



## Yi to lead ASB for 1989-90

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News editor

After a week long campaign process which included allegations of buying votes through the giving away of candy and t-shirts-- Helen Yi was elected ASB president on April 26. Yi defeated her opposition, Anna Fredricsson by a convincing margin.

Joining Yi in the newly elected student government will be Jacob Bayani, ASB vice-president and John Diamonon ASB chief justice.

Yi prior to her ASB presidential victory was previously a class senator, Sophomore Class President, and a member of various clubs.

Bayani also has prior experience having served as Sophomore Class secretary, Junior Class vice-president, and a member of various clubs.

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Enjoying the warm weather of spring, Virginia Baeta and Anyisia Taylor chat on the lawn while eating their lunch.

## Teachers ratify contract

TINA CHOW  
staff writer

A labor agreement between the teachers union and the Fremont Unified School District was announced on April 18. According to the union and FUSD representatives, the agreement includes; an additional salary increase of 2.8 percent, funding for activity directors at the Senior High School, and additional preparation time for teachers in grades K-6.

According to Alameda County records concerning school districts and their salary schedules FUSD ranked 21st out of 22 districts in 1988. The teachers union had requested an eight percent salary increase for the '88-'89 school year but will receive a total salary increase of only 4.3 percent.

The teachers union with a membership of 1200 teachers confirmed the new contract by a vote of 869 for and 198 against. According to Richard Schneck, American High's Union Faculty Representative, 40 teachers at AHS did not vote at all.

Although teachers accepted a 4.3 percent salary increase for the '88-'89 school term, the cost of living in the Bay Area continues to rise. In the last twelve months it has risen 6.6 percent.

"If this keeps up, we will be the worst paid school district in Alameda," lamented Schneck.

## Sophomore Earns Congressional Award

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Scott McDonald, a sophomore at American High School has earned a Congressional Bronze Award. The Award was presented to him on March 30, 1989 by congressman Don Edwards.

McDonald earned the Congressional Award by compiling 200 hours of public service. He earned 100 hours of

volunteer community service by working for the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Among his duties was the routine maintenance on the bridges and trails. McDonald also spent 50 hours on personal development by attending the U.S. Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama. He got a chance to learn about the space shuttle and its operations, and participated in a mock shuttle mission in which he was the commander. Finally he spent 50 hours on physical fitness and self-exploration. As part of his exploration, McDonald visited Washington D.C. as well as travelling across the U.S.

Most of the community service hours earned were in and around the tri-city area. Scott found it interesting and challenging. "It was fun. I improved myself through doing it," he said.

*I improved myself through doing it [community service]*

--Scott Mc Donald

## Seniors prepare to have a ball

May 13 is the date set for the Class of '89 to "Make it Last Forever"

MICHELLE DE MESA  
staff writer

The class of 1989 will gather for their Senior Ball on Saturday, May 13, 1989. Due to renovations, the class of '89 will be the first AHS senior class to hold their Ball at the Hyatt Regency (Embarcadero) in San Francisco instead of the Sheraton Palace. The theme for the evening will be, "Make It Last Forever".

Bids cost \$65 per couple. The price includes dinner, memorabilia, a drink bar serving virgin drinks, and all night

dancing. Soft-drinks will cost \$1.50 each and virgin drinks will cost \$3.00. Dinner consists of baked chicken, wild rice, vegetables, and Baked Alaskan with strawberry sauce for dessert. Memorabilia includes an invitation, bid, mini and large-size memory books, napkins, and other "surprises".

Music will be provided by D.J. Greg Gill who has DJ'ed the Christmas Ball and the MORP dance for the class of '89.

The total cost to the Senior Class for this year's ball is

\$11,817. "It's more expensive than recent years but it's nice to have a change," said Senior

Class President Nick Wold.

Many hours of planning and decision making have gone into making this a night to remember. "I look most forward to seeing all my friends dressed up," said Senior Jocelyn Surla.

### New Economics game

## "Eagle City" Government to be run by Seniors

EILEEN CHUNG  
Editor-in-chief

AHS seniors will assume city government and union worker roles as part of a simulated project in May. "Eagle City" will be run by students as part of the economic class curriculum.

Economic instructors Mr. Trent Barton, Mr. Rich Larsen, Mr. Kris Kinder and Ms. Tavia Quaid have organized a mock local government game to help the students learn about city government and its economic hardships.

"We want to revitalize some interest before they [the Senior

class] graduate and I hope they have the energy to make it work," said Barton, who was responsible for mapping out the project's details.

City government positions from mayor to city council staff will be played by selected students and different classes will represent special interest groups such as hospital workers, law enforcement and industrial/commercial workers.

The mayor of "Eagle City", Scot Fischer, hopes for an urban renewal in the game. "This program will make our community more attractive to businesses and will help provide jobs and growth in the future," he said.

City council meetings will be held once a week to resolve problems facing the economic society. Rent control, the homeless and medical care are some of the issues that will be discussed at an attempt to meet the goals of the groups involved.

The instructors have indicated that since this is the first "Eagle City" project, they will maneuver the game as it progresses.

According to Barton, the project was changed from last year's Labor and Management game because it had stirred up a bit of controversy. "It just got too emotional and we are trying to avoid the intense feelings and hostility in the future," he said.



## Living up to Californian expectations

## No need to burn

EILEEN CHUNG  
Editor-in-chief

"Get me some sunglasses!" "Here comes Casper the ghost!" You've all heard these phrases shouted in the halls, and hoping that they were not directed at you, you make a promise to yourself that you will get some rays, no matter what--genuine or artificial, sometime this week. Our society has really done this time--the "in" thing to have now is the look of a "Californian". Not only do you have to be thin and trim, but a tropical tan must accompany that fit body as well.

I cannot understand why people are willing to sacrifice their health and waste hard earned money to look like something they are not. Think about it.

You've seen those girls that have just come out of the "fake-and-bake" oven [tanning booths] on 450F on broil. If they think they look exotic and attractive, ask the guys if they like their "chicks" burned to a crisp!

One of the main reasons a tan is desired is to impress members of the opposite sex, according to a recent poll taken at AHS. That sexy dark complexion is what people rely on to get a date for such events as the Senior Ball. What's funny about that is "Lobster-Red Bob", you know, the one losing epidermic cells from his nose by the millions, is so *hot* on prom night that he cannot even enjoy himself because his sunburn won't allow him to dance, more less walk right!

Why torture yourselves this way? The poll indicated that the females and males who used tanning salons spent an average of 3.5 hours a week! Each visit to the "bakery" costs about \$8 for 25 minutes!

Others make the foolish misconception that a person is healthier and has a better complexion if they are tan. Or how about this one, "it brings out the color in my eyes and so I feel good about myself." How can you possibly feel good about yourself if you have skin cancer???? Overdosing one "weekend" sunbathing will not only change the pigment of your skin, but cause health problems. At least 90% of all skin cancer and prematurely aged skin is a result of being in the sun too long.

It seems to me that those radio ads singing "worship your skin" have really sunk in. Many look at tanning as a top priority. 11% of the people polled admitted to sunbathing 7 or more hours a week during the season.

If you want a Hawaiian looking girlfriend or boyfriend, go live in Samoa. Anyone can have dark skin, maybe if it's just for the summer, but not everyone has the capacity to stand out as they really are--themselves. Don't burn--keep cool.

## Principal for a Day

In a recent poll conducted at AHS, students were asked what changes they would make at American if they were principal for a day. One of the most common suggestions among the students was the overall cleanliness of the school.

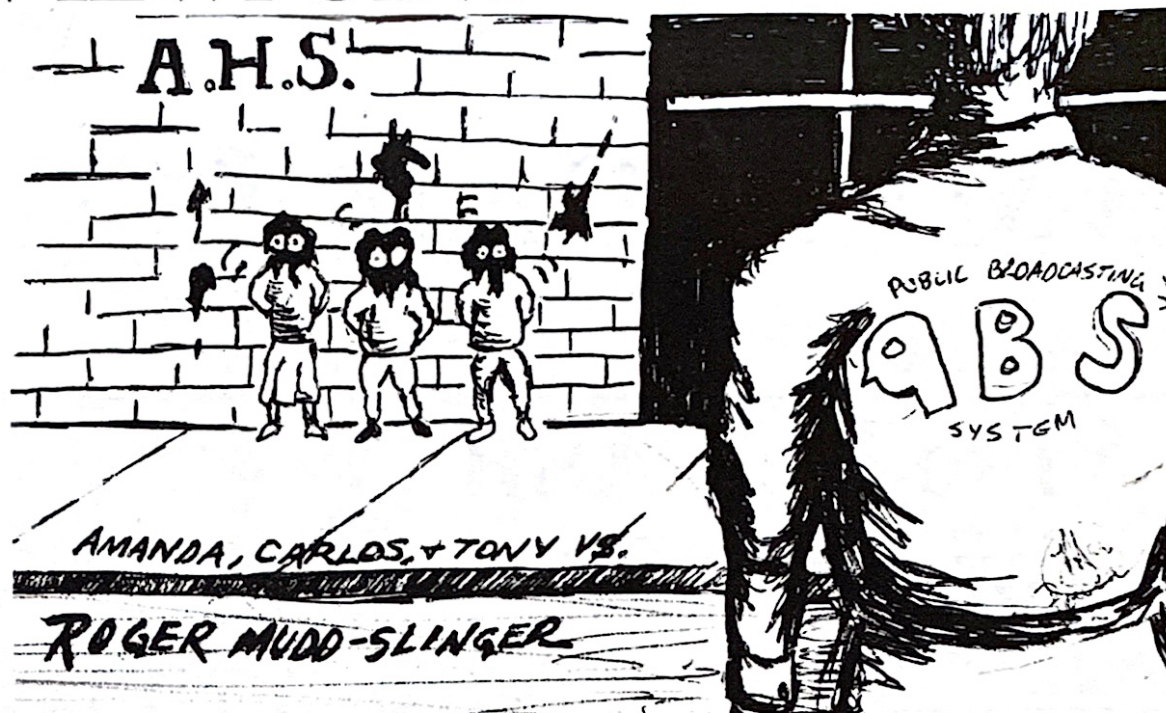
Many of the students felt that the bathrooms were in need of attention. Problems such as urine on the floor and smoke-filled stalls topped the list of complaints.

Students also suggested shortening classes for a refreshing change. While some wanted the day to end earlier, others commented that the day should be drastically shortened and a mandatory seventh period should be added.

Another concern was the inadequate athletic facilities. Students suggested a new football complex as well as our own pool. They also commented on improving all of the fields at American. Students felt improvement could be made in the gym and locker rooms also.

Some students indicated they would not want to be principal at all. Most agreed that they didn't want to deal with all of the problems.

Some of the more humorous replies included letting students leave class whenever they felt like it and making Chris Clark write a pro-Bush article for the American Express.



## Letter to the Editor of The Argus

The following is a letter to the editor of The Argus written by Mr. Joe Tranchina. The letter was written in response to two editorial articles concerning AHS and the PBS specials. Tranchina's letter appeared in the April 9th edition of The Argus.

Dear Sir:

I have historically avoided responding to the sort of education bashing in which your journalistic enterprise has so often engaged in the past, but the conclusions in both your editorial and your column on April 2 were so clearly mistaken that I feel obliged to correct the most glaring of your specious arguments.

At no time in the history of American education has the notion of education for economic competition been espoused. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, the founders of the public education system as we know it, were both committed to the notion of an informed and literate society which could go about the business of electing individuals who could most appropriately represent them in both state and national government.

It is a truism that people receive the government (and the education) that they deserve. This society has not ascribed to education any priority that would allow the system to produce optimum results. To indict the system for the failure of its citizens to provide resources necessary seems both hypocritical and fallacious. When we commit as an entire society to education, and when we convey to our students by our commitment that education is the cornerstone of the political, social, spiritual, and economic well being of the nation, we will then produce students who understand that commitment and priority and develop accordingly.

Your paper has consistently failed to support efforts by the educational community to

enhance and improve the very programs that you indict. This is hardly consistent with Mr. Mudd's need for "an encouraging culture." I believe it is indicative of the relevancy of this argument when one considers that, as a nation, we spend more money for cosmetics than we do for education. I believe that all media have a central responsibility to establish the tonality that allows our youngsters to see education as a major priority for the twenty-first century.

In your column of the same issue, your seventh paragraph snidely deals with the issue of athletics in our school. Like it or not, the general society has accepted, condoned, and approved the co-curricular activities which your very newspaper handles in such great detail, particularly during the high school football season. When was the last time you published a special academic edition to parallel the special football edition? Further, I would question whether anyone raised in the national democratic tradition of this country would accept a ninth grade exam to effectively determine the future direction of every youngster enrolled in the public school system, a practice accepted and condoned in the Japanese system. The notion that a single exam would determine a lifetime future is absolutely contradictory to every aspect of our national agenda.

Further, this society has demanded that its schools assume responsibility for all manner of non-academic responsibilities like transportation to and from school, like proper nutrition, like family life education, like driver education; responsibilities which,

historically, had been the purview of the family unit. The implied sarcasm of your column reflects exactly a cynical, hand-wringing view that denies exactly how effective the system has been historically. Ninety-five percent of the political, spiritual, social, and economic leadership of this country has been generated out of the public school system, and the qualities and values that these presidents, CEO'S, and other leaders of this society were nurtured by the very system you so hypocritically decry. Certainly, the Abe Lincolns, Horace Manns, Henry Fords, and Will Rogers, and the system which produced them, deserve better.

All of which focuses on the essential cultural difference which was at the core of the recent PBS documentary. The sheer weight of numbers (155,000,000) and the limits of living space, mandated that to survive, a Japanese must comply with the traditions, social order, and family expectation; hence, the school system demands absolute obedience and compliance. Americans, on the other hand, have by tradition and cultural esteem come to respect each and every persons' individualism and hence, a school system which allows choice, requires self-discipline, and honors diversity has developed.

The values of each system are appropriate to that nation, which is not to say that there are not elements of each which would enhance the other; but to suggest as you have, slavish imitation by Americans of a system which mitigates against its political, social, cultural, and spiritual values, is the ultimate statement of an unperceptive folly.

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## "Kickbackers" upset class rank

NILS TALBOT  
staff writer

There is a problem with our grading system that is unfair to college bound students. The problem is that a lot of students take only the bare minimum academic courses needed to graduate and fill up the rest of their schedule with "kickback" classes, in which they can almost certainly get an "A". Other students who take a full load of academic classes may work a lot harder and only get a "B". But their class rank is dropped because some clown is taking two P.E. and two TA classes a day and artificially inflating his GPA.

Class rank is one of the important criteria that admissions offices look at for college. If you've taken a solid college prep course load, it's not fair to have it sandbagged by a non-college prep student who gets "A's" taking kickback classes. The counselor's computer doesn't differentiate

between an "A" in P.E. and an "A" in algebra-trig when calculating class standing, even though it's obvious that the college prep student is taking a much harder course and is taking school a lot more seriously.

A solution to this would be to single out the college prep and honors classes and give them more credit than kickback classes when calculating class rank. It's fair to the students taking a superior class load and it doesn't matter to the non-college bound students because they don't have to worry about college admissions anyway.

It's time to realize that school is a place to learn, not to spend half your day playing pickleball and delivering detention notices. Not only are you wasting your time, but you're hurting college prep students' of getting into a competitive college by increasing your class rank unfairly. Fix this system and give the students who take school seriously the credit they have earned and deserve!

## Grow up or Get out!

STEPHANIE JAMESON  
Viewpoint editor

Recently, there has been an increased number of "children" running around on campus. No, these kids aren't escapees from Brookvale or Thornton, they are the immature students that attend AHS.

American High is beginning to resemble an elementary school. Games of tag have become increasingly popular. Those who play have figured out how to avoid being tagged by using every chair, carrel, and table in the rotunda. They don't care how stupid they look as long as they are not "it". By the end of the year there will probably be an all-school tournament to determine who is the "tag champion." If that is the case, their practice will pay off.

Being excessively loud and rude is also a favorite past-time for these students. For some reason, these obnoxious people believe

that everyone in the rotunda wants to hear their conversation. Actually, most of us are tired of the noise. Maybe a plague ran through the neighborhood of these people and permanently damaged their ability to speak at a normal volume. At least that would explain their need to yell every time they speak.

Food fights are also on the rise. Lunch wouldn't be lunch if you didn't get hit in the head with one of those foil wrappers. Believe it or not, food was created for us to eat. Besides, it gets annoying when you have to pull raisins out of your hair the entire time you are trying to eat.

Take a look at the name of our school-- American HIGH School. That "High" is supposed to mean the students have reached a certain level of maturity. Usually, a level that is past playing games and throwing food. It's time for all of you kiddies to grow up. If you can't handle acting like an adult, go back to nursery school.

## Students Speak Out

### Are school elections just popularity contests?



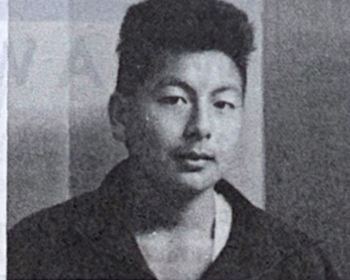
**Misty Bogue**  
Freshman

"Yes, I think it's for the people who want popularity."



**Marlise Otani**  
Sophomore

"Yes, I think they are for some people who don't really know a lot about it."



**Robert Aguilar**  
Junior

"Elections? What elections?"



**Daniel Soares**  
Junior

"Yes, I think they are. People want to see their friends in office."



**Julie Dipaola**  
Senior

"Yes, they definately are because no one really cares who is qualified, they only look at the picture."

## The Tootsie Roll Campaign

CHRIS CLARK  
staff writer

"Vote for me, here, have a candy bar."  
"No, vote for me, here's a sucker."  
"If you vote for me I'll give you a dollar."  
"If you vote for me---STOP!"

Where does it end? This year's ASB election was more like a Halloween carnival than a school election campaign. Do the candidates really think that they can sway votes by dealing out candy and barricading the rotunda with campaign posters? This year's election may have been good for the school's sweet tooth, but it's questionable whether democracy was actually served in the process.

If ASB campaigns are going to be run like this in the future, why not just hold a contest to see who can buy the most candy and create the most bothersome signs? By attempting to buy student's votes with junk food, the candidates are pretty much admitting that the students don't care about the real issues, and if this is the case, why even hold elections? Candidates should be spending time trying to educate students on the issues, instead of cluttering up the school with decorations and candy wrappers. There is nothing more frustrating than slamming into a propaganda barricade in an already overcrowded hallway. If the candidates want to sway our votes, they should clean up the school instead of littering it.

School elections should not be controlled by candidates looking to buy votes. Spending limits should be created and enforced, so every candidate can compete equally. Rules limiting advertising should be created to make sure what the school never gets this cluttered again, and a debate should be set up so that students who want to know about the issues have an opportunity to hear the candidates speak. It is truly a shame when the very people that are supposed to be working for democracy in our school try to subvert it, by asking for votes outright in exchange for T-shirts or candy. It seems the will to win has overpowered the sense of fair play, and this is a real danger unless rules are passed to legitimate the ASB election process. In order to insure that the best candidate wins in every election, a three step plan must be implemented:

- 1) Limit expenses in campaigns and enforce these regulations
- 2) Allow only two or three posters to be displayed by each candidate
- 3) Set up a debate between candidates to permit the voters to watch and listen to the candidates.

If the ASB and the administration adopt these rules, it is possible that the school elections can be improved. If the suggestions are ignored, we will allow ourselves to be lead astray by nice decorations and goodies--Remember what happened to Hansel and Gretel?



MARK BOWEN  
staff writer

"Don't worry," the doctor said, "it's completely natural. It will pass - I promise you that by June you'll be back to normal." That's easy for him to say - he's not the INFECTED individual! As you've probably guessed, I am yet another victim of Habitus Cuttingus (more commonly known by its street name Senioritis). I could probably lie to you and say that I contracted it in a public bathroom when I neglected to use a seat cover, but I know now that I must face my problem, and try to overcome it.

It all started back in October of 1988, while I was walking to my third period class I felt a strange tingle in my feet, and a small voice in my head whispered, "...doughnuts..... mmmmm!" The next thing I knew, I was purchasing two crullers, and an old fashioned from a greasy high school drop

out named Vic. I kept trying to justify what had happened to me, but my mind would not accept the truth. I actually tried to make myself believe that a secret team of Winchell's Doughnut mad scientists were subliminally persuading me to purchase their light and fluffy treats.

At first I would wander out of school if I was hungry, or if I had forgotten to complete an assignment, but my problem grew and grew with each passing day. On occasions I have found myself in the parking lot for no reason - playing the jawharp with other vagrants, trimming my cuticles, waxing my navel, and one day I called the Corey Haim/Corey Feldman hotline for hours on end - just hoping that I would be the one that would get their home phone numbers.

Those of us inflicted with Senioritis have been shunned by society ever since it was first contracted. We are treated like

lepers. Although it has been repeated many times by medical experts that the disease cannot be transmitted through casual contact, they still deal with us by herding us into Theater 50 when school is out.

To try and help people understand the disease, a large group of victims, including myself, are planning a Senioritis Awareness parade, where we will distribute balloons and literature, as we march down Fremont Boulevard.

Victims and their families will continue trying to deal with the problem, but the American High faculty must realize that carriers of Senioritis or S.R.C. (Senioritis Related Condition) shouldn't be punished with Saturdays, after school detentions, or even suspensions - we must be treated! How about spending some of that lottery money on Senioritis research? We need help, and the problem won't go away by sweeping us under the rug.



# EAGLE EYE

If you could be addicted to anything, what would it be and why?



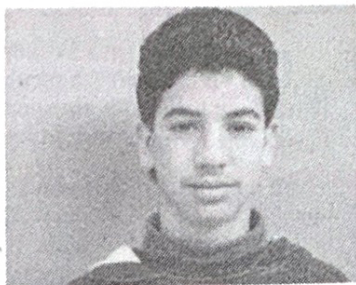
## FRESHMAN

**Jeremy Bishop**  
"I would be addicted to candy because it is my favorite food."



## SOPHOMORE

**Patricia Lopez**  
"I would be addicted to love because think everyone needs love and everyone should be addicted to love and not drugs."



## JUNIOR

**Ronald Lwin**  
"I would be addicted to homework because it is important in life and you need to do it in order to pass high school."



## SENIOR

**Kim Ponnequin**  
"I would be addicted to a good time. Life is not worth living without a good time."



## FACULTY MEMBER

**Ms. Adams**  
"I would be addicted to change because nothing stays the same and once people accept it they will be much happier."

## Quaid Plans New Dance Class

**STEPHANIE JAMESON**  
Viewpoint editor

For centuries, dance has been a part of many cultures across the globe. Although there are many different types of dances, all possess a single purpose—the communication to others through various body movements. Popular to most Americans are favorites such as tap, ballet, and jazz.

At AHS, Ms. Tavia Quaid, a Geography and Economics teacher has studied dance for a number of years. She has danced professionally and continues to take classes. Among her favorites are ballet and jazz. "My most favorite dance to perform is



Ms. Quaid

tap mostly because of the interaction with the audience," stated Quaid.

Because of her interest in dance, Ms. Quaid has planned a dance class for next fall at AHS. She hopes to return dance to an art. "Many people view dance as a sport, rather than an art, and dance then loses a lot of its natural beauty," commented Quaid.

In her class, Quaid plans to teach various kinds of dances as well as invite various groups from around the Bay Area to demonstrate their different techniques.

Ms. Quaid hopes that this class will be the beginning of the rebuilding of the fine arts department at American.

## MORP Madness at AHS

**DANIELLE BLACK**  
Feature editor

"I'm just glad the people that went had a good time."

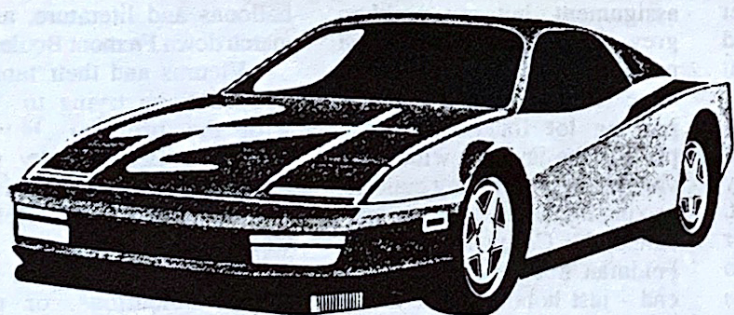
A toilet papered gym and tattered clothing highlighted the third annual MORP dance on April 19. Approximately 200 students participated in our annual backwards prom. Only juniors and seniors from American are allowed to attend.

"The dance was not held to make money. It was supposed to be a fun thing for the juniors and seniors of AHS to share. We wanted to have one last event for these two classes to share before the class of 89 graduates," said Senior Class President Nick Wold. After paying for the DJ and decorations, each class netted just fifteen dollars. Wold stated that he really didn't care that they didn't make much money.

The DJ was Greg Gil Productions. Music from the 50s, 60s, and 80s was played. Greg Gil Productions also took requests. "They played a wide variety of music which was a great change. I also liked being able to request songs," stated Alicia Thompson, junior.

Most of the students present seemed to enjoy themselves. Junior Karen Parker said, "All the people that went to the MORP had a good time because they made it fun for themselves."

Tim Lew, senior, summed it all up, "I had a real good time, but I just wish more people would have gone so they could have seen how much fun the MORP was."



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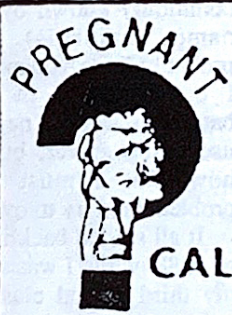
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# Spring Fever

## Senioritis spreads

MICHELLE DE MESA  
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It has hit, and it's spreading fast. Students' minds, especially Seniors, are tuning out of books and more into the sun, sand and surf. Romance fills the air and everyone is "just coolin'". It's Spring Fever... and it is claiming more victims as temperatures continue to soar.

Each year it happens; when the weather rises, thoughts of partying at the beach, how to keep cool, and who can get the best tan naturally occur. As students turn from the monotony of the classroom and towards the bright sunshine, our imaginations wander from who won World War II to the waterslides. Each person has their own idea of how to beat the heat. T.J. Lew exclaims, "I wish I were in my speedos with a girl to run an ice cube down my chest and another to feed me with grapes!"

Beating the heat is not the only reason for Spring Fever. The end of the school year is near, and students and teachers alike cannot wait until vacation—no more books, tests and pop quizzes! For some, summer

means two and a half months of sipping exotic drinks by a pool and sleeping until noon. For others, like Jo Ann Padilla, those months are a chance for travelling to places they've only dreamed of going. "I can't wait to go with my friend Renee Brooks to Florida, flirting, teasing and playing our little games Cali style," Jo Ann comments.

Yes, Spring Fever eventually hits everyone, but no one feels it more than those hit with Senioritis. It's a fact. When the third quarter of the year ends, Seniors spend their last three months practically oblivious to the fact they're still in school. Many have already been accepted to the college or university of their choice, and others just can't wait for their "twelve long years" to come to an end. Graduation is a bright light at the end of a long tunnel. As Renee Eggleston admits, "I studied hard the third quarter so that I wouldn't be denied admission to UCSB, but now school is just where I go to spend time with my friends." Obviously, the only cure for Senioritis is graduation, and it's coming up soon!

## Teacher lives baseball fantasy

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Many of us know baseball as the all American past time, the sport as American as hot dogs, mom's apple pie and Chevrolet. There are many different stories about the origins of baseball.

One legend suggests that baseball was invented in Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1939 by Abner Doubleday. On December 30, 1907, a special committee, consisting of prominent baseball executives and including two United States senators, confirmed Cooperstown as the game's birthplace and Doubleday as its creator. Today, baseball historians question the Cooperstown-Doubleday legend. Baseball historian Henry Chadwick believes that American baseball is merely a "glorified version" of the British game of rounders, which was, in turn, a take-off of cricket.

Although baseball evolved in the United States and has many American characteristics, it is an adaptation of a game which had been played for centuries, in which a batsman hit a thrown ball and ran around one or more bases which were either rocks, posts, inverted milking stools, or canvas bags.

Whether the game of baseball was a Doubleday creation or a glorified version of cricket— it is the dream of many young boys to some day play the game professionally. Physical education instructor, Mr. Ron Rodriguez, was able to live that dream.

In 1965, Rodriguez signed a contract with the Minnesota Twins and played in the minor leagues for four years. Because of a shoulder injury and the lack

of medical knowledge to correct it, he had to end his baseball career.

When asked what the most memorable moment was for him during those four years, Rodriguez replied, "I met my wife in a pizza place."

Rodriguez enjoyed his years with the Twins, and claims, "I met a lot of great people. It was a great experience."

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MARK BOWEN  
staff writer

Since our last edition, three of the greatest movies to grace the big screen in a while opened. John Cusack's (Better Off Dead, Hot Pursuit, Sure Thing) latest venture, SAY ANYTHING, tells the story of Lloyd Dobler, a graduating senior who falls in love with the school's beautiful brain, Dianne Cort, played by Ione Skye (River's Edge). Will she choose to follow her heart and fall for Lloyd, or will she obey her father's wishes, and dump him so she can head off to a European college. Although the story is "touching" - it is Cusack who breathes life into it. What girl could resist anyone who serenades them by blasting Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes" under their window at night? What girl could turn her back on anyone who chooses kick-boxing as a future career? If you've been a follower of Cusack's films as I have, this won't let you down. And if you haven't - get with it!

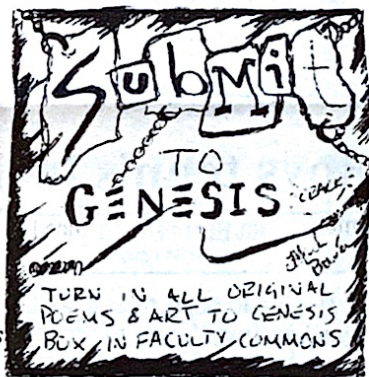
HEATHERS is perfect! Its stylish photography, fast-paced plot, and biting black comedy will surely catapult it into cult classic status. What is Veronica to do? She is a member of the school's coolest clique, BUT despite the popularity that they have given her, she hates them. Enter J.D. - a rebel with a cause. He's out to rid the school of its egotistical "upper class" any way he can - even if that means murdering them. This modern day Bonnie and Clyde start

knocking off their classmates, making their deaths look like suicides. But how many have to die before J.D.'s demented fantasy is fulfilled? And when Veronica wants out of the murderous game...will he let her? HEATHERS presents the typical U.S. high school in a twisted and exaggerated manner where "Swatch dogs and Diet Coke heads" rule the campus. I have to admit that this movie will not appeal to everyone, because of its dark humor, and all around strange story, but I strongly recommend giving it a fair shot.



Creed carries baby Gage from his final resting place in Stephen King's "PET SEMATARY".

ANYONE who has not seen PET SEMATARY yet is missing one of the best horror movies to come out in years. If that's not enough - it is the ONLY Stephen King movie that actually follows the original novel. Doctor Louis Creed and family have just bought a home in Maine, and everything is going just great - that is until the family cat, Church, is hit by a car. Sensing that Creed doesn't want to tell his daughter of the cat's demise, his next door neighbor, Jud (Fred "Herman Munster" Gwynne) decides to show him the way to the old Micmac Indian burial ground that lies behind the local children's pet cemetery (or pet sematary as the sign reads). Jud tells him to bury the feline and go home. And what-do-ya-know Church comes back! Of course he smells bad, and he seems somewhat...EVIL, but hey - those are the breaks when it comes to resurrection. The weeks go by and the Creed family decides to have a picnic - unfortunately their youngest child, Gage, wanders out into the road, and does a somersault underneath a semi. If you actually believe that daddy doesn't plan to take little Gage behind the pet sematary - you obviously know nothing about Stephen King. It's got suspense - comedy - and some beautifully bloody sequences - making PET SEMATARY a must see!



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## SPORTS LOOK

## The Adventures of Agent 33

CHRIS CLARK  
staff writer

Agent 33 spots the three dangerous Russian operatives coming at him, and he immediately springs into action. He paralyzes the first commie with a patented forearm smash to the throat. He knocks the second red out with a vicious uppercut, and he sets up to brawl with the third. But before Agent 33 can even breathe, he sees the third Ruskie pull out an AK-47 from his jacket. Our hero jumps out of the rifle's line of fire, and dispatches the evil-doer with his trusty pistol (that he always carries with him). Agent 33 then jumps into his candy apple red customized Jaguar and speeds away 135mph, secure with the knowledge that he has once again made the world safe for democracy.

"Jose, Jose, Wake up!"

"Wuh, what do you want man, I was saving the American way of life!"

"Jose, you have a game in two hours, the A's need you!"

"Man, I don't want to play baseball, I want to be a spy! I want to shoot criminals, I want to drive hot cars, I want to swoop on fabulous spy chicks!"

"But Jose, the A's pay you millions to play for them!"

"So what, the Free World will pay me billions when I become their top spy!"

"But Jose, think of all your fans, what will they do if you quit baseball?"

"Who cares man, I'll still have fans. Have you ever heard of James Bond? He has millions of fans! I'll be an international sensation!"

"But if you quit baseball, the A's will surely lose!"

"So what?"

"Major League Baseball will be weakened!"

"Don't care."

"Your teammates will hate you!"

"I never liked them anyway."

"Okay Jose, I didn't want to do this, but you've forced my hand! If you quit the A's to become a spy, you won't be able to wear those funky yellow socks to work anymore!"

"Oh man, oh no, I never thought of that! Well, I guess I have no choice--get out my bat bag and shoulder holster."

"Why your shoulder holster?"

"The ballpark is swarming with Reds- I figure I can pick a few off between innings!"

"Okay Jose, just make sure you keep your eye on the ball."

"Noy problema!!"

## Badminton league record stumbles to 2-4

TINA CHOW  
staff writer

With just two victories over the Washington Huskies and the Irvington Vikings and the AHS Badminton team has compiled a disappointing league record of 2-4.

According to team members the lack of consistency and a winning record is due to a season long slump of some players and the constant switching of players from the singles category to the doubles category. The right combinations have been hard to find for Coach Pete Vaz.

"The change from singles to doubles was difficult, but I made the transition," commented junior Shawn Welch.

Recently several team members competed in Newark Memorial's Fourth Annual Badminton Tournament. In the girls doubles category, AHS's doubles team Claire Cabal and Jocelyn Surla placed fourth while teammates Wendy Hsiao and Sarah Jamelo took first. Hsiao also took second in the Girls singles division.

"I'm glad that even with only a little practice, Sarah and I took first," said Hsiao.

## MVAL Golf

## Arnst blows lead in golf finals

ERIK WILLIS  
staff writer

Eagles Senior Dennis Arnst is one stroke behind Jon McIntosh of Mission San Jose in the MVAL Nine Hole Finals Golf Tournament.

After three rounds Arnst has posted a score of 126. Arnst who was leading the tournament after two rounds lost his advantage when he hit two balls out of bounds on the first tee. Eventually Arnst finished the round with a score of 46. McIntosh took advantage of Arnst's poor performance and shot a 43.

Arnst throughout the season has been the Eagles top golfer with a six handicap.

"His best is yet to come," said golf coach Dennis Boegel.

"He is intelligent, very perceptive and a former hockey player is easier to teach the game of golf to. Dennis does not panic if he has a bad hole unlike many other golfers."

"I picked up the swing easy because I was a former hockey player," explained Arnst. "When I started I played with former AHS golfer Jason Jeung and he was a good role model."

Arnst also explained that he is interested in golf because it is competitive, challenging and fun.

Freshman Justin Guerin, sophomore Scott McDonald, freshman Matt Moore, Junior Bruce Templeton, and Junior Dave Celleste are the other five members of the team.

The golf team besides Arnst is a young and inexperienced one. Throughout the season the team has improved 20 strokes.



Dennis Arnst

The most improved golfer on the team is Justin Guerin.

Guerin at the beginning of the season had scores as high as 62 for nine holes. Now Guerin's low score for the year is 46.

"The team shows a lot of class. The group has the highest grade point average of any MVAL golf team. The group is a good one for the sport of golf," said coach Boegel.

## Boys tennis looking for rebirth

EILEEN CHUNG  
Editor-in-chief

Hoping to boost their MVAL standing from fourth to second place by the end of the season, American's boys' Tennis team is working to improve their 6-4 record.

Back to back losses to Washington and Kennedy had broken their three game win streak earlier this month as well as their concentration. "We had a lot of momentum as a team because of wins early in the season, but that loss to Washington put us on a decline," said senior Tony Islaya.

However, the team came back to defeat Moreau for the second time this season on April 20. Individual efforts by Alan

Jeung, Islaya, David Kao and doubles team Amit Goyal and Anand Chopra contributed to the win. "We're a bit more of a team now," said senior Andy Kahn. "But we need improvement on the mental part of the game," he said.

Kahn was referring to the heavy conditioning Coach Rolando Boo has worked into the team's practice. Players are physically strong, having built up their endurance and stamina. Long running distances among other drills are a part of their daily routine to keep in shape. However, when they reach the game time, their energy is lost.

Many players feel they need a rebirth in their desire to win. "We hope that these wins give us a new beginning and get us back on track," said Islaya.

## Boys track trips MSJ but Girls fall



Sophomore hurdler Marlise Otani has been an asset to the girls' squad.

ERIK WILLIS  
staff writer

The boys varsity track team tripped up Mission San Jose 75-67 to gain sole possession of second place April 19.

Sophomore Todd Yeats jumped his way into three first place finishes. Yeats cleared six foot two inches in the high jump and won the 110 high hurdles with a time of 16.6 seconds. Yeats also leaped to a first place finish in the 300 hurdles timing in at 41.5 seconds.

The Eagle's senior Jason Blanton recorded his personal best time as he sprinted past the Warrior competition in the 100 meter dash timing in at 10.9 seconds.

Senior Rich Sausedo burned the track as he won both the 200 and 400 meter races timing in at 23.1 seconds and 51.4

seconds.

The Eagles have a 4-1 recorded are in second place with just two more meets to go. The Eagles will face Newark Memorial and Washington before the regular season is over.

AHS girls track team could not pull out a much needed victory as the Mission San Jose Warriors walloped the Eagles 88 to 38 on April 19.

Despite the loss, sophomore Marlise Otani won both hurdle events. Otani sprinted her way to a victory in the 100 hurdles with a winning time of 17.2 seconds. She also legged out a victory in the 300 hurdles timing at 51.3 seconds.

The lady Eagles are 2-3 and are in a tie with Mission High for third place. The Eagles finish the regular season with two track meets against Newark Memorial and Washington.

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# AHS Swimmers place at invitational

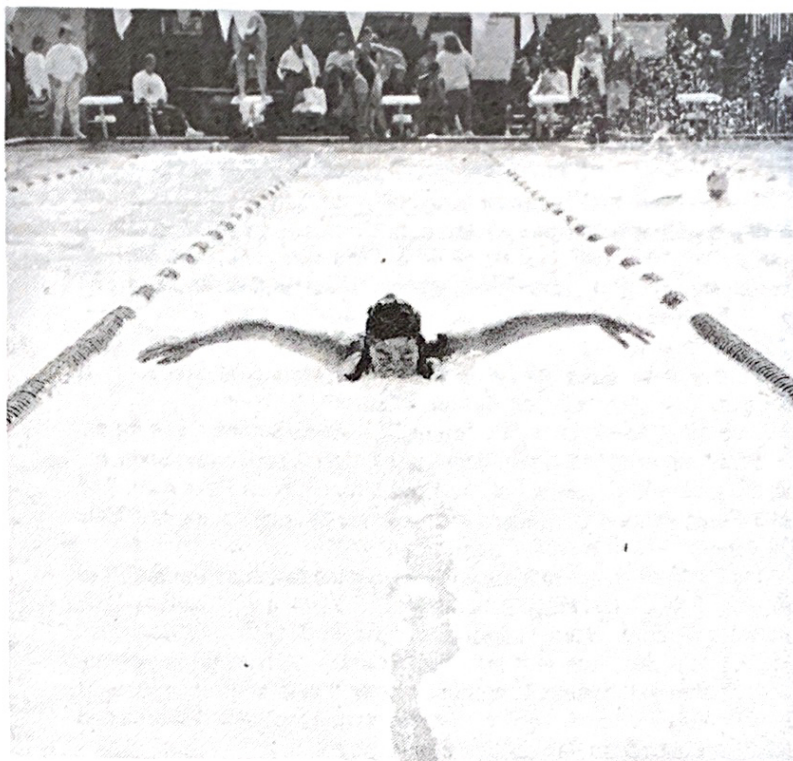
TINA CHOW  
staff writer

Earlier this month, American's Varsity Swim Team competed in the Invitational Relay Meet in Reno. There were 24 teams representing schools from Northern California and Nevada.

For the first time in three years both the boys and girls teams placed high in the Invitational meet. There were a total of 18 relays, nine for boys and nine for girls. The AHS girls team finished with a strong fifth and eighth while the boys finished seventh and eighth.

The girls placed a surprising fifth in the Invitational Medley Relay (4x100), a team comprising of junior Kelly Gyax, freshmen Fernanda Diaz, Shari Wold and Kara Nekimken. Nekimken swam an anchor time of 1:06.7. In the All Event Relay, Gyax, Diaz, Nekimken, Wold, Kristen Svendsen and Terri Estrada placed an impressive eighth.

The AHS boys placed a seventh in the All Event Relay with team members Tim Lew, Tom Cunningham, Jack Duke, Nick Wold, Bryan Bach, and



Fernanda Diaz leads butterfly race at recent meet.

Rich Black. In addition to the boys victory, there was an eighth place finish in the Individual Medley Relay. The relay team was comprised of Wold, Cunningham, Duke, and sophomore Bryan Bach.

Coach Frank Gyax was

surprised with his teams efforts and victories. He stated that the teams who usually placed in the Reno Invitational are the North Coast Section (NCS) winners.

Currently the Varsity Girls and Boys league record is 2-2.

# Lady Eagles wallop Washington

ERIK WILLIS  
staff writer

Shauna Texeira's brilliant pitching performance and Jennifer Leslie's three RBI's helped the girls Varsity Softball team wipe out the Washington Huskies 7-3 on April 25.

Texeira was able to go the distance and recorded her eleventh victory in 18 starts. Texeira allowed no earned runs, she walked two batters and she gave up only three hits.

Texiera who is the only starting pitcher on the team has an 11-7 record, with 53 strikeouts and an earned run average of 2.95. Texeira has given up 70 walks in 109 innings pitched.

Jennifer Leslie equalled her RBI total for the season as she slammed in three RBI's to spark the Eagle offense.

The lady Eagles have a record of 5-4 with Four games remaining to play. The Eagles are tied for fourth place with the Moreau Mariners.



Shauna Texeira

In order for the Eagles to stay in play-off contention the ladies must remain in fourth place. Only the top four teams in the MVAL can reach the play-offs.

The Eagles last four games are played against Logan, Irvington, Moreau and Kennedy.

If the Eagles remain in a tie with Moreau the tie would be broke if the Eagles beat Moreau next week.



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# Batter's Box

Eagles in first place with 8-1 MVAL record

EILEEN CHUNG  
Editor-in-chief

The success of the AHS Varsity baseball team is attributed to chocolate chip cookies. That's right, cookies. The players are rewarded with fresh-baked, home-made chocolate chips compliments of Mrs. Helen Gallardo [Coach Leroy Gallardo's wife] each time the Eagles turn a double play or even squeeze runners home with two outs, but they are especially good after each win. That's a lot of cookies for a team that is 8-1.

American went on a tear through the MVAL this month, trampling over an undefeated Kennedy team and beating up on Washington 22-3 in a lopsided game on April 5. The Eagles' single loss, to Logan on April 7, drew scouts from the Philadelphia Phillies organization to look at future prospects.

Not only does the team have an overall 14-5 record but they are ranked 5th in the East Bay.

Cookies aside, the Eagles have contributed to a group effort which has resulted in hard earned come-from-behind wins. "We work good together because we are a well-balanced team. There's no one guy you count on all the time," said outfielder Ed Diaz.

That was evident in a wild game with error-prone Kennedy on April 19. The Eagles carried a six-run lead in the bottom of the 6th when the Titans came back to life, hitting three homeruns in the same inning to tie the score at 7 a piece. Kennedy's errors helped American put men on base. Eagle shortstop Jeff Borges' home run and RBI hits by DH Eric Stones and first baseman Eric Stevens won the game 12-7 and a tie for first place in the MVAL.

"We just hung in there. When I hit it [the homerun] I knew it would go for extra bases and I was just happy," said Borges after the game. He has been a consistent lead-off batter followed by outfielder Jason Carstairs and in the third spot of the line-up, Stones, who has also posed a threat to pitchers each time he comes to bat.

Pitcher Bob Pailthorpe, whose 3-1 record includes three complete games earned him Prep of the Week honors by the local newswriters. "It is because of good coaching and our strong defense," said Pailthorpe, "We're going to take it."

And if they do, that's another cookie in the bag.

**EAGLE NOTES...** American put back into regulation this will face Washington for the season...The squeeze play has second time this season today at been a friend to American this 3:30...The new batting cage month, they scored three behind the AHS baseball straight in an inning against diamond will be ready to use Kennedy and two against sometime before the season Mission, both games resulting ends...Metal spikes have been in wins.

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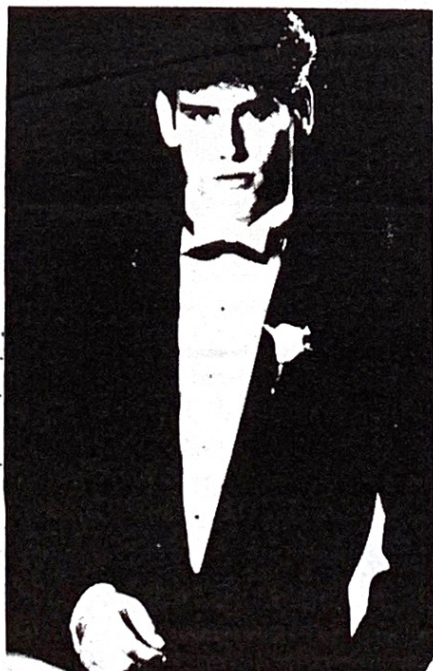
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Jacob Bayani, the new ASB vice-president and Helen Yi, the new ASB president.

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Both candidates had their own reasons for running. "I ran because I have the best leadership qualities," said Yi. Jacob Bayani, on the other hand, wanted a chance to have a position in student government where, "I could help the entire student body," said Bayani.

Yi and Bayani have many

plans for the 1989-1990 school year. "Next year I want the students to have a say in the way the school is run because American High School exists to meet the needs of its students," commented Yi. Bayani wants to get the students to participate more in school activities. "I want them to be involved continuously, not just during Spirit Week, he said.



Congratulations to the March Students of the Month: 9th Grade- Alvin Balkar and Claudia Pan; 10th Grade- Karen Amaral and Patricio Leistenschneider; 11th Grade- Rebecca Ehsan and Chris Noriega; 12th Grade- Monica Serrano and Ken Garcia; and ROP- Jennifer Doody.

There will be an all club dance on May 26.

May Daze activities will be postponed a week.

May 5 is the last day to turn in activity points.

Class officer petitions will be available beginning May 1. Elections will be on May 10.

Spring Awards Night is May 23 at 7p.m.

## Summer Political programs

news source

Outstanding high school sophomores and juniors from throughout the country are invited to attend a session of the Junior Statesmen Summer School or a Junior Statesmen Summer Symposium.

Two hundred students from throughout the nation will participate in this exciting adventure in learning. Students take an advanced course in American Government or American Foreign Policy, participate in nightly student debates on current issues, and enjoy an unparalleled speakers program.

Students at recent Georgetown sessions have questioned, George Bush, every member of the President's Cabinet, and dozens of Democratic leaders from the House and Senate.

Two other sessions of The Junior Statesmen Summer School are held for four weeks each summer-- the California session is conducted on the prestigious campus of Stanford University in Palo Alto. The East Coast session is conducted on the prestigious campus of Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

One hundred forty students will be selected to attend the Stanford Summer School, and sixty students will be selected to attend the Yale Summer School. Both sessions will begin July 9 and conclude August 5th. Students will take two courses; Advanced American Government and Speech Communications. These courses are taught by nationally recognized political scientists and top-ranked speech and debate coaches from universities around the country.

The cost of any Summer School session is \$1,650. The Junior Statesmen Foundation is pleased to announce that it has a \$125,000 scholarship fund to help interested students who will need financial assistance to attend.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial need.

For more information on Junior Statesmen summer programs and scholarships, please contact The Junior Statesmen Foundation, 650 Bair Island Road, Suite 201, Redwood City, CA 94063. You may call free of charge, at 800/334-5353. If you are calling from the East, please place your call after noon, Eastern Time. If you are calling from the West, please place your call after 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

## Friday Night Live

news source

Eight Northern California President Tuxedo stores are all participants of a prom season promotion kicked off this month in support of Friday Night Live (FNL), an organization founded for the prevention of teen use of drugs and alcohol. From now through June 15, each President Tuxedo store will donate one dollar per prom tuxedo rental to the Friday Night Live organization; this contribution promises to amount to a significant portion of FNL's 1989 operating capital for Northern California chapters.

"Prom time should be remembered as a good time," commented Victor Ivry, president of Wear Form Enterprises, the West Coast operating company for President Tuxedo. "By supporting an organization like Friday Night Live, we hope to help raise teen awareness of the dangers of drinking and taking drugs, both on the road and off. We also hope to help establish more Northern California chapters of this worthwhile organization."

Special incentives are featured in the President Tuxedo prom promotion to encourage participation, including a Friday picnic at Marine World Africa USA for the entire high school class that raises the most money via tuxedo rentals for the Friday Night Live organization. Other prizes include trips for two to Hawaii and Disneyland, portable CD players and sunglasses. The promotional campaign features newspaper advertising, scratch-off discount cards, flyers and posters.

## News Notes

**NEW YORK, NY-** The cry is being heard around the world: Shopping center managers unite.

A new program, called "Kidswork",-- designed by the International Council Shopping Centers (ICSC) -- is helping retailers from 42 countries hire teenage workers.

Through "KidsWork," ICSC's more than 27,000 worldwide members get information about how store owners can coordinate their hiring efforts.

In this country, one of the reasons shopping mall merchants go "begging" for young hires, says ICSC Executive Vice President John T. Riordan, is the shrinking population of youths.

Three years ago, there were 34 million Americans ages 16 to 24. Now there are fewer than 33.7 million.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.-** Nancy Reagan went after a tough American youth issue: drug abuse. Now it's First Lady Barbara Bush's turn.

Earlier this month, she launched the Foundation for Family Literacy with hopes of "breaking the illiteracy cycle from generation to generation."

The U.S. Department of Education estimates that at least five percent of all American youths can not read or write. Another 15 percent are semi-literate.

**NEW YORK, NY-** American teenagers are spending more money than ever before, a national survey group has found.

The Rand Youth Poll for 1988 indicates that young consumers spent \$55 billion, which is \$1.3 billion more than the previous year.

Business experts say teenagers spend more money because they earn more and, in many cases, use the family's money to purchase household goods.

**WASHINGTON D.C.-** School board presidents, elected by local citizens to help run schools, often are disconnected with high school issues, a national survey has found.

The National Center for Education Information, a Washington, D.C.-based group, found that only ten percent of the presidents ranked drug abuse as the biggest problem in high schools.

In comparison, 32 percent of the general public thinks drug abuse is the number one enemy of high school students.

While only four percent of the presidents say schools lack discipline, 19 percent of citizens questions in a 1988 Gallup poll felt students are unruly.

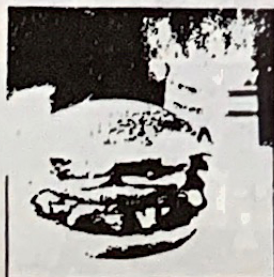
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