

Emil R. Buchser High School
October 9, 1959

Fellow Bruins,

On October 9, 1957, Buchser High School had just begun with six hundred, plus, students. In the year 1958 at this time there were eight hundred and twenty-five students, and as of this date in 1959 there are fourteen hundred and sixty students. Mr. Elmer Johnson was principal during the first one and two thirds years of Buchser High School. All of the presently scheduled classroom buildings, except for two shops, have been completed at this time. We are now working on the plans for our football and baseball field bleachers and expect to have them erected in the spring of 1960 for track season. Water sprinklers are being installed on the football, baseball, and practice fields so that in a matter of three or four weeks grass will be growing in these areas. We have been apprised that in the near future Buchser High School will be a school of twenty-five hundred students and possibly three thousand.

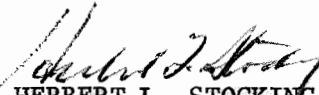
We are a four-year high school for the first time and, interestingly enough, have yet to develop a school song and a fight song for our athletics. Even though these have not been developed, the mighty Bruins really boomed forth in the second football game this season against Camden High School, trouncing them nineteen to nothing. School spirit is as high as one could hope to see. We have had what we call a Spirit Week this week before the big game with our arch rival, Santa Clara High. There have been noon rallies, many verbal declarations of "beat Santa Clara", car decorations, and other activities to pull Bruin forces together. History will record the result of all this enthusiasm.

Buchser High School came into being in the space age. As an example of this, only two days ago a rocket was sent out that was expected to orbit the moon and return to earth. The success of this venture has as yet not been determined. There is one thing that is certain and that is that we live in an age of rapid and awesome development. People in education are torn between the science that is "out of this world" and the demands of the real human needs within the world. Our earth seems to be spotted with many different political ideologies, much human famine, and even more human misunderstanding. We sincerely hope that your generation will have solved some of the problems of human interaction more successfully than has been accomplished in our time.

As I write this I wonder if the next one hundred years will be as exciting as the last hundred years. Many questions cross my plane of thought, and the most paramount question is, "Have people progressed enough in one hundred years to learn to live together?"

I am proud to have the opportunity to record these few statements in history. I feel extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to be the second principal in such a beautiful school plant as Buchser High School, and I should further note that the 1959-1960 student body in Buchser High School is as fine a group of students as I have ever worked with. One of the reasons that we have such a fine student body, I believe, is that all have dedicated themselves to serve Buchser High School and themselves. It is my fervent hope that in 2059 the spirit and feeling of this great school will be as great.

My best wishes to all of you.


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Principal