

ALL AT THE EAR!

Torrance Youth Tours Oregon as Loyola Debater

A Torrance youth was among the ten members of the Loyola University debating team that left Friday for Corvallis, Oregon.

Team will take part in the annual Western Speech Association Tournament on the Oregon State University campus.

Team will be headed by Charles Moffitt, 1434 Post Ave., Torrance. Other members are: Dennis Riley, Bill Grimes, Jerry Uelman, Steve Shiffrin, David Roberti, John Farrell, Thomas Woods, Michael LeSage, and Stanley Gadava.



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HELLO—Alaska?—Harbor College assistant dean Ken Williams, operator of a local mobile ham radio station, uses his car built radio to visit vicariously such places as Alaska and Canada. Licensed by the FCC, the local educator has another, larger, set at home. Williams is active in civil defense work and became interested in the field of radio when he was a communications chief in the Army.

Parent-Teacher Sessions Continue in Local District

Parents of Torrance's more than 21,000 elementary school children have attended or soon will attend parent conferences to discuss their children's progress, according to Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent.

Individual parent conferences are held twice a year after written reports are sent home. Parents and teachers then discuss their children's work in various areas and make plans for improving the work according to individual needs.

Last year, 18,960 parents (about 95 per cent) attended the parent conferences. School officials try to get 100 per cent participation, but for various reasons, this is not always possible.

During the conferences,

teachers may show parents samples of the youngsters' work, compare notes on their progress, and ask for suggestions. Teachers try to gear the work to benefit each child.

Group conferences are held at each school early in the fall, with principals and teachers outlining the general educational program. This is followed in November or December by the written reports and individual conferences, which are repeated again in April or May.

Parents may request more conferences, if needed, Posner said. Seventh and eighth grade parents may request letter grades in addition to information included on a regular reporting form.



WON WITH EYES SHUT—Camera caught Robert Foster, 22972 Broadwell Ave., Torrance, with his eyes shut at the annual banquet of Bank of America's seven public speaking clubs. Foster was one of the seven featured speakers of the event and is a staff training officer of the bank. Trophy was presented to Foster by Jesse W. Tapp, chairman of the bank's board of directors.

Harbor 'Hawk' Receives US Award; Among Top Six JC Publications

Harbor Hawk, student newspaper at Los Angeles Harbor College was one of six recipients of special awards at the ninth annual Edward A. Dickson Journalism Day, held at UCLA last weekend.

Harbor College journalism students traveled to UCLA Saturday morning where they participated in the event attended by 1,800 representatives from 150 junior college and prep student news publications in the Southern California area.

Representing the 'Hawk' were students Joanne Finn, Michelle Sickinger, Don Vaughn and Bill Watson, together with their faculty advisor Marjorie Somerville.

Harbor Hawk received the second place award for junior college newspapers with seven ratings of superior and two of excellent in the ten categories on which the papers were judged.

Among the categories included in the judging were layout news evaluation reader interest, editing skills, typography, editorial content, range of news and departmental coverage.

Acting editor Bill Watson accepted the engraved plaque award from Mrs. Edward A. Dickson, widow of Edward A. Dickson, former UCLA regent, in whose honor Journalism Day is held.

Concerning the content of the Harbor Hawk, the judges had this to say: "An all-around pleasing newspaper. It has an attractive masthead and its make-up is good and conservative. Its quality of writing is good and there seems to be a professional feeling about most of the paper."

The award was made on the basis of last semester's "Hawk," which was edited by Tony Presser, with Mrs. Cry-

stal Murphy as its faculty advisor.

Dr. Franklin Murphy, UCLA's new chancellor, referred to the "special interests which bring you together." Dr. Murphy stressed that "this is one of the most critical crossroads in the history of Western civilization and we must communicate in the manner that's most effective, whether it be newspaper, the radio or TV. These instruments help us come to decisions on the basis of reason rather than emotion."

Other activities of the morning-long event included workshops for journalism publications students to better acquaint them with the different aspects of news writing and production, including news reporting, sports writing, editorial and feature writing, and news photography.

OOOOOOPS!... Dow Chemical to Host Area Press At Newsman Tour

A typographical error inadvertently changed the meaning of a statement made by a Torrance school board member quoted in Thursday's press.

In discussing the Torrance school budgets at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting Monday, School Board Member Clinton Cooke denied charges that there was "water" in the budget and that "nobody has looked at the budget in the past 13 years."

The word "denied" was inadvertently omitted from Thursday's story.

Local newsmen will be hosted December 8 at a press tour of Dow Chemical's plastics technical service facilities in Torrance.

Program will begin at 9 a.m. with a background session on what the laboratory in particular and its product, polypropylene, in general will mean to Torrance and industry in the area.

The session will be followed by a tour of the lab and a question and answer period and luncheon at the Plush Horse.

Fourth Grade Experiment with Algebra Study

Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students at Steele Elementary School, Torrance, are seeking unknowns these days as part of a pilot study of algebra.

Members of Cyril Levine's class are beginning to learn principles of algebra, although instruction in this more advanced math usually doesn't start until high school. Some faster students receive algebra instruction in the seventh and eighth grades.

Reading of a study made at Syracuse University, Levine decided to try the same program in his class. About an hour a week is spent on algebra.

SIMPLIFIED STUDY Algebra, which involves working with equations to find "unknown" numbers, is simplified somewhat for the younger students, but the principles are the same, Levine says. Youngsters also work with graphing the equations to solve them.

"The youngsters seem to like this type of instruction and most of them are doing pretty well," he said. "Of course, some do better than others, but in the form we are presenting it, algebra doesn't seem too hard."

Purposes of the study, Levine said, are to teach algebra, to try out a new approach, and to teach youngsters to solve their problems through critical thinking. The work also gives many of the students an advance chance at some of the problems in math they will face as they move up in school.

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