



**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA  
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION  
CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION**



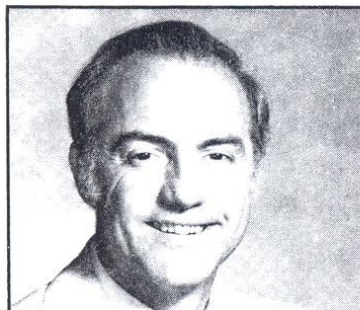
**DR. GARY SMIDDERKS**  
**“The Articulate Conscience of CIF-SS”**



93rd historical “tidbit.”  
Dr. John S. Dahlem



**1986**



Dr. Gary Smidderks will represent the Private Area #2 in place of Gerald Harer. His first teaching assignment was at Pacific Christian High School where later he also served as Vice Principal. In July of 1963, he joined the staff of Los Angeles Baptist High School as Director of Guidance where in addition to his administrative responsibilities, he taught classes in physical education, math, music and religion. In addition, he coached baseball, football, golf, and basketball. He is presently Principal of L.A. Baptist High School.

The CIF-SS Executive Committee is the administrative body of the Southern Section. Responsibilities of the Executive Committee include enforcing all rules and regulations approved by the council of the CIF Southern Section, and the consideration of all questions related to a violation of such rules and regulations.

Dr. Gary Smidderks has been a mainstay in the development of the CIF-SS. In 1986 he became a member of the Executive Committee and assumed the Presidency of that group in 1992. During his tenure as President he had to deal with difficult situations involving the removal of the Commissioner and Orange County attempting to leave the CIF-SS. Gary has shown an incredible ability to build consensus and do what is right for the shareholders of the CIF-SS. During the critical times when the CIF-SS was at odds with the State CIF, Dr. Smidderks advocated for mutual respect and understanding of both entities which led to improved working relationships. He was a member of the State CIF Federated Council serving on the Executive Committee representing the California Association of Private School Organizations (CAPSO). **Gary was the longest serving CIF-SS Executive Committee member in the history of the CIF-SS.** During any Executive Committee meeting when Gary spoke everyone listened and he was a valued mentor to all the Presidents of the committee. He retired from the Committee in 2013. He still is active with the CIF-SS serving on the Private/Public

Committee and the Commissioner's Private School Advisory Committee. Dr. Smidderks is a strong proponent for the private schools in the CIF-SS and has taken a proactive approach for both private and public schools in a better understanding of how each of those types of school operate. Gary was articulate and famous for his high level vocabulary, i.e., two of his more famous and eloquent words were "bifurcation" (his favorite) and "malfesance." Gary said he and his wife would pick a word out of the dictionary and try to use it each day.



L.A.S.'s greatest fans, Mr. and Mrs. Smidderks take in a game off football game.



## . . . And One From Our Principal

Schools have most things in common. They provide classrooms, teachers, equipment, textbooks, courses of study and the like. No one would dispute the importance of these factors to the process of education and yet these constitute only a part of school life.

In the long run, specific courses, materials and curriculum usually become secondary to the relationships which draw a school together. Teachers are involved as they attempt to "reach" students both as persons and for the sake of classroom materials. Students work at it full time as they walk about the campus, pass notes and nod in classes and share the excitement of mutual interest and activity.

The following pages express this friendship in many ways. Sharing a mutual victory or defeat, caring about a friend's problem, understanding another's point of view, forgiving an offending fellow student and giving of yourself to someone that counts, all are a part of this friendship. Actually, if this school has anything extra to offer students, it is this friendship — friendship growing out of a love that Christ brings and spreads throughout the campus. Hopefully, this year has helped each of us understand a little better the rights, responsibilities and meaning of friendship.

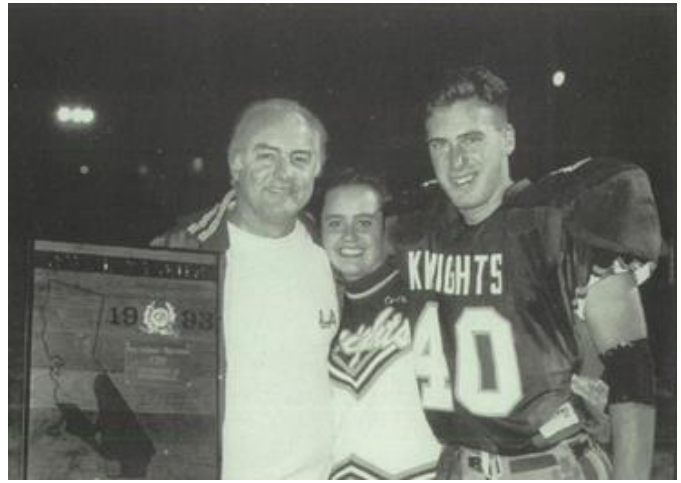
"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



Gary Smidderks — our spirited leader.





## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Someone has wisely said that "attitude is more important than aptitude" and this year's student body, though not lacking in aptitude, has been exemplary in attitude. Their will to share, support and grow has created an uplifting atmosphere on campus. Many issues and individuals could be cited, but perhaps homecoming was one of the greatest examples. Although in grade level competition, students widely complimented other classes for their spirit, creativity, industry and floor design, and all agreed the week was a tremendous success. Student aptitude contributed, but student attitude was the key.

The Lord counsels us to get our "hearts right" by seeking Him as our top priority. Once He is in place, our attitudes will be correct and our aptitude will be freed to perform at their best.

It is my prayer that this year's growth in school attitude will affect us all in such a way that the future year's attitudes will spread the blessing.

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show it by his good behavior, his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. James 3:13




MR. GARY  
SMIDDERKS  
DIR. OF GUIDANCE





**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**CIF-SS Pushes Forward**

By Dr. Gary Smidderks, President  
CIF-SS Executive Committee



**CIF-SS Executive Committees**

**1988**



**2010**

