

Spartans Speak

By Norma Burkus

Something new is being planned for South High. The junior class will be presenting a sports night Friday, featuring bands and other coed activities. Casual dress is "in" and tennis shoes are a must!

Spartans are eating their lunch to the rhythm of live bands this week! Boys League is holding a sneak preview of their upcoming "Battle of the Bands" during both lunches. Be there!

Attention hopeful candidates! All class ASB Girls and Boys League presidential candidates must present a speech to the student body during the election assembly Wednesday, Jan. 12. All applications were due in the activities office Monday. Did you meet the deadline?

SENIORS! It's finally coming! Tomorrow will be the day that you get your long-awaited reward for being the winning class in the PTA drive. Yes, "Hatari" is coming to South to reward our hard working class of '66.

Friday seems to be THE day. A morning pep rally will be staged to inspire all Spartans for the first league game at 3 p.m. We will be hosting SaMoHi in a wrestling match, just upstairs from the basketball game. Everyone attend the game and help bring home a win to start off the season!

ALSO, AT 3:30 there will be a Debate Tournament held in room R-2, with representatives from most of the neighboring schools. So whether your interests lie in sports or in scholastic events, there will be an activity for YOU on Friday.

Our Varsity hoopsters finished seventh in the Bishop Montgomery tourney. See you next week.



ACCEPT AWARD... Joe Blaustein (left), advertising manager for May Co., accepts the 1965 appliance display advertising award presented by the Southern California and Southern Counties Gas Companies. Making the presentation is John C. Moore, advertising manager of the Southern California Gas Co. Others participating in the informal ceremonies are Cortland Peterson of May Co., Donald B. Robertson of Southern Counties Gas Co., and Herman Platt of Platt Music Co.



AREA SCIENTISTS HONORED... Three Torrance area residents have been honored for their work as part-time lecturers in the Los Angeles City Schools during the past year. Here, Dr. J. F. Mathews of Hawthorne (center) receives congratulations from Robert Kelly (left) of the Los Angeles City Schools. Others are J. D. Buehler of Torrance (second from left) and, at right, H. D. Barnett and Ray Stager. Stager is superintendent of the Shell Chemical Plant in Torrance, where the three men are employed.

Practical Nurses of Area To Hear About Heart Work

Heart disorders and ways of prevention will be the subject of a Los Angeles County Heart Association speaker Friday at a meeting for South Bay and Torrance practical nurses.

Libraries Report New Increases

Use of the five libraries serving Torrance, as reflected by circulation of books and magazines, gained nearly 18 per cent in November over the same period of 1964. William S. Geller, county librarian, has just reported.

Geller said county figures show a general increase of nearly 10 per cent in November, 1965, over November, 1964.

He predicted total county circulation may reach 11 million by the end of the year.

THE FIVE Torrance libraries reported a combined circulation of 55,476 compared to a total of 47,000 in November, 1964. All five branches reported major increases.

Leading the list is the Downtown Torrance Library, which circulated 17,984 books and magazines during the month. Others are El Retiro, 8,429; Isabel Henderson, 12,449; North Torrance 9,033; and WALTERIA, 7,581.

Modest increases were reported by the Carson Library, which increased from 2,608 to 3,145.

THE GARDENA Library, in operation for slightly more than a year, showed an increase from 911 to 14,995. The Gardena Library was open only for two days in November, 1964.

The Lomita Library, however, reported a slight decrease in circulation over the period a year ago. A total of 6,203 books and magazines were circulated, 40 less than in November last year.

Harbor Dean Assigned to New College

Dr. Glenn G. Gooder, Dean of Student Personnel at Harbor College, has been assigned to Los Angeles Metropolitan College as acting president.

Metropolitan College is now being consolidated with Los Angeles Trade-Technical College and Dr. Gooder will assist in the merger. He is scheduled to return to the Harbor campus on July 1, 1966.

Dr. Gooder went to Harbor in July, 1960, as dean of student activities. In 1961, he became dean of student personnel, a position which includes responsibility for admissions and guidance as well as for student activities.

At present Dr. Gooder tops the list of candidates for promotion to the position of junior college president.

County's Divorce Rate Is Highest in Nation

The Los Angeles County Clerk in his biennial report to the Board of Supervisors, indicated there were 51,831 marriage licenses issued and 39,369 divorces, annulments, or legal separations granted in fiscal 1964-65.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who is chairman of the County Clerk Department, said this divorce ratio to marriage licenses issued gives Los Angeles County the highest rate of divorces per marriages in the United States. It is even higher than in Reno, Nev.

The County Clerk's office in Reno reports that in calendar 1965 for Washoe County, 26,886 marriage licenses were issued and 4,574 divorces were granted. In Clark County, Nev., where Las Vegas is located, there were 39,515 marriages and slightly more than 4,800 divorces, Hahn noted.

The basic problems of juvenile delinquency and respect for law and order in the community come from the home, the supervisor said. "When there are so many divorces, so many marriages broken up, the family structure suffers and our nation suffers."

"You can have all the laws on the books and even pass more laws, but the real and permanent solution to the basic problems facing the United States rests with the home and a strong family and a strong religious influence," Hahn added.

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