

# South High Classes in New Home

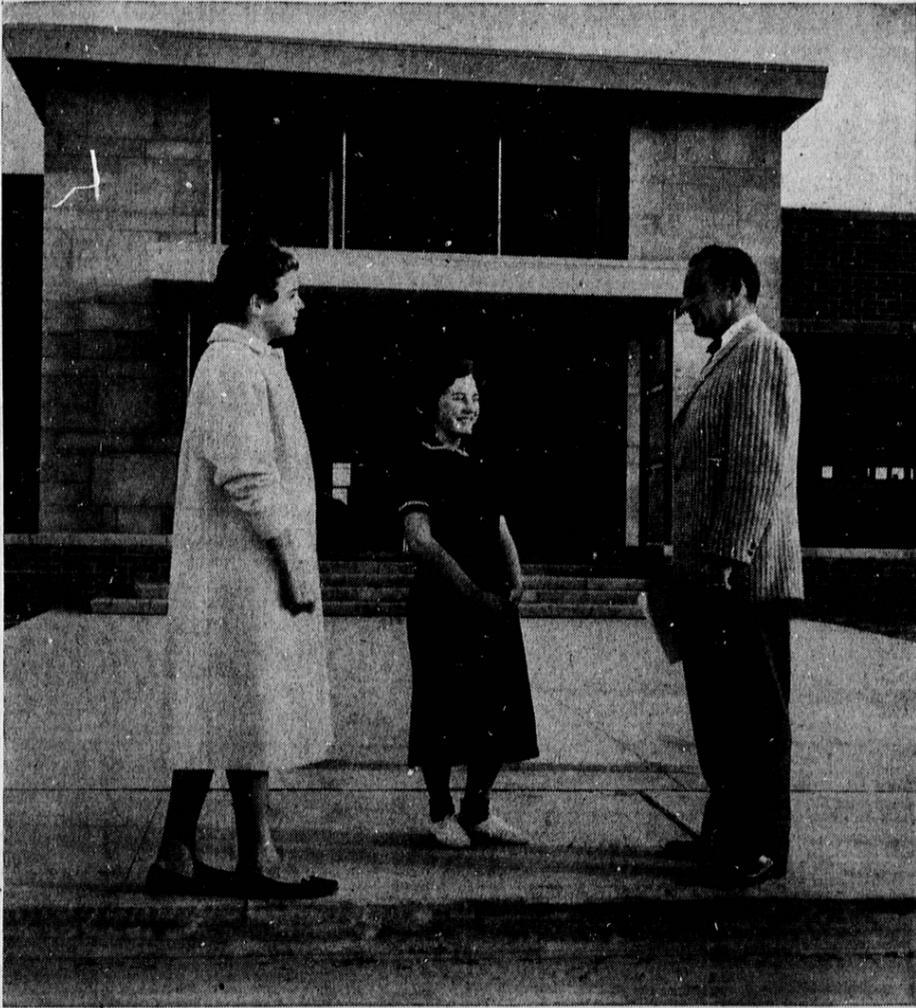
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"WE MADE IT" . . . Principal Bruce Magner and two South High coeds, Ann Zwaagstra and Deanna Harper, are happy about the opening of their new school, delayed by a construction strike last summer. They are standing in front of the administration building. The move was completed over vacation, but there was the normal amount of first-day confusion at the school as everybody had to get accustomed to the new surroundings. Involved in the move were about 825 freshmen and sophomore students. (Herald Photo)

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### Officers Named for New High School Clubs

Officers were elected recently for several new clubs at South High School.

The Scholarship Society named Elja Salma as its first permanent president, while other officers include Larry Kopp, vice president; Carolyn Waddingham, recording secretary; Richard Jermain, corresponding secretary; Bill Davis, parliamentarian; and Mitzi Yoshioka, historian.

Members must have at least three A's, one B, and no D's. Their citizenship also must be satisfactory.

Carolyn Waddingham was elected temporary chairman of the newly-formed Speech Club. Elja Salma is temporary secretary. The club hopes to enter competition with other schools and to hold speech tournaments.



MALL AND CLASSROOMS . . . Tom Greenlaw and Stephanie Schenk look over the mall and new classroom wing at South High School, standing on the porch of the administration building. The classrooms wings are located on each side of the mall. On a clear day, the mountains form a backdrop for the campus. (Herald Photo)

### Students Enjoy Modern Campus

"Where's the math classroom?"  
"Do I get a locker all to myself?"  
"What time does the school bus leave?"

With these and a thousand other questions, the long-heralded opening of South High School became a reality Monday morning, as some 825 freshman and sophomore students moved into what will be their academic home away from home for the next couple of years or so.

#### Orphan Students

The students, temporarily orphaned because of a construction strike which delayed the completion of the modern new school, have been attending classes divided between Torrance High School and Torrance Elementary School.

Everybody heaved a sigh of relief when the move was completed — the South High students and faculty because they finally had a home of their own; Torrance High students and faculty because the SHS departure made things considerably less crowded; and Torrance Elementary students and faculty because they can again go off double sessions.

#### School Opened

Principal Bruce Magner said the school finally was opened with a minimum of confusion, although there were the inevitable lost and confused students. The sound of hammers, drills, and miscellaneous construction equipment still rang out, as Crown Construction Co. officials put the finishing touches on some of the buildings.

A beleaguered telephone operator tried to get instructions on how to use the new switchboard while over her head, a workman was pounding the final nails on a planter. In the attendance office, a clerk put her fingers in her ears while another workman banged away at some tackboard.

Principal Bruce Magner was trying to find out why there were no lights in the physical education classrooms, while a student tugged at his coat, inquiring where Mr. Ross' math class was meeting.

#### Where Is It?

"But they haven't built that building yet," one little girl piped plaintively, as she studied her schedule.

A teacher sorted through a boxful of keys, trying to find the ones that fitted his cupboards, and nearby, another teacher patiently tried to explain to a pony-tailed freshman how the combination on her locker worked.

There weren't any boys wandering into the girls' dressing rooms accidentally on purpose, however, because there aren't any yet. The physical education classes are meeting in a quonset hut, which includes shower facilities only for boys' athletic teams.

#### Gym Slated

The gym, along with 12 more classrooms, will be part of the next unit of the school which is expected to be open by next September.

Included in the present plant are 16 classrooms, two science rooms, an art room, a shop building, and music building, and administration units. The music building, not quite finished is expected to open next week.

A third unit, with still more facilities, is expected to be ready by the 1959-60 school year. Although present students include only freshmen and sophomores, an additional class will be added in 1958-59



SCHOOL SENTINELS . . . At the two entrances to the school are two attractive brick "sentinels," pointing the way to the new Spartan home. In the background is the school's administration building. (Herald Photo)

and by the following year, it will become a full four-year school.

Many parents apparently brought their youngsters to school so that they wouldn't have to cross busy Pacific Coast Hwy., although the Torrance Police Department had a crossing guard halting motorists at the intersection with Calle Mayor. The state has indicated that it will put up a traffic signal at the intersection within a couple of months, and is considering an overcrossing immediately in front of the school.

Only 110 students crossed the street at Calle Mayor Monday morning, but the number was expected to increase within the next few days.

All in all, opening day was

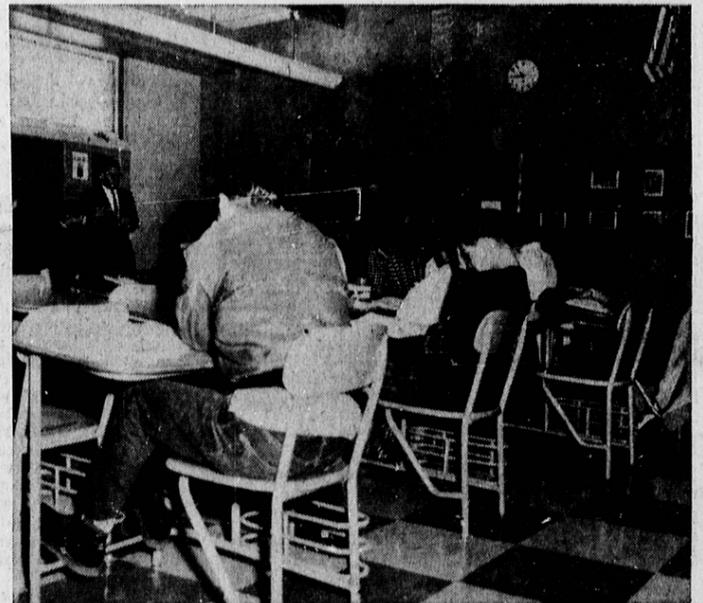
not any worse than any other opening day, but everybody was glad when it was over.

"Us Spartans have a home at last," a gangly boy noted. "We Spartans, you dope," said his girl friend, wrinkling her nose.

### South High Latin Club Names Doty Chairman

Bill Doty was elected temporary chairman of the Latin Club at SHS, while other officers are Carla Cramer, secretary; Gary Hand, parliamentarian; and Barbara Bishop, chairman of the constitution committee.

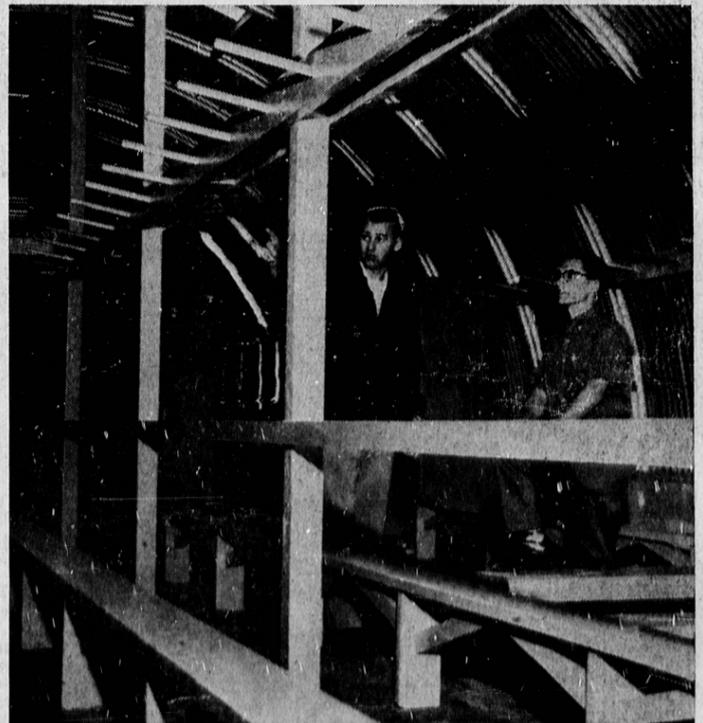
The group will soon name permanent officers, according to the Roman form of government.



BUSINESS AS USUAL . . . It was "business as usual" in Galen Clavier's 10th grade English and social studies class on the first day of school. On the wall can be seen the birch plywood panels, which threatened to delay the opening of school. The contractor and school board disagreed over how much was to be placed where, but the schools won the argument. (Herald Photo)



WHO'S CALLING PLEASE? . . . Switchboard Operator Neta Smith had a hard time learning how to use the new PBX board at South High Monday, while workmen were putting finishing touches on molding over her head. She also had an unfinished counter to work on, but the calls went through. (Herald Photo)



TEMPORARY LOCKER ROOM . . . Baseball Coach Jerry Mellvalne and Baseball Coach Jim Hanny look over the locker and shower rooms which will be used by South High athletic teams until the new gym is complete next fall. The present facilities are located in a quonset hut, with physical education classrooms in the same building. (Herald Photo)