

# North High Students Open Own TV Station

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CONTROL BOARD . . . Scott Vercellano (seated), technical director of North High's new educational television station, and John Scales, video recorder, check out the main control board in the new campus station. Students enrolled in a special class are producing educational films and programs for use in

classrooms. Productions from the studio may be viewed in any classroom on the campus and a portable camera is available for taping and telecasting programs from any spot on the campus.

(Press-Herald Photo)

## Educational TV Station In Operation on Campus

Lights! Camera! Action! Sound familiar? If you've begun to envision cameras rolling on a Hollywood movie set, stop right there. The cameras are rolling all right but not in Hollywood. For the past month the television cameras have been focusing on the action at North High School.

UNDER direction of teachers Louis Bereskin and Will Field, student cameramen have been filming educational productions in the newly equipped North High television studio as part of their classroom training. Station KNHS is a closed-circuit educational television channel which can be viewed anywhere on the North High School campus. The television production course is the first to be offered in Torrance. Members of the class are writing scripts, filming tapes, and setting up a library of educational films to be used by teachers to augment traditional classroom material and textbooks.

EDUCATIONAL programs

produced in the North High studio will bear the "Visual Horizons to Learning" label. Filming scripts based on material supplied by science, history, homemaking, and art departments are three cameras. Two of the cameras currently in use are permanently available in the studio. The third is a roving camera which can shoot footage anywhere on campus. Additional roving cameras are on order. Productions of KNHS can be shown in class on portable television sets.

TWENTY-TWO students are enrolled in the television production class—12 in the script-writing group and 10 in the video lab. They are all seniors. Field directs the crew, who are also enrolled in electronics courses; and Bereskin is in charge of the research, writing, and production end of the operation. Fields is a former engineer and teaches electronics. Bereskin is a drama teacher and writer.

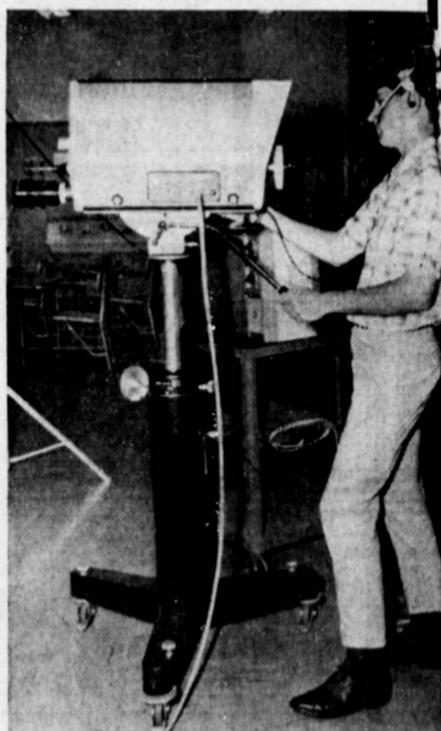
Assisting the writers and crew is a one-man graphic arts department, senior Tom

Clark, who is in charge of lettering posters with film credits and making backdrops.

AUGMENTING the classroom studio where tapes are filmed is a control room and the graphic artist's studio.

Purpose of the program, which is financed under the Vocational Guidance Act, is to equip students with job-entry skills upon graduation from high school. According to Dr. Richard Guengerich, assistant superintendent, secondary education, former students who took

similar training at the North High School radio station are now actively employed by several radio stations. In addition to making instructional tapes for classroom use, studio facilities can be used by speech drama students for evaluation, by teachers wish to record programs from the UHF educational television stations, and faculty members who to take an objective look at their own performance. Recently a student-written film on use of the school library was taped on local



ON CAMERA . . . Bob Vandervort, a junior at North High, checks out his television camera in preparation for a telecast from the KNHS television studio. The studio, located on the North High campus, is one of the first such facilities to be operated by students in the state. Vandervort is a cameraman for the station. (Press-Herald Photo)

## 50,000 Expected To Vote Tuesday

### Congressional Race Attracts Most Interest

More than 50,000 Torrance voters are expected to go to the polls here Tuesday as the nation elects a President and a new Congress. City Clerk Vernon W. Coil has predicted an 85 per cent turnout of Torrance voters. A total of 63,314 persons are eligible to cast ballots here Tuesday.

At stake in local balloting are three seats in the State Assembly, one State Senate Seat, and two Congressional races, along with a Torrance Unified School District tax override, ten state measures, and two county measures.

In addition, voters will elect a new United States Senator, as well as name a new President and Vice President.

ates, is being challenged by John McKee Pratt, a Democrat, and Sherman Pearl, Peace and Freedom Party. Bell is heavily favored to retain his seat.

Attention also has been focused on the race in the 67th Assembly District, where Republican Fred Fredericks has mounted a strong bid to unseat incumbent L. E. (Larry) Townsend, a Democrat.

FREDERICKS, a Realtor, also has to contend with a strong Democratic majority in the 67th District. He has campaigned on a platform of fiscal responsibility, reform (See ELECTION, Page A-2)



GETS TICKET . . . Torrance Police Chief Walter R. Koenig is going to be Irish tomorrow evening as he joins members of the Torrance Irish Club at their annual dinner-dance at the Elks Lodge, 1820 Abalone St., at 7 p.m. Chief Koenig gets his ticket from Mrs. Mary Taylor while Miss Wendy McIntyre pins an Irish Club badge on him. Jimmie Lennon will be master of ceremonies for the event. Proceeds will be used to finance the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade scheduled here next March 13. (Press-Herald Photo)

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## Carson Council Affirms Policy on Endorsements

At a special meeting last night at Carnegie Junior High School, which lasted less than 30 minutes, the Carson City Council reaffirmed its official position on endorsement of political candidates and measures with the unanimous passage of Resolution No. 159.

Mayor John Marbut called the special meeting under an order issued Wednesday after considerable turmoil was raised in the community over an endorsement for one congressional candidate by three councilmen which was printed on reproduced city stationery and mailed to approximately 20,000 voters. The mailed piece did not have official city sanction and was "not pre-

pared or mailed a public expense." It carried the signatures of three city councilmen—John Junk, Gilbert Smith and Sak Yamamoto—and tied their endorsement in with the city's need for a post office.

COUNCILMEN Smith and Yamamoto both declared they had signed the endorsement which had been presented them for signatures on stationery which had no letterhead. Both also said they did not see or approve the letter in its final form on reproduced City of Carson stationery. Councilman Junk said he was aware of the entirety (See CARSON, Page B-5)

## School Tax on Ballot Tuesday

Torrance voters will decide whether they want to continue the present tax maximum for another five years when they go to the polls Tuesday.

Proposition T would continue the authorized general purpose tax ceiling of \$3.30 after it runs out next June. Continuation of the tax ceiling would not raise taxes, advocates point out, but would merely keep the \$3.30 lid on until June, 1974.

Failure of the measure would mean that the general purpose tax maximum

would be cut by \$3 million a year.

It has been pointed out that during the five years that the \$3.30 ceiling has been in existence, the Board of Education has levied only the tax rate which has been absolutely necessary in any given year. The highest tax rate ever levied was \$3.06 three years ago. Currently, the tax rate is \$3.02.

Passage of Proposition T would help maintain the present level of education in Torrance schools, supporters state. Failure would result in drastic cutbacks.

## Man Killed in Crash ---

Thirty-one-year-old Miguel A. Figueroa, of 863 E. Desford St., Carson, was killed early Wednesday morning when he apparently lost control of his car on the Harbor Freeway. Investigating officers said the crash occurred at El Segundo Boulevard during a rain storm. Figueroa's vehicle struck a light standard, it was reported.

## Charter Hearing Slated ---

The city's Charter Review Committee will hold a public hearing on its proposed tentative draft Monday at 7:30 p.m., Larry Bowman, chairman, has announced. The draft, submitted earlier this month, calls for major changes in the structure of city government, including the appointment by the city manager of the city clerk and the city treasurer. All interested groups and individuals will be given an opportunity to express their views on the proposal during the hearing Monday, to be held in the City Council chambers at the City Hall. Copies of the proposed charter are available for inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

## Council Cancels Session ---

The Torrance City Council will meet next Friday, Nov. 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall, 3931 Torrance Blvd. The council has cancelled Tuesday's regular session because of the national elections. Trustees of the Torrance Unified p.m. in the district offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo, School District will convene Monday at 7:30 for a regular meeting.

## Torrance Man Shot ---

A 29-year-old Torrance man was shot and killed early Thursday morning in the Carson area, Lennox Sheriff's deputies reported. Dead is Jerome Russell, whose address is unknown. Deputies arrested Harold Renne, 36, of 523 E. 219th St., Carson, on suspicion of murder. The shooting occurred at Renne's home just before 4 a.m. Russell died at the scene.