

# Spartans Speak

By Terry Dorn

Life at South is getting hectic. For the seniors it's constant pressure anticipating the upcoming responsibilities that they will be facing after graduation. Time is moving faster, and it's getting pretty scary to watch it zoom by.

It seems that only a short while ago we were lounging at the beach under the warm summer sun without any cares. Bang! Now winter has arrived and seniors are running around neurotically writing letters for admission to colleges, worrying about grades, and seeking information concerning campus life. There are so many things to think about.

The deadline for the California State Scholarship applications is Dec. 15. Last Saturday all university bound seniors reported to the library to take the College Board Exam (Scholastic Aptitude Test). But at least two people on campus are confident of their futures. Tim Chang and Steffanie Capps are the winners of the Torrance Optimists Award.

**IF IT WEREN'T** for all the activities to ease our minds we would surely go insane. This Saturday, it's Winter Fantasy time as Girls' League presents the Winter Formal. Basketball is here, and the students can let out their inhibitions by yelling, "Go, go, go, go!" Members of the Boys' League are now playing volley ball (intra-mural sports) during lunch.

Students are starting to rehearse for the on act play festival coming up in January. The football and cross-country teams are throwing banquets for themselves.

Incidentally, Grants Department Store has given two awards for outstanding athletes during the football season. They have gone to Dale Hewitt and Jeff Arrieta. Also, of extreme importance, we are proud to note that the crosscountry team finished second in the CIF finals.

**BUT SPARTANS** are not just champions, sportswise! The speech and debating tournaments attended by South High representatives have given the Spartans a classy reputation. Last week South High came in first overall, out of 50 schools. One notable speaker of considerable merit is Lee Pearce who has won numerous awards.

In still another field of interest it's nice to know that out of 56 students from various schools in the area, South High finished first in the "Safety Economy Run." Taking first place in the boys' division was Dave Stubbs and in the girls' division, Joella Gabbart.

Activities are so nice to ease a worried high schooler's mind. But, sometimes he worries more about the activities than about school. It's a vicious circle. But it's a groove.

# WARRIOR TRAILS

By Robin Newcomer

During the last two weeks until vacation time Warriors are going to be just as busy as ever and even more so.

Tomorrow evening at 8 the cross country and football teams will be honored at the annual banquet. The cost of the tickets for the sliced turkey dinner is \$1.60. The football athletes will be served in Cafeteria 5 and the cross-country runners in Cafeteria 4.

A special recognition should go to the variety cross country team for placing fourth in the CIF Championships. This year's team is made up of Mike Sellers, Tom Purkey, Karl Rodefer (who was sick for the CIF Finals), Bob Cooper, Dale Whitney, Rich Tussing, Tom Reed, and Dave Young. Mike and Tom are the only boys on this year's team from last year's CIF Champions and the team was rated seventh. However, they surprised everyone (except maybe themselves) and came in fourth—and only three points away from third.

**DOING ANYTHING** to-night? If not, why don't you? Tonight is the only night left to see the senior-sponsored one-act plays, "Red Carnations," "Happy Journey," and "Mooney's Kid Don't Cry." The show time is 8 p.m. in the lecture hall and admission is 50 cents with an ASB card and 75 cents without.

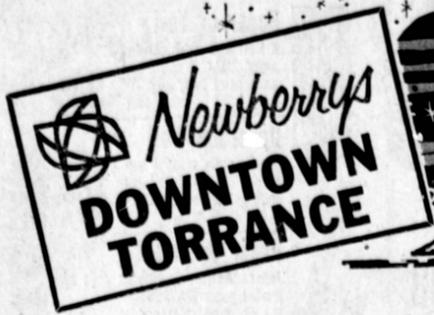
Speaking of plays... on Jan. 21, a bus from West will be going to see the famed Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado." The orders must be placed before Christmas va-

cation so get yours to student activities tomorrow! The House of Representatives is going through a "trial revision period." The House structure has been divided up into four committees—rules, activities, student relations, and publicity. There are approximately 23 representatives that can sign up for each committee. This method of running the House will continue until June and the members will vote on how effective it is.

**LAST SATURDAY** students from West were on television. This Friday and next Monday Karl Rodefer (who was sick for the CIF Finals), Bob Cooper, Dale Whitney, Rich Tussing, Tom Reed, and Dave Young. Mike and Tom are the only boys on this year's team from last year's CIF Champions and the team was rated seventh. However, they surprised everyone (except maybe themselves) and came in fourth—and only three points away from third.

Airman Frank J. Benoit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald L. Benoit of 330 Sherman Drive, Gardena, has been selected for training at Chanute AFB, Ill., as an Air Force aircraft equipment repairman.

The airman, a 1966 graduate of Gardena High School, recently completed basic training at Amarillo AFB, Tex.



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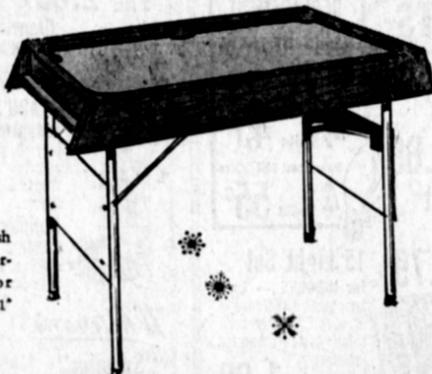
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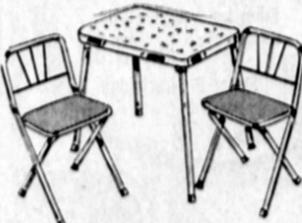
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