

Don't Miss Out on the Chance of a Lifetime

Girls! Get your dates early and don't miss out on a chance of a lifetime. You know the boy that's tall, dark, handsome and sits behind you in English, history, or speech? Well, now's your chance to ask him to the G.A.A. Backwards Dance.

The cost of the dance is \$2 a bid and a romantic dinner afterwards.

This year G.A.A. has worked very hard under the leadership of Miss Betty Lloyd to put on one of the best Backwards Dances since 1938, the year they originated. Taken from Italian words which mean beautiful night, G.A.A.'s theme for this year's Backwards Dance is "La Bella Notte." It will be held Saturday, January 15, in the high school cafeteria from 8-11:30 p.m. The band is the fabulous "Esquires" who have always put on a great performance at E.S.H.S.

Class Officers Elected For Second Semester

A new semester will be starting in two weeks, and each class has just elected its officers for the second half of the year.

Kris Swanson will now be leading the senior class. Assisting her will be **Connie Glover** as vice-president. **Kathy McKellar** will take over the duties as the new secretary.

Serving the junior class for the spring semester is **John Parris**, president; **Chris Drummond**, vice-president; and **Linda McHaffie** secretary.

Paula Galloway was selected by the sophomore class as its new president. **Eva Black** is the vice-president, and **Vangie Hanson** is the new secretary.

The new freshman class president is **Jody Soto**. The vice-president is **Tom Karutz** and the secretary is still **Linda Montgomery** because no one else ran for that office this time.

The elections took place at snack and at lunch Monday, January 10.

The class treasurers, who serve the entire year, were appointed by the class cabinets first semester.

The new class presidents will have Leadership first period, which is composed of the Student Council members.

Student Body -- Voice Your Opinion

Recently some students have been disappointed in the assemblies presented. Below is a questionnaire in which you, the student body, can voice opinion about the type of assemblies you wish to have.

"We want to know what the student body desires, and we would certainly consider the top five choices," states Joe Jones, ASB president, in a recent student council meeting.

In February, John Goddard, famed explorer and adventurer, will show a film.

Turn in your suggestions to Room 131 during lunch or after school. Results will be posted on the bulletin board in main hall next week.

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"I hope all girls will plan to attend this year's Backwards Dance," commented **Judi Kelly**, G.A.A. president.

The color scheme for "La Bella Notte" is carried out in the blue of the skies and rivers. The committees are the following: for the main room, **Kathy Keenan**; refreshment room, **Vonnie Maynard** and **Paula Kaurtz**; bids, **Pat Ralston**; band, **Jill Bennett**; cloak room, the freshmen.

The G.A.A. Backwards Dance is something no one will want to miss. So boys will be on their best behavior and girls can't be shy.

Chief Justice Speaks Out

They said it couldn't be done, but they were wrong. Somehow, he did it. Yes, George Murphy, waging one of the most "blah" campaigns in the history of American politics. (He was for the good guys and against the bad guys while taking a firm stand for motherhood and the flag), managed to become a U.S. Senator from California. And now, dear old George is firmly entrenched in Washington trying to equal Carl Hayden's record for sleeping through Senate legislative sessions.

Today, Ronald Reagan is preparing to wage a similar campaign for the Governorship of California against the Democratic incumbent, Pat Brown. I've never been an admirer or a supporter of Pat Brown. However, in such a case as this, I would heartily support him. The choice of an experienced well-informed candidate over an inexperienced, "say-nothing-consequential" candidate is obvious to me.

I can only hope that Californians will not commit the same sort of political mistake twice in a row thereby burdening themselves down with woeful government troubles.

Andy K. Platt

Why?

by **Wendy Larsen**

Why should the flowers,
That bloom in spring,
Die with the winter,
And snow that it brings?

Why should the trees,
That stand up so tall,
Be burned to a cinder,
From folly of all?

Why should the grass,
That grow up like weeds,
Be left all alone,
Without water it needs?
Why should the world,
In the state that it's in,
Be wrought with all wars,
And hate to the brim?

Why?

bay eagle

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The Haze Is Coming Off Oklahoma Try-outs Begin for Interested Students

Stiff muscles and sore throats are prevalent for all students who tried-out for Oklahoma. Try-outs for the new musical have been held this week and last. As many as eighty people have tried out for the various parts.

The history of Oklahoma has been one of many successes; it is the hope of all involved that the musical will get the school's full support.

Girl's League Reports

First after game dance of the new year will be held Friday, January 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 in the cafeteria.

"The Grapes," a well-known local band, will provide music. Sponsored by Girls League, the dance is headed by Sally Smith and Karen Drummond, freshmen representatives.

Chaperones for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stuckman, Mr. Frank Cravens and others.

Next on Girls League agenda is the Valentine Candy Sale, scheduled for early February. Janice Padjen, junior representative, will be in charge of the sale.

A ballot amending the increase of Girls League cabinet from two class representatives each to four representatives, was passed Friday after elections during gym classes.

GL Presents Assembly Sweet Entertains Boys

Two separate assemblies were held last week in the auditorium and boys' gym.

The one taking place in the auditorium was sponsored by Girls' League; its purpose was to define the significant functions of three school organizations: GAA, Epsilon Sigma, and Girls' League.

Judy Kelly spoke for GAA and Alison Binder on behalf of Epsilon Sigma. Accompanying Alison were Patti Ebaugh and Linda Padgen.

Mary Neil, Kris Swanson, Jeanie Peters, Paula Galloway, and Laurel Osterberg all helped in explaining the various activities of Girls' League.

Several forms of entertainment highlighted the event, including a poem read by authoress Paula Karutz and folksongs by Peggy Halperin, Janie Jensen, and Pat Walker.

At the same time the entire male student body was attending the assembly held in the boys' gym. Stan Sweet, well-known sharp-shooter, displayed his skill with the pistol.

Friday the boys' gym was the scene of a pep rally, opened by the traditional class yells.

Joe Jones led the students and attending faculty in the flag salute, then turned the microphone over to cheer leader Peggy Halperin. After an enthusiastic yell the song leaders displayed their new uniforms. Coach Warren then introduced this year's varsity basketball team.

The musical itself tells about Oklahoma fighting to become a new state. The action takes place in the cornfields, on the plains and in the hearts of the people fighting for statehood with the plainsmen or farmers having a range war with the ranchers.

Some of the many songs to be sung are "Surry With the Fringe on Top" and "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning." There are many small but important parts which help in making up the production.

The work to be put into the play will be hard and lengthy, for each person will have to put in at least one hour each day either memorizing lines or practicing parts. Every person who was interested has had an equal opportunity to try out for the play.

This play will be one of the largest plays ever attempted.

Mrs. Dianne Klemm is in charge of the over-all program. Mr. Patton McNaughton, Miss Betty Lloyd are in charge of instrumentals and dancing, respectively.

Girl of Month Revealed

1966's first girl of the month, **Alison Binder**, is one of exceptional scholastic talents. She's been a member of CSF every semester since her frosh year, and by the looks of things, she'll become a Seal Bearer too.

Alison, who is president of Epsilon Sigma, is a second generation El Segundoite and has attended Gundo schools since kindergarten. Her grandfather was one of the founders of El Segundo back in 1914.

Many honors have been bestowed upon Alison through the years. She was one of the recipients of the United Nations Speech contest award, which was a trip to New York by bus. Also, she was ESHS's representative at Girls' State last summer.

As for her favorites, Alison likes the colors green and blue, steak, a certain ES graduate, skirts and sweaters, and the watch Santa brought her.

Alison's college plans are still up in the air, but she would like to attend the University of California at Santa Barbara or Cal Poly at San Luis.

Her hobbies include playing the piano, taking care of a big cage full of birds and hiking.

Alison is very active in Spanish Club, AFS, and the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She's going to the Backwards Dance and thinks the Islander would be the ideal spot to take her date to dinner.

Bougie's Corner . . .

by Margaret Bouqeno

The G.A.A. has chosen "La Bella Notte" as the theme for the Backwards Dance. Among those attending will be Susan Hoffman and Ron Green, Cheryl Banks and Mike Proctor, Linda Mauthe and Mike Cronin, Nancy Henderson and Ken Walkey, Joan Skidmore and Dwayne Curry, Annette Drummond and Larry Filson, Ronalie Wood and Jim Puffer, Cindy Leggett and David Turino, Susan Moyer and Dennis Crawford, Pat Cundiff and John Lord, Dixie Randall and Alan Flynn, Sheila Saran and Paul Becskehazy, Alida Jefferies and Richard Standage, Liz Hunter and Perry Enriquez, Julie Farr and Wayne Ball, Terry Stephens and Dale Hoppenrath, Eloise Shipman and John Smith, Claudia Bowland and Scott Hail, Linda Padjen and Robby Barker, Alison Binder and Jim Maxey, and John Marikos, and Judi Kelly.

The Backwards Dance has inspired an unusual trend among the girls of El Segundo. Instead of asking the boys to the dance, many girls are taking the boys to Hollywood and out to dinner. Some of the prospective Hollywood goers are April Aland and Kemer Brett, Shelly Donahue and Kreg Brown, Carol Perry and Bob Saari, Meg Turino and David Haupt, Nancy Wood and Bill Sligar, Linda Hartman and David Goetz, Peggy Halperin and Steve Martin, and Mary Neil and Jeff Peterson.

The previously mentioned boys owe their thanks to G.A.A. for making every year leap year.

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Favorite Christmas Gifts

Bay Eagle thought it would be interesting to find out some of the favorite Christmas gifts El Segundo High's students received. The results were very interesting if not humorous.

- Paula Galloway** — plastic baby shoe and rattle.
- Kreg Brown** — my trip to Chic's and the gift from Mary Neil.
- Eric Keener** — transistorized clock radio.
- Kathy Deeter** — Chanel No. 5.
- Jackie Nerren** — stuffed elephant Dumbo.
- Julie Puccio** — clothes and radio.
- Bev Montavon** — a watch.
- Mary Candiello** — mink belly-button warmer.
- Yvonne Lafen** — racing steering wheel from my boyfriend.
- Patti Ebaugh** — a cold.
- Cathy McCoy** — a camera.
- Linda Padjen** — a "Tiger."
- Bill Holt** — bubble bath.
- Linda Hartman** — diamond ring, red widow spider.
- Jack Cuzick** — plastic helicopter.
- Mike Brown** — clothes and a parachute.
- Mary Neil** — my nephew.
- Joe Jones** — two week respite from Student Council.
- Judy Crawford** — my fur coat.
- Carlos Garreton** — electric razor
- Carol Mone** — an oil paint set.
- Pat Ralston** — sponge, nylon washer.
- Sandy Clayton** — a car aerial.
- Sylvie Dijon** — a tape.
- Sue Small** — charm bracelet, sail boat and flute.
- Hans Segers** — Christmas kiss from a good friend.
- Joe Hill** — all of my gifts.
- Carl Dahlgren** — Head Nector competition giant slalom skis.
- Mickey Aldworth** — toy helicopter.

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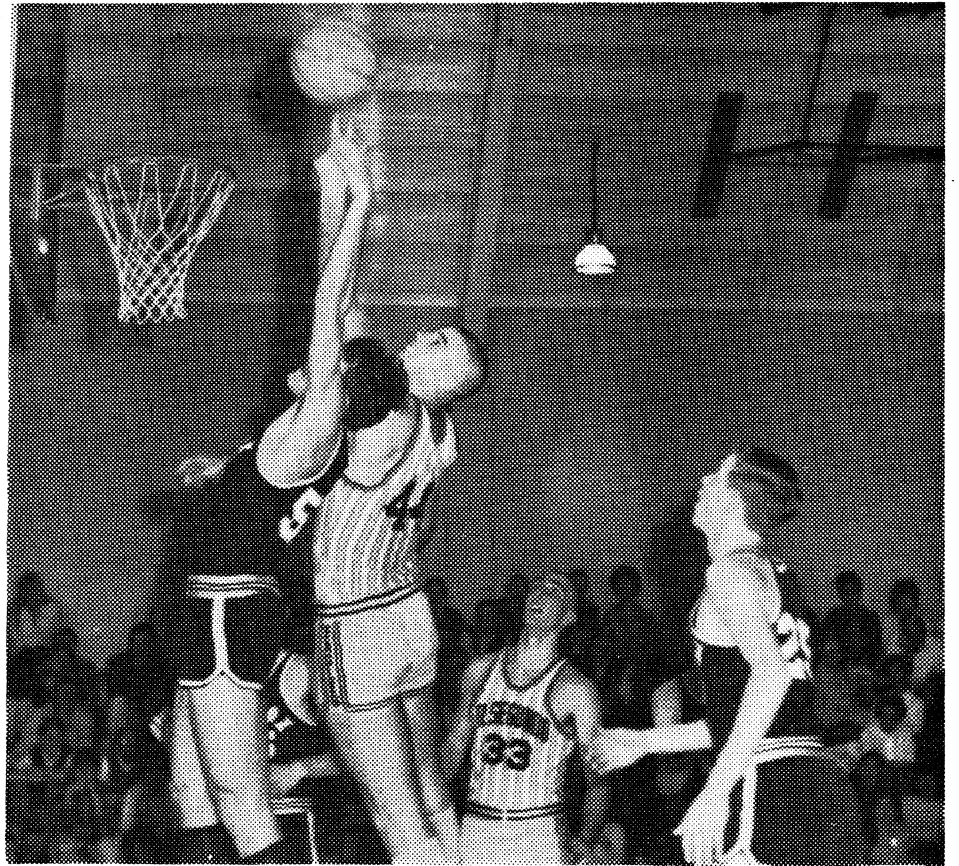
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Big John Pleice rebounds another

El Segundo Downs Lennox in League Opener

The El Segundo High School Basketball team opened its Pioneer League play last Friday night by downing the Lennox High quintet by a score of 64-38 on the Lancers home court.

In the opening minutes of the first quarter the Lancers looked as though they were going to give the Eagles a close contest, but the Eagles went on a late spurt to finish the quarter with a small advantage 17-11. The favored Eagles ran past the under-dog Lancers during the second quarter, scoring 16 points to the Lancers 8 and went off the court at half-time with a 35-19 lead.

The Lancers again looked impressive during the third quarter as they outscored the Eagle quintet 12-10. El Segundo dominated the fourth quarter on the scoring of John Pleick (19), Kemer Brett (13), and Dana Pagett (12).

The Eagle defense was led by the rebounding of Pleick and Bill Sligar. The victory put El Segundo in a tie for first place in the Pioneer League, along with West and Palos Verdes.

The Eagles will meet Aviation tomorrow night on the Falcons home court. The contest will begin at 8 P.M.

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