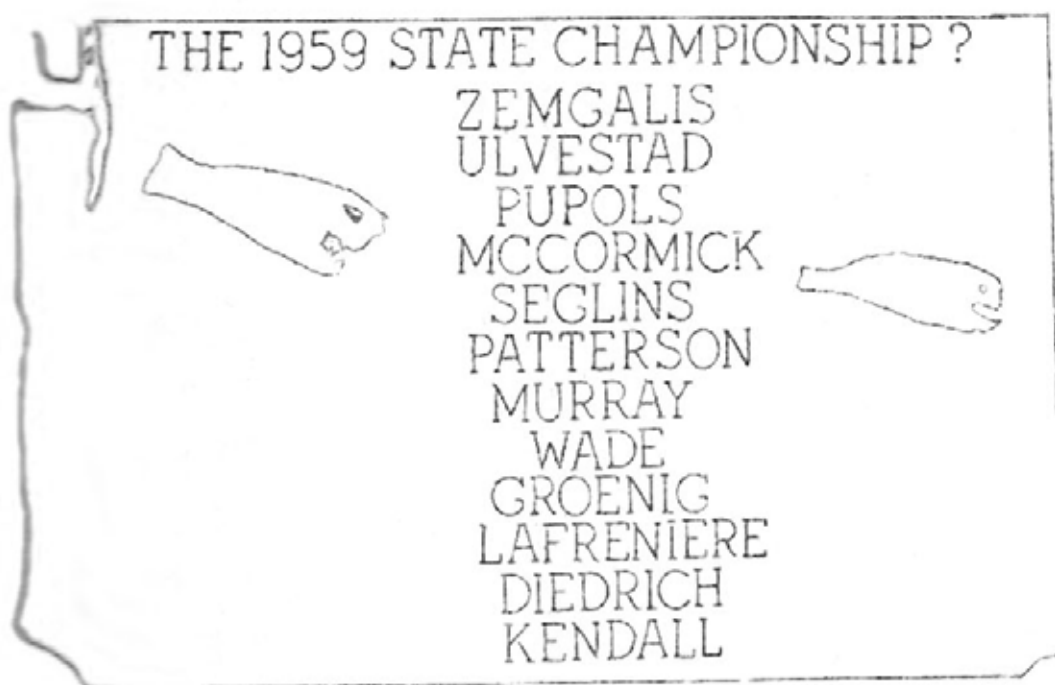
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BELLARMINI PREPARES FOR WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Bellarmino Preparatory School is located in Tacoma and has been able to develop a large chess club over the last few years. We have never had a truly outstanding player (They all seem to go to Stadium - Ron Jarmon has all the luck.) but we do well in team competition.

The key seems to be faculty involvement and encouragement. I cannot beat anyone on the team but that doesn't matter. We meet regularly for after-school practice and the players show each other new openings or strategy. A section of my classroom is devoted to chess information. A large board on the wall displays current club standings and game results for the league. Players seek out freshmen and sophomores and bring them in. We even practice games with a microcomputer (currently, it is 14th out of 17 in the club).

Four years ago, Bellarmine hosted the State Team Championship. This was a real turning point for our group. Chess became an accepted school activity and we have not let

the interest die out. Chess matches are announced just as other sports. We are in the annual under the sports section and give out letters for team players. This year there will even be a pep rally before our final match of the season.

Other faculty play with the students, ask about match results and come by to kibbitz. For home games, the pep club "honors" the players by decorating their lockers, just as they do for the football team.

The student government has helped us by supplying funds for books and sets, but we do not spend over \$60 per year including transportation costs. There is no pay for coaching.

The growth of the club has convinced me of one thing: if you are willing to get excited about an activity, so will the students!

CAMERON C. BROWN
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