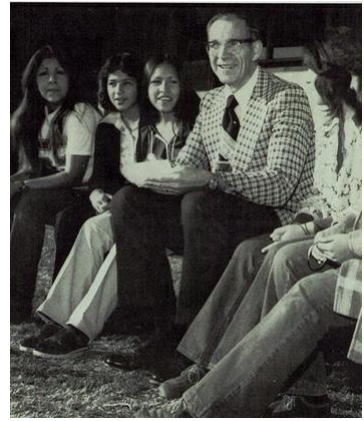




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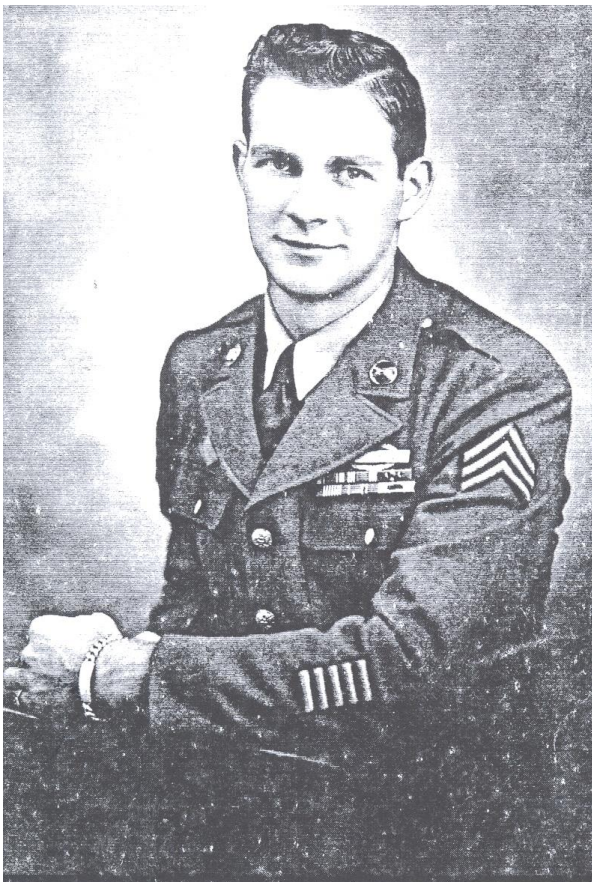
**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION**



Dr. HANFORD RANTS

Dr. Hansford Rants had a long and distinguished educational career and was a very popular and effective leader for the CIF-SS during the 1970's and 1980's. He was a mentor to former Commissioner Dean Crowley when they both served as high school administrators at Gahr High School. Shirley Frazier, former CIF-SS Director of Finance and Budget, said that Rants was one of the best school and CIF-SS officials she had the privilege working with.

Awarded Silver Star - World War II



Principal Warren High School - 1965



Dr. Rants Assumes Treasurer's Position

1973-1974



DR. HANFORD RANTS

A close neighbor of the CIF office, Gahr High School (on whose campus the CIF, SS offices are located) has supplied the new treasurer of the CIF council—Dr. Hanford F. Rants, 49-year-old principal of Gahr for the past three years.

Dr. Rants received his B.S. and B. of Ed. degrees from Washington St. University in 1949 and his master's the following year.

His Ed. D is from the University of Southern California and Dr. Rants holds four life credentials, with 22 years of teaching and administrative experience. While coaching in junior high (football and basketball) three years, he also taught math and science in the Wapato School district. Dr. Rants served a year as district attendance supervisor in an area with 2400 students spread over 56 square miles.

He moved to a vice-principalship for two years; and then served as a junior and senior high principal in the Downey School district for 14 years before joining the ABC District at Gahr.

Dr. Rants, rangy at 6-3, 200 pounds, is a physical fitness enthusiast, who can be seen running the track at Gahr whenever he gets the chance. He and his wife Shirley have three sons: Jon, 24, a Cal State Long Beach graduate now in the military at Ft. Carson, Colorado (in civilian life he is a teacher); Jay, 22, a graduate of Redlands University, an elementary education major and will be credentialed in January, 1973; and Jack, 20, a senior Ministry major at Redlands.

Dr. Rants has been active in CASSA and NASSP for 18 years, having previously served as CASSA district president and currently is president of Region 14 of the Association of California School Administrators. He has also worked on numerous Western Association of Schools and Colleges Evaluation teams.

Dr. Rants has served terms as president and vice-president of both the Coast and Suburban Leagues, and previously served two years on the important CIF, SS releaguage committee.

He has done work in Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts and is active in his church.

During World War II, Dr. Rants was awarded the Soldier's Medal, a Bronze Star and a Silver Star during the Pacific campaign.



1973-74 CIF-SS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (Back Row L-R) Claire Van Hoorebeke, Anaheim HS Athletic Director; Louie Joseph, Canyon HS (Villa Park) Principal; James Faul, Wilson HS (Hacienda Heights) Principal; Reverend Alexander Manville, Bishop Garcia Diego HS Principal; Tony Balsamo, Apple Valley HS Principal; Ted Gossard, Aviation HS Principal; J. Kenneth Fagans, CIF-SS Commissioner; and Alex Alexander, Desert Sands HS Principal. (Front Row L-R) Ferren Christensen, Huntington Beach UHSD Administrator; Dr. Hanford Rants, Gahr HS Principal and CIF-SS Treasurer; Steve Miletich, Beverly Hills HS Assistant Principal and CIF-SS Council President; Dr. Richard Cordano, Arcadia HS Principal and CIF-SS Council Vice President; Roger Weeks, Sierra HS Principal; and Dr. Lowell Jackson, Centinela Valley UHSD Superintendent.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Hanford Rants

"Editor's Note"

Introducing the Southern Section's new president is like a review of Who's Who in Education. Hanford Rants is known to all who have worked closely with him as a leader and a professional in the field of secondary education and athletics.

Dr. Rants began his teaching career in 1949 as a mathematics and science teacher together with an assignment in coaching. He has been an administrator for 28 years beginning at the Junior High level with seven years of service as principal of Warren High in Downey and a total of eleven years at his current post as principal of Gahr High in Cerritos.

Surviving four beachheads while serving in the South Pacific as an army sergeant, Dr. Rants went on to earn his M.A. degree at Washington State University and his Doctorate in Education at the University of Southern California in 1967.

A former Physical Education major, Rants has dedicated a large amount of time in community and professional service. He is Chairman of The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) College Commission and has been a member of the Secondary Commission since 1973; the list also includes: State Executive Board member and District President of California Association of Secondary School Administrators (CASSA); President, Region 14 of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA); Member of the High School Committee of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP); league president, member and treasurer of the CIF-SS Executive Committee, and this year, President of the CIF-SS Council.

There could be no person with better qualifications to guide the Southern Section in this first school year of the 1980's. We welcome Dr. Hanford Rants.

WELCOME

Our new year of 1980-81 is destined to be the most challenging in history for interscholastic athletics in California. As costs of athletic programs have reached levels beyond student body and district ability to pay, we have also faced a critical decline in the number of certificated teachers willing to coach. Responsibility, financial needs and vulnerability to lawsuit, have been overwhelming factors.

The record of the CIF organization in dealing with athletics since 1914 has been outstanding by comparison to similar agencies throughout the United States.

The organizational structure provides for maximum input from schools whose student bodies actually finance CIF.

Our large Southern Section (450 schools) has been a great advantage in receiving input from a variety of types of schools, providing maximum services for minimum cost per school, and an excellent opportunity to accommodate unusual or limited school programs.

It is surely one of the greatest honors of my career to be selected for leadership in this organization. Please help preserve the strength of our group by actively participating in league and council business. School-level suggestions become the legislation necessary to govern the athletic program statewide.

Southern Section-CIF leaders will focus all strength possible on the challenges facing us presently. We will do everything in our power to make this year a pleasant and memorable one for you.

Hanford Rants



OFFICERS 1980-81 SCHOOL YEAR



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Principal
Apple Valley High School



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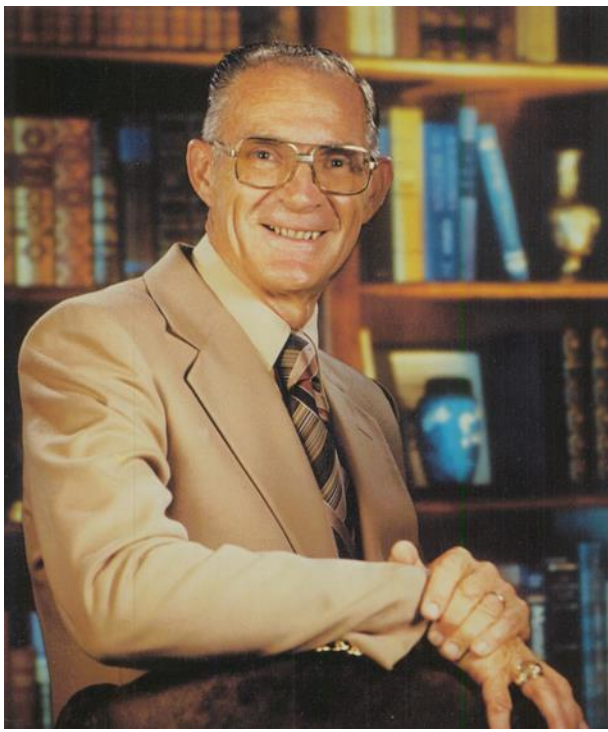
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SCIBCA HALL OF FAME

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Dr. Hanford Rants

Gahr



Dr. Hanford Rants, Gahr High School Principal for the last thirteen years, announced his retirement to a dismayed campus in January. Serving thirty-two years as teacher, counselor, assistant principal and ultimately principal, Dr. Rants was an exceptionally well-loved administrator. Our principal was a highly principled man. He made himself visible and available to those who needed him. Because he had been a parent, he understood and had affection for the younger generation and emphasized their positive characteristics and their promise for the future. We thank him for being our "someone" to learn from morally, physically and educationally — someone we felt privileged to know.



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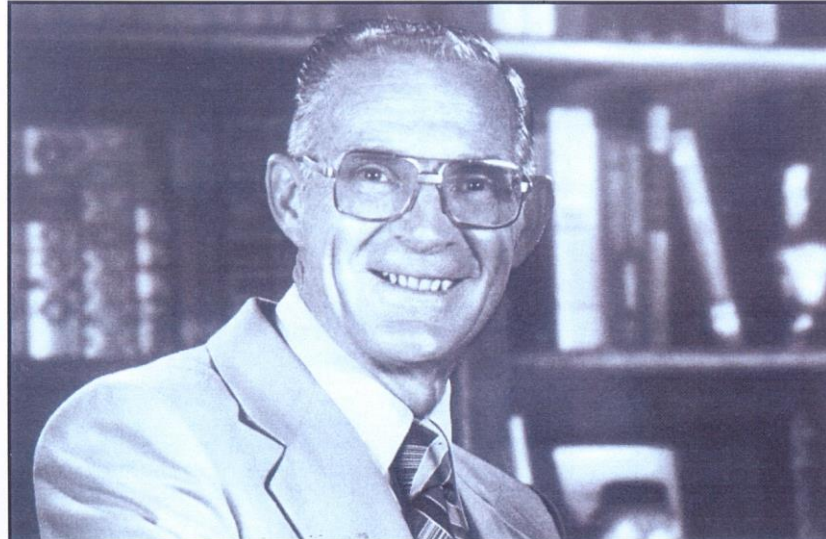
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DR. HANFORD RANTS
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FORMER CIF-SS PRESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Dr. Hanford Rants, CIF-SS Council President from 1980 until his retirement one year later, passed away January 29, 2002 after a long battle with cancer. He was 78 years old.

Dr. Rants was born on May 16, 1923 in Ahtanum, Washington. Prior to earning bachelors and masters degrees in physical education from Washington State University and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Southern California, Dr. Rants served as a sergeant with the Army in the South Pacific during World War II, surviving four beach landings and earning Silver and Bronze Stars as well as a Purple Heart.

He began his teaching career in 1949 as a math and science instructor along with an assignment in coaching. He served as a public school administrator for nearly 30 years beginning at the junior high school level before moving on to Warren High School (seven years) as its principal. Dr. Rants then served nearly 12 years at Gahr High School before retiring from the public education profession in 1981. Upon his resignation from Gahr, Rants served as Principal at Brethren Christian High School

until that campus moved from Paramount to Cypress.

Dr. Rants served as Chairman of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and was a member of that committee from 1973 until his retirement; he was also a State Executive Board Member and District President of the California Association of Secondary School Administrators (CASSA); President, Region 14 of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA); Member of the High School Committee of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP); league president, member and treasurer of the CIF-SS Executive Committee; and President of the CIF-SS Council from 1980 until September of 1981.

Rants was so beloved by his students at Gahr High School that, upon his retirement in 1981, nearly 2,200 students launched a drive against the ABC Unified School District to have the newly built stadium on the Gahr campus named after him.

Dr. Rants is survived by his wife of 57 years, Shirley; three sons (Jon, Jay and Jack); five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Controversy on naming the school stadium for Rants:

Board Decides in Close Vote to Name Stadium for Rants

By MARY BARBER, *Times Staff Writer*

A divided Board of Education voted Tuesday to name the ABC Unified School District's new stadium for Hanford Rants, who is resigning as principal of Gahr High School.

The 4-3 vote followed a long and emotional discussion by the board, which had asked for public participation in naming the stadium that is being built at Gahr High.

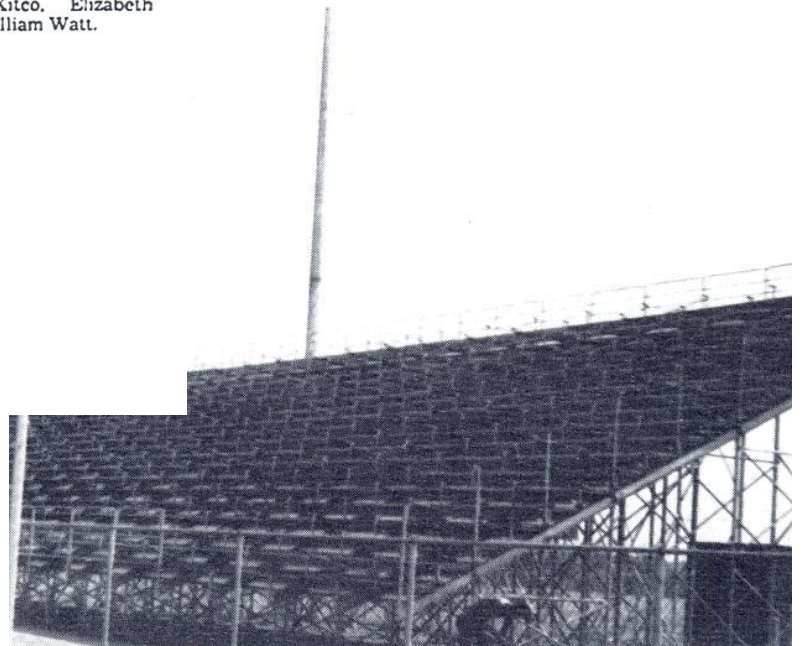
The board also began forming a committee to prepare the dedication of the stadium, due to be completed in May.

The vote to name the stadium for Rants seemed virtually assured two weeks ago when hundreds of Gahr students, teachers and parents demonstrated for the principal in a march to a Board of Education meeting where they presented a petition with about 800 signatures. Another 800 pro-Rants letters were sent to the board.

Two months earlier Rants, 56, announced to his faculty and staff that he would resign in June from the district that he called "a cold,

impersonal machine." In a blistering letter, he complained that his authority had been undermined by the board and administration.

Juan de Cordova, Homer Lewis and Wesley Backus voted against naming the stadium for Rants. In favor were board chairman Rodney Davis, Diane Xitco, Elizabeth Hutcheson and William Watt.



Hundreds March For Rants

Mark Conchelos possibly the biggest rally led by students at Gahr, there has been a tremendous amount of support for the naming of the new stadium here.

Dr. Rants had said, while this march was in its organizing stages, that even if the stadium is named after someone else, that all the love and support that has been shown to him by us all will be enough to put him on 'cloud 9' for the rest of his life. By this statement, it seems as if we have already had one victory in this 'battle' by making our great principal, Dr. Hanford Rants, a truly happy man for a long time to come.

As it turned out, the march

to the school board meeting was a huge success.

The whole procession was conducted in an absolutely positive manner in which all who were involved should be more than proud of their performance.

The conduct of this massive crowd at the actual meeting was equally admirable, for all were quiet during the many speeches and gave respectful applause at the appropriate times.

After the opening processes of the board meeting were finished, the subject of 'the stadium' came into session. Among the speakers were students Bob Meyerson, Mitch Van Derlaske, Laura

Heins, and Randy Bigleman, each who gave very straightforward as well as personal reasons on why the stadium should be named in honor of Dr. Hanford Rants.

Other speakers included prominent community leaders. One such outstanding person was Mr. Gene Emmons, a former school board president who served a total of eight years on the board. He talked about how Dr. Rants has done more for sports as well as many other areas in the school system than any other community member. Mr. Emmons also had with him a letter from Bruce Young, our state assemblyman and a former ABCSD

board member, who regretted his absence but fully supported 'Dr. Rants Stadium.'

There were other proposed names for the stadium such as 'the Colosseum,' 'the Forum,' 'Alvin Uttecht Stadium,' 'William Vander Laan Stadium,' but none came close to the support for 'Hanford Rants Stadium.'

After the meeting had adjourned, Dr. Tucker was asked a few brief questions on the conduct of the Rants supporters. He was very polite and said that the display of behavior was very impressive and that he was amazed at that large of a group.

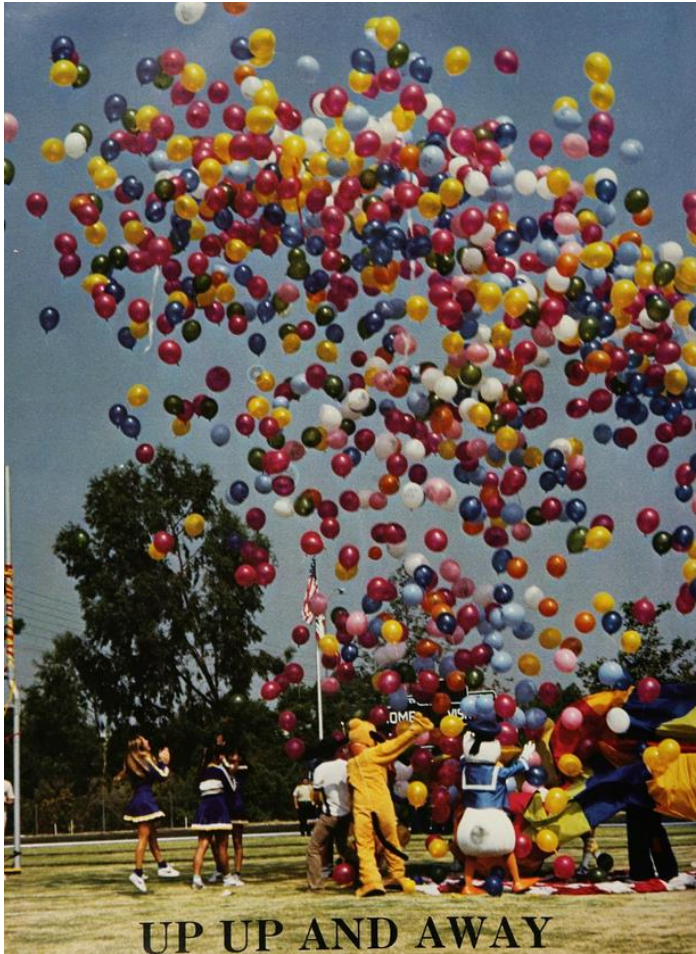
If there is anything that we, the students, faculty, and community would like to express, it is that we love you very much, Dr. Rants, and would do anything for you to repay you for all of the love, dedication, understanding, guidance and time that you have given so unselfishly towards the betterment of America's next generation. Here's to you, Dr. Rants.



Students show support for Rants during the recent march.

Thanks to Sharon Hodge, CIF-SS Administrative Assistant, for these photos. Sharon was a student at Gahr High School during Rant's Principalship and walked in the support parade. (Her placard can be seen on the left, "GAHR SUPPORTS HANFORD RANTS STADIUM").



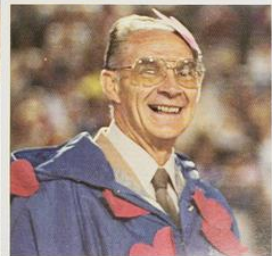


RANTS' DEDICATION

Colorful balloons, Disney characters, and athletic events sparked the dedication of Hanford Rants' Stadium. It was a gala event with many friends and alumni of Dr. Rants present to see the outcome of the ceremony. Many junior high and high schools of our community were also there. Hanford Rants' Stadium will be a very beneficial contribution for many years to come.



1. The sign says it all.
2. Dr. Rants discusses old times with a past student.
3. Happiness is hugging Dr. Rants.
4. The people behind Dr. Rants.
5. "Love and Kisses."



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