



**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA  
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION  
SOUTHERN SECTION  
(CIFSS)**



50<sup>th</sup> historical “tidbit.”  
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**PAUL CASTILLO**

**FORMER CIFSS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
“THE BASKETBALL GURU”**



Paul Castillo, CIFSS Assistant Commissioner, retired on June 30, 2008, after 42 years of service to the youth of Southern California including 8 years with the CIFSS office. Paul was one of the first hires for current CIFSS Commissioner Dr. Jim Staunton and was popular among all the constituents of the CIFSS. Paul wore many hats for CIF, but will be best remembered for all his work in taking the sport of high school basketball to its highest zenith in the history of the CIFSS. Paul came up through the ranks of high school athletics and fully understood the importance of providing quality opportunities for all kids to succeed on the playing fields. Paul was always amazed at the level of athletic prowess shown by CIFSS athletes and felt privileged to be associated with all the coaches, administrators and parents who made up the CIFSS “family.” The CIFSS Hall of Famer, for his tennis coaching career at Paramount High School, will be missed by all those who knew that Paul considered his tenure at the CIFSS office to be his “Dream Job!”

**TIDBITS ON PAUL CASTILLO**



Santa Monica Hospital

- Paul was born in the Santa Monica Hospital on June 29, 1942.
- He grew up in West Los Angeles near the Veterans Hospital, attended Brentwood Elementary and University High School.
- At “Uni,” he played football and baseball...he stated, “I was just an average athlete.”



- He knew the famous teen rock and roll singers from University High School....Jan & Dean.



- He played Little League Baseball.
- He began work as a 13 year old with his Dad at Farmers Market (then with his Uncle in Santa Monica) at “Castillo’s” Mexican Restaurant which was famous in Southern California. He worked very hard which runs in his family. His mother is still alive at 91 years of age.



**FARMERS MARKET**

YOU can say what you want about this, the world's heaviest newspaper, but we (Dick Kidson), for one, find its writers most discerning, fair, bright and entertaining. Usually. Especially when they type nice things about FARMERS MARKET, 3rd & Fairfax.

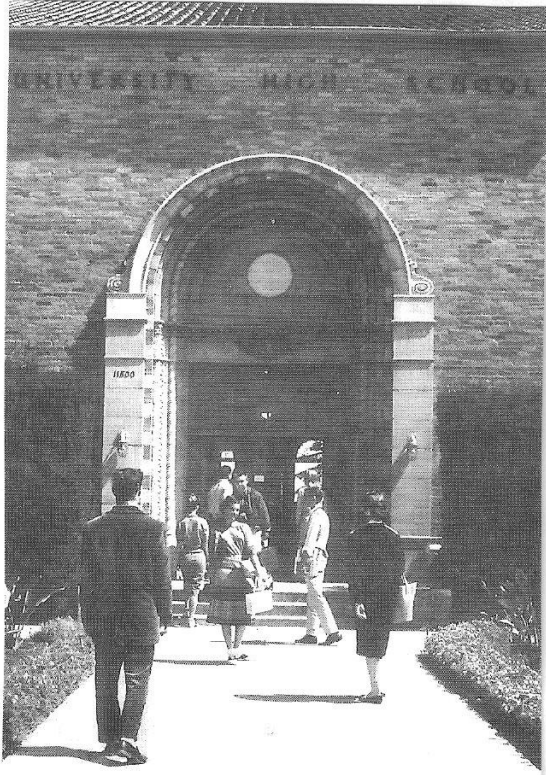
In a recent dissertation in the "You" magazine, Colman Andrews wrote about many of the area's out-of-doors dining rooms. And he had this to say about— "FARMERS MARKET

—It's a mistake to leave the Farmers Market to the tourists. The place really does have extraordinary little markets full of meats, fish, fruits and vegetables, breads, etc.—things that look too good to eat but are, in fact, too good not to. There are also several dozen 'restaurants' or food stands, representing eight or 10 kinds of cooking, all in respectable, if not brilliant, versions. And the best thing is that one can mix and match—Castillo's Mexican salad with a roast barbecued ham sandwich from Bryan's (or, maybe, one of Bryan's Texas salads with a bowl of straight chili from Castillo's)

The good food at Castillo's

- He graduated from University High School in 1960 and attended Santa Monica City College for two years.
- At SMCC, he walked on as a tennis player and made the team.

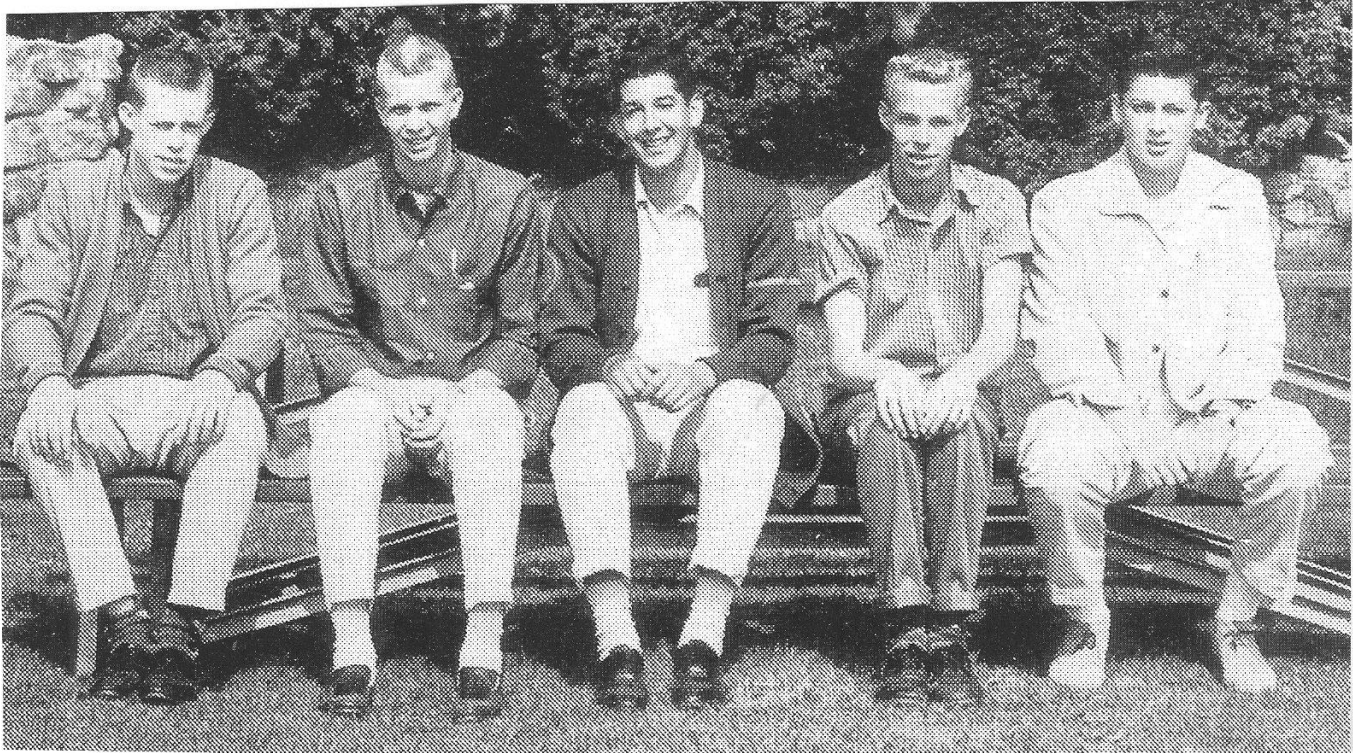




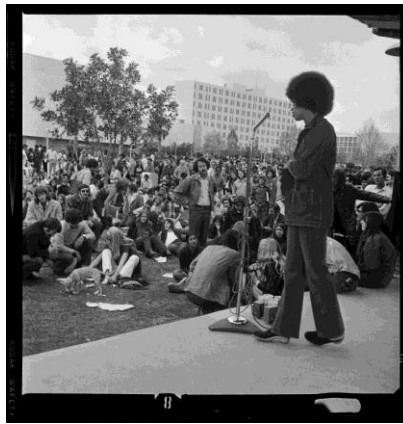
**PAUL CASTILLO**  
*Varsity Football*  
*Letterman*



University High School Boys League 1960

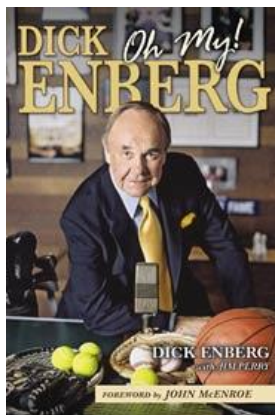


- He always wanted to be a teacher since his days at Brentwood Elementary. He had a favorite teacher, Leo Sanchez, who served as a mentor to him. Unfortunately, Mr. Sanchez, was killed in a car crash in Mexico where he had taken some of his students to help the local people. Paul said he carried the funeral notice for many years in his wallet as a motivation.
- He attended San Fernando Valley State College (currently California State University at Northridge – CSUN)) and majored in physical education and health science.



San Fernando Valley State College – 1960's

- One of his health science teachers at Valley State was the famous announcer Dick Enberg who, along with being one of the best announcers of all time, was also Professor with a Ph.D., and the school's freshman baseball coach.



- He did his student teaching at Monroe High School and Sequoia Junior High School in the San Fernando Valley. He graduated in 1965 with a Secondary Teaching Credential.

# FOND MEMORIES AT PARAMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL



Sometimes, the weirdest things that happen to you require more than just a little look. Ms. Godfrey remembers, "While I was breaking up a fight between two girls, one of them reached over and bit me on the forearm. Next morning, I had to go get a tetanus shot." One thing that probably happens to all teachers is what happened to Mr. Equitz. He recalls, "One time, a student did his homework and came to class for a whole week!" Could this be sarcasm?! Ms. Mele says that the weirdest thing that happened to her was "being hired for 1st and 2nd grade bilingual class not speaking any Spanish." Mr. Castillo admits, "I have had too many to enumerate." This guy could write a book!



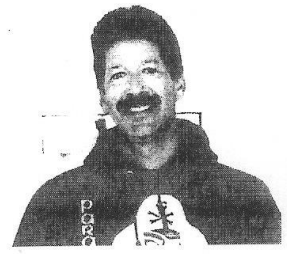
Mr. P. Castillo  
Physical Ed.



Mrs. Glenna Castillo  
P.E.



Mr. Paul Castillo  
P.E.



- His first job was as a physical education teacher at San Fernando Junior High School.



- He moved to Paramount High School in 1969 teaching physical education and health safety.
- His first year at Paramount he coached “B” football, “B” basketball and took over the varsity tennis team.
- All his tennis players were complete beginners when they entered high school. Paul said he had only one player with any experience in his entire coaching career...and that player was coached by his own mother.
- Paul, at Paramount High School, won over 500 tennis matches, with 9 League Championships.
- He became the Athletic Director at Paramount in 1987. He was extremely proud of the success the football team had as they were crowned CIFSS Champions in 1988, 1989, and runner-up in 1990. They did it with players who were great high school football players and would, as Paul stated, “Really get after you.”
- He loved his time at Paramount and said, “It was a great place to work with super kids, teachers and administrators.”
- Paul was the CIFSS “Athletic Director of the Year” in 1991.
- As the athletic director at Paramount, he was very proactive in hiring female coaches.
- During this period of time he also taught English at Compton Community College. He received his Masters Degree from College of St. Thomas.

- He met his wife Glenna at Paramount and they coached the tennis teams together and married in 1980. In those days you could not be married and teach at the same school. Paul had to go before the Board of Education and ask for their permission to marry Glenna and still stay at Paramount...his rationale was it was all right to live with Glenna and still work at Paramount, but he could not marry her...they wisely accepted his request.
- He was hired as a CIFSS Assistant Commissioner on February 9, 2000, after 31 years in public education.
- He was responsible for the sports of basketball, boy's and girl's tennis, boy's and girl's track, and boy's and girl's cross country along with numerous other responsibilities.
- His son Dan is a police officer in Fullerton and his daughter Vicky, who is expecting, lives in Boston. He has three grandsons.
- Paul and Glenna love to run and bicycle together. Paul enjoys reading fiction and will be kept very busy with travel and Glenna's expertise at Cerritos Travel.



Comments about Paul from the CIFSS office staff:

- "A commensurate professional."
- "Rock solid in everything he does."
- "He' a pro!"
- "Very disciplined."
- "I wish I could look like him...he looks 40 years old!"
- "Young at heart."
- "Loves his wheat thins and yogurt."
- "We call him, 'Monsier Le Blade' because he is in such good shape."
- "Loves to go to Ojai tennis tournament."
- "Now that he is retired, he can spend extra time in Mexico with his former CIFSS friends."
- "He is a man of integrity."
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## CASTILLO NAMED NEW ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Paramount High School Athletic Director Paul Castillo was named as a new Assistant Commissioner of Athletics for the CIF Southern Section today. Castillo, 57, replaces Dr. Harold Cebrun who left to become Superintendent of Schools for the Lynwood Unified School District.

"The CIF Southern Section is pleased to have someone of Paul's experience and proven leadership," said CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics Dr. Jim Staunton. "We were extremely happy with the pool of candidates and could not have made a wrong choice with any of the three finalists."

"I am extremely honored to be named to the position considering the other finalists," said Castillo. "This is a great opportunity for me and something I consider to be the pinnacle of my 12 years in athletic administration."

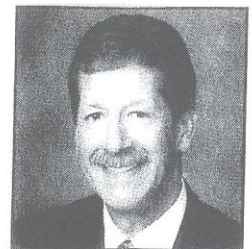
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ornia State University, Northridge) in 1965. His first teaching position was in P.E. at San Fernando Junior High School, where he taught until 1969. He moved to Paramount High School in 1969, first as a teacher and Physical Education/Health and Sciences Department Leader (1969 to 1988) as well as a coach for boys' and girls' tennis, football and basketball (1969 to 1998). Castillo was named Athletic Director at Paramount in 1987 and had served in that role until now.

Castillo also served as an English teacher at Compton Community College (1972-1978) during that time. In 1977 he completed a Masters in Arts program at the College of St. Thomas. Castillo has served on numerous CIF Southern Section, CIF-State, San Gabriel Valley League, Paramount Unified School District and Paramount High School committee's. Castillo was named California State Athletic Directors Association (CSADA) Athletic Director of the Year during the 1991-92 school year.

Castillo's areas of administration will be basketball ((boys' and girls'), cross country (boys' and girls'), swimming and diving (boys' and girls'), tennis (girls'), track and field (boys' and girls'), Distinguished Service Awards, Ethics in Sports Committee, athletic administrators symposium, open enrollment eligibility, fall packets, officials for his assigned sports, as well as rule books and publications.

Castillo resides in Long Beach with his wife Glenna. He has two adult children, Dan (27) and Vicky (24).



**PAUL CASTILLO**  
Assistant Commissioner

  
**Southern Section**  
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### CIF-SS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER TO RETIRE

LOS ALAMITOS – Paul Castillo, Assistant Commissioner of Athletics of the CIF Southern Section for more than eight years, will retire effective June 30, 2008.

"Paul has given the section membership outstanding service during his tenure," stated Commissioner of Athletics, Dr. Jim Staunton. "Paul is immanently knowledgeable about his sports and he will be truly missed."

Castillo, who came to the Southern Section in 2000 after serving a successful stint as teacher, coach and athletic director at Paramount High School for more than 31 years, served as administrator at the CIF-SS in the sports of basketball, boy's and girl's track and field, boy's and girl's cross-country, and boys and girl's tennis.

"My time with the Southern Section, primarily because of the staff with whom I work, has been an incredible experience" said Castillo. "Leaving will be like moving away from family, but there are other things that I would like to experience that cannot be accomplished while working full-time."

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PAUL CASTILLO (Cont.): League, Paramount Unified School District and Paramount High School committee's (see below). Castillo was named California State Athletic Directors Association (CSADA), Southern Section, Athletic Director of the Year during the 1991-92 school year. In 2002 Castillo was inducted into the CIF Southern Section's Hall of Fame for years as an outstanding tennis coach at Paramount.

"This job requires a lot of high energy and I just felt it was time to turn it over to someone else," added Castillo. "Working here as been a great way to finish 42 years in education and athletics."

The CIF-SS expects to name a new Assistant Commissioner by the end of May.

### CASTILLO'S COMMITTEE'S, HONORS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame (2002)
- California State CIF Coaching Education Faculty (1996-2000)
- CIF-SS Ad Hoc Committee — Wild Card Playoffs (2000)
- CIF-SS Soccer Finals Event Manager (1999-2000)
- CIF-SS Council Member — Coordinator, San Gabriel Valley League (1989-2000)
- CIF-SS Athletic Administrators Committee (1995-2000)
- CIF-SS Playoff Groupings Committee (1994-1995)
- CIF-SS Cost Savings Committee (1996-1997)
- CIF-SS Athletic Directors/Activities Directors Joint Committee (1996-1997)
- CIF-SS CSADA Athletic Director of the Year (1991-1992)
- Contributing writer to Athletic Directors Handbook first distributed in 1997-1998
- Teacher Association-Paramount Unified School Dist. Negotiations Team Member (1985-2000)
- PUSD Year Round School Committee (1991-1993)
- PUSD Ninth Grade Program Committee (1996-1997)
- PUSD Facilities Committee (1991-1993)
- PHS Steering Committee (Faculty Leadership Team) (1988-2000)
- PHS Scheduling Committee (1996-1997)
- PHS Year Round School Committee (1995-1997)
- South East Athletic Directors Association, Secretary (1996- 1999)
- San Gabriel Valley League Secretary (1991-1992)
- San Gabriel Valley League Coordinator (1989-2000)
- San Gabriel Valley League Sports Manager: Cross Country, Tennis, Boys Water Polo
- California State Athletic Directors Association
- California State CIF Coaching Education Faculty
- National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association
- California Coaches Association
- South East Athletic Directors Association
- National Education Association
- California Teachers Association
- Teachers Association — Paramount
- United States Tennis Association
- United States Racquet Stringers Association
- Cerritos Optimist Club
- Cerritos Tennis Club

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