

### 1960-61 School Dates Revealed for Torrance

1960-61 year for some 27,000 students in Torrance schools will start Sept. 14, and end June 16.

A 176-day schedule of classes was adopted. First-semester classes will end Feb. 3, 1961. Teachers will report back to class two days before school opens—Sept. 12.

School holidays are Veteran's Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas, Dec. 19, 20, 21; Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 13; Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22; Easter, March 27-31; Memorial Day, May 30.

Summer-school sessions in 1961 will run from June 26 through Aug. 4.

### English Council Honors Students at Narbonne High

Two Narbonne High School students, Kirsten Josephson and Susan Helen Westerlund, were among 11 Los Angeles city high school students receiving achievement awards this week from the National Council of Teachers of English.

Miss Josephson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Vernal Josephson, 1617 Via Lazo, Palos Verdes Estate, and Miss Westerlund, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Westerlund, 5 John's Canyon, Rolling Hills, survived a rigid testing and judging program to establish their excellence in English language skills.

Scrolls are being presented to the winners and their names will be sent to all of the nation's colleges and universities with recommendations that they be considered for appropriate scholarships. High school departments of English involved also will receive certificates of merit for their excellent instructional programs.

### Education Class Open to Parents

Parent-education child-observation classes are open for enrollment for mothers and their preschool children, 2½ to 5, Tuesdays from 9 to 12 noon, and Thursdays from 9 to 12 noon, at McMaster Park, 174th St. at Yukon.

### Two Language Classes Offered to Tourists

Local residents planning foreign travel this spring or summer now may register for classes to learn basic French or Spanish.

A French conversation class is being held on Monday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 122 at Torrance High School.

Conversational Spanish is offered at South High School Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room D-3.

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## ON CAMPUS

By VALERIE SIMES

Narbonne plunged into the new semester with a whirlwind of activity guided by the recently inaugurated student body officers of which Mike Walker is president, Margie Southworth vice president, and Bonnie Anderson secretary.

"Blots on the Escutcheon," Narbonne's first literary magazine, a triumph of creative and organizational student talents, made such an impression on campus that it's slated to become an established semi-annual feature.

New emphasis is being put on the bright, scholastically adept student as witnessed by the freshly formed crop of honor, accelerated, and "for college preps only" classes at NHS.

For an example, now taking the place of the traditionally required "Senior Problems," a course in elementary psychology is being offered to advanced 12th-graders.

The mathematics, science, and English departments also are taking part in this honor program, providing an opportunity for gifted students to compete against each other while simultaneously stimulating their latent resources.

Last Friday night, Long Beach State theater-art majors enacted Oscar Wilde's satirical comedy "The Importance of

Being Earnest" for the amused entertainment of Narbonne honor students, parents, and faculty.

The play delivered a derisive poke at the eternally serious, nose-in-a-book type of person whom life passes by as a train passes a sunny countryside.

Through clever interpolations of witty paradoxes, Wilde managed to eject unexpected laughs from the audience as well as teach a few lessons in irony.

The first thing that's most likely to pop out of someone's purse or pocket this week is a toothbrush.

Why? Because it's Dental Health Week! This means that dentists from the South Bay area will donate their time and experience to inspect students' teeth at Narbonne and other high schools in the vicinity.

Searching to detect those who need dental care and those who are eligible for entry in the "Smile of the Year" contest, these volunteer dentists are performing a great service for all.

Coming up on the calendar of next month's agenda is the Shamrock Ball—that annual girl-ask-boy affair—to be staged March 11 in the girls' gym. More about this exciting event next week!



CELEBRATION—Harbor College colleagues meet to congratulate Rosemary Butte on receiving her Ph. D. From left, Loretta Newman, Leo Sirakides, Miss Butte and David Dingilian.

### Rosemary Butte Ends Ph.D. Work with Stephen Edward White Thesis

Rosemary Butte, Harbor College coordinator of public relations, has received her Ph.D. from USC.

Dr. Butte's dissertation, entitled "Stephen Edward White: His Life and Literary Career," was culmination of long interest in the man and his works.

Receiving general academic honors with a BA degree from Scripps College as an English major, she went on to UCLA for a master's degree after teaching at Santa Barbara High School.

She left the education field to be production-control expediter at Douglas Aircraft, and by 1943 she was with KXLA as administrative secretary.

The Marine Corps Women's Reserve, hired her on the public relations staff from 1944 to 1945, at which time she entered education as an English-teaching assistant at USC and later as assistant professor at San Diego State College.

Dr. Butte left teaching again from 1949 to 1951 to work as executive secretary and member of the board of Long Beach Construction Co., returned as an instructor in the Los Angeles city schools, and came to Harbor in 1954.

### Navy Setting Up Two Recruiting Units for Torrance Area Feb. 15

On Feb. 15 the navy will have two recruiting offices in this area.

Anyone desiring to enlist may contact the recruiters at 114 Coral Way, Redondo Beach, or 1822 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

Information may be obtained on any subject pertaining to navy programs for enlisted or officer personnel.

Office hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 to noon Saturdays.

### 2nd Psychology Lecture Slated at High School

Dr. Arthur L. Bietz, psychologist, conducted the first in a series of four lectures on Psychology for Everyday Living at Torrance High School auditorium Wednesday, using the theme, "How to Understand Yourself."

Next Wednesday Dr. Bietz will discuss, "Are You Psychological-ly Healthy?"

Open to the public, these lectures are provided by the Torrance Adult School.

The following weeks' subjects will be, "The Art of Problem Solving," and "How to be Your Own Psychologist."

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## TARTAR AND FEATHERS

By FRANCES ADAMS

"There are more important things than money, but they won't go out with you if you don't have any."—Alfred E. Neuman.

With such gems of wisdom flowing from my pen I have written my first column for The Torrance Press. Naturally, I will bring you a few tattles from Tartarville.

"Nothing like a few lizard legs to spice things up," said the Sorcerer, who might add that these delicacies helped spice up the annual variety show as well as his bubbling brew.

The presentation took place Friday and Saturday in the THS auditorium.

"A Summer in Connecticut" was the theme, centering attention on two boys who spent the summer working for a Connecticut summer-stock company.

Highlights of the show were a sorcerer scene, beatnik pad, summer garden and the western and Scottish scenes.

THS students will get a look at various possible careers open to them during vacation-conference activities scheduled for Thursday.

More than 50 representatives of various professions have been invited to speak to the students.

Have you ever caught yourself saying some of these familiar Tartar expressions? Then "hide your hand" in shame. "Rise and shine" (like a light bulb) and "keep your eyes peeled" for these amusing sayings:

My nose ran. (It has legs yet?)  
Her eyes were glued to the window. (Must have been uncomfortable)  
Hold my place. (Heavy, is it?)  
The sun is in my eyes—I can't see. (So that's where it went.)

The big news, record-wise, around Torrance High now is Kenny Robertson and Tony Bertolet (The Princeton) and their new record about to be released on the Dore label called "Why Do I Love You" with the flip side "Please." Kenny and Tony were graduates from THS in 1959.

Out of your six or seven classes you must have one teacher who is famous for his uncanny ability to use a few choice words over and over. Which quotes fit your schedule?

"Let's have a short homework assignment. Hmmm—do problems 1-3000 on pages 111-114."—Mr. Ludwig.

"No, class, you can't sit on the floor today."—Miss Larson.

"Hey, fellas! Come into my office."—Mr. Caldwell.

"I believe you BIT I'm going to call your mother, your father, and your grandparents, JUST TO MAKE SURE."—Mr. Swafford.

"(Whese) The first (cough, cough) one that (hack, hack) gets (sniff, sniff) a cold gets (cough) kicked off the team! (bark)."—Coach.

Climaxing three weeks of grueling competition and stiff campaigning, it was announced that Roy Yanase will head the Tartars during the next semester as A.S.B. President.

During Christmas vacation, three Tartars were honored through different organizations. Stan Gonta placed on the first team all-CIF in the second-year division. Stan is the small player in THS history to make all Southern California honors on the gridiron.

Joe Montgomery who was awarded the Blanket and Sportmanship awards was named Pioneer League player of the year in football by the Los Angeles Examiner Scholastic Sports Association.

Bill Reinert, senior guard on the basketball court, was named to the first team all Beverly Hills tournament, where the Tartars placed as consolation runners-up. Bill is the first player from Torrance in the 18th year history of the annual Invitational to be placed on the team.

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