

Spartans Speak

By Norma Burkus

Girls League is really holding the limelight for this month! President Linda Huyssen reported on past events and upcoming activities for the Spartans.

Last Thursday the new students breakfast was held and there were new students from throughout the United States. The fall semester council was introduced and new students had a chance to speak individually with our school leaders. This breakfast was a success and we hope that all of the students had a nice time.

Wednesday, Nov. 24, will find the gym packed with girls, viewing the newest fashions for fall. This fashion show will present South High girls modeling the "in" styles for upcoming winter.

The Girls' League "Girl of the Month" award goes to Kathy Kimes for the month of October. She has contributed many hours of her time being Athena chairman and homecoming chairman. Congratulations Kathy!

EVERY YEAR Girls' League selects a project to work on during the school year. This year, they are sending books to Nigeria in order to help the people help themselves get educations. We can be proud of our Girls' League and all the things they have done and hope to accomplish this year.

The junior class is at it again! Saturday, drive your dirty car to the South High west parking lot, have your dollar ready (or 75 cents if you have a junior card), jump out, have a coke and jump back into a spanking clean car! That's how quick and efficient this car wash will be and cleanliness is guaranteed! If your car has a tendency to get dirty twice a day, bring it back...they'll be working from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Speaking of the junior class, one of the most successful assemblies that South has ever had was held last Wednesday. The Palace Guards, who recently recorded "All Night Long," and Phil and Joe, a folk singing "Crush the Cougars!"

New Law Clears Way For Medicare FundsBy VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District

To the considerable surprise of many, we are still in special session as these lines are being written. Consideration of the medicare bill by Senate committees has turned into a far lengthier proceeding than most anticipated. Nevertheless, it now seems that this session will have adjourned by the time you read this.

While important decisions as to elements in the medicare bill are still being worked out in the Senate Finance Committee, the broad provisions of the measure have been left unchanged. Effective March 1, 1966, the bill establishes a broad program of health care services for all recipients of public assistance, as well as for aged persons found to be "medically indigent" by the standards set forth in the law.

To dovetail with the federal medicare program recently amended into the Social Security Act, the bill establishes a system of "Basic Health Care" for all persons covered, and a supplementary system of "Extended Health Services" to be operative if fed-

eral grants-in-aid for medical care, inpatient care in a hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center; outpatient services; laboratory and X-ray services; skilled nursing home services; and physicians' services in the home, the office, a hospital, or elsewhere. Other services, such as dentistry, prescription drugs, glasses, and prosthetic devices, are listed in the bill, and could be included in a plan.

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The bill contains a financ-

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bill has had in the Senate

the rough going which

makes it clear this could be

per month for both basic and tough, too.

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