Spartans Speak

By Tim Chang

Last Saturday our school played host in a fabulous Book Fair. The theme was "Meet & Greet the Authors." With the program designed for all ages, there was an opportunity to participate in panel discussions, autograph-hunting, and browsing. Books were also on sale, including "Henry Huggins," and "Hubert the Travelling Hippopotamus." Three cheers for Anthony Verga, famous history teacher at South and chairman of the fair.

This is truly the week of the banquet. Last night the Athena service organization held one at the South High cafetria. Its purpose was to welcome the recently inducted members to a life of servitude, er . . . service. Also outstanding Athenas of the year were honored before the group.

This evening, several members of the California Scholarship Federation will attend the CSF district banquet at West High School. Highlights of the banquet will be a clash between the high school bowl teams of South, Leuzinger, and Inglewood High. The members of our great team are Mark Abramson, John Gerhardt, Tom Leavitt, and Paul Schmidt.

The greatest banquet of all is coming up this Friday evening. The foreign language banquet is always a delight to those who love good food, dancing, and culture. The German, French, Spanish, and Latin clubs will make elaborate decorations suitable to their country, and each group will do a special performance. For instance, the Germans will present a folk dance, and the Spaniards will at least break open a pinata.

If you want your car to be clean and sparkling, go to the senior class car wash this Friday and Saturday. It's for a good cause. If you feel especially generous, have it washed twice.

Swallows Make Home At School

A flock of knowledge-hungry swallows has returned to Torrance for spring study at Calle Mayor Elementary School.

For the third year in a row, 200 tiny birds have stopped off here en route north to make their temporary home amidst the eaves of the local school.

Using adobe mud from nearby fields, they have built 34 nests under the cafeteria roof since mid-April.

In past years the lure of learning has usually lasted for about a month — just long enough to deposit eggs in the upside down clay cottages, hatch a crop of fledglings, and depart before the close of the semester.

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EVER ALERT for new audio-visual media with which to enrich their curriculum, teachers at Calle Mayor School have made use of the visitors' arrival to add a unit on swallow-rearing to existing study plans. Primary grade students have watched the under-eave housing tract grow mudball by mudball.

Tours of students to the nests to watch the progress of the sky-view mud tract have become as commonplace on campus as the art of dodging dislodged eggs. Classroom films on swallow-lore in more ordinary surroundings supplement the backyard field trips.

Capistrano, says one Calle Mayor student, has become merely a stopover town en route to the Torrance tract.

—Can't swallow that one?

—Guess that's 'cause it's strictly for the birds, he retorts.

Aviation Electronics Technician Airman **Donald E. Kirby**, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent P. David of 4701 Vanderhill Road, was graduated from the Aviation Electronics Technician course in Radar at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis.

During the 12-week course he was introduced to a pulsed radar system, electronic countermeasures and types of radar and navigational aids.

Plans for 'G-Month' Completed

Preparations for Graduate Month are nearly completed, and "Jobs for Graduates" will be the slogan of the Torrance office of the California State Employment service during the next several weeks, according to June C. Roper, manager.

The Torrance office is joining the all-out job-finding campaign announced last week in which all Employment Service offices are participating. As the result of a similar campaign last year, some 43,000 Los Angeles County youths were placed on jobs in the period May through September 1965.

"Every resource of our office and the community will again be thrown into the Gradute Month campaign," Mrs. Roper said, "and we expect to suprass last year's placements. The high points of the Torrance office's effort will be on June 4 and 11 when large and small employers will interview our career-seeking graduates in the State Employment Service at 1016 Sartori," Mrs. Roper continued.

"Everyone is supporting G-Month. Employers know that their businesses will become static unless they bring in a number of the eager, ambitious youth that our schools have trained. School administrators, service clubs, newspapers, radio and television stations, chambers of commerce, and civic officials are determined that Graduate Month—1966 will be an overwhelming success," Mrs. Roper added.

About half of this area's 5,100 graduates will be permanently entering the labor market in June. Most of this group have received vocational counseling and their aptitudes have been determined by well-ventilated tests, Mrs. Roper said. Program aid employers by reducing turnover and training time to a minimum, Mrs. Roper pointed out.

"Our graduates are anxious to make good," she continued. "They are ready to train in the way the employer wants them trained. They have not been indoctrinated in any work habits or procedures that the employer might find undesirable. Many of them want to grow up in one company. An employer can assure the continuity of his business by recruiting well-qualified graduates this spring," Mrs. Roper said.