





## America's future: in the hands of these adolescents?!?

EILEEN CHUNG  
Editor-in-chief

CAUTION:  
TEENAGERS  
AHEAD



The future of America must be in danger. The values of our generation is being questioned. After all, as society sees us, we're all just a bunch of criminals to them. Today, we will take a look at some accusations which we've all been a victim of--in the courtroom.

Prosecutor (adults): Were you not present at Zack's card and gift shop on the evening of Thursday, July 7 with possible intention to steal some merchandise?

Defendants (teen-agers): No sir. I had just cashed my first paycheck from my job at McDonald's and merely wanted to buy a Hallmark greeting card for my grandparent's 65th anniversary. Honest your honor, you've got to believe me!

Prosecutor: Just answer my question kid! Were you not inside the store?

Defendants: Yes, but how can you say I wanted to steal something if I didn't even commit the crime?

Now doesn't this sound absurd?

Yeah, right. Haven't we heard that one before. Oh well, the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches don't sound so bad after all. Pass the bread please. And ah-yes, my personal favorite. This was an excerpt from police videotapes which was used as "exhibit A" in another court trial.

Two high-school guys are walking home late at night with a bag of groceries and are suddenly stopped by police to make sure that didn't shoplift anything. The authorities went as far as to call the store since the guys had no receipt. They were found to be innocent. Total harassment.

Do you find yourself constantly defending many if not all your actions or actions of other people our age in public? Well, the bottom line is this: adults are all scared of us teenagers! You might not hear them admit it, but (okay, here are my theories) it is highly possible that they have been watching too many gangster movies from "The Outsiders" to black and white reruns of "Our Gang" comedies. A recent study has proven that an overdose of media influence can cause psychological damage: the other theory is that adults have been through all the things that we go through at this age and have experienced the crazy things that teenagers did, or do. They reflect on that and say to themselves, "man-o-man, that was scary" and apply it to the kids of today.

Judge: Defendants, what do you plead?

Defendants: Your honor, we have concluded that we are just "no contest."

## Letters To The Editor We need your help!

### Staff

This space is usually designated for letters to the editor. Letters to the editor is your chance to talk to the school community. This space is usually reserved for your comments. Do you even have any opinions? It seems to me if you don't write to the editor you must agree with everything we write in this newspaper. Now, this can't possibly be true! It seems that either no one is reading the Express or you are all in a coma. We want to hear from you! It doesn't necessarily need to be a criticism, (in fact, we would prefer it not to be derogatory...) but we will take anything we can get. If you see something you like, let us know! Who knows? Your letters may make or break our grades! And what can be more exhilarating than seeing your name in print? (Or not in print, if you prefer) Instant popularity! C'mon, it could be the next best thing to dating!! We need your input! We are writing for you and, if indeed you have any comments or remarks, place them in the American Express mailbox in the faculty commons. The American Express is your school newspaper, but it can be even better after hearing from you!

## Apartheid is not a vegetable!

CHRIS CLARK  
reporter

*Human rights are for everyone*

There is no doubt that this is probably a distasteful subject to some people, because it does not make them feel good. These people will have plenty of time on vacation to enjoy themselves, while black people in South Africa will go on living as sub-humans. But the people in South Africa are not the real sub-humans. The sub-humans exist here in America, in every thoughtless mind that thinks Apartheid is a kind of vegetable. Some day, we will all be forced to face reality, and on that day, we will finally face Apartheid.

With the new desperado gang of Hopalong George and Dangerous Dan in The White House, many of hot issues will be addressed, like the new Presidential china pattern, and the eternal question of "who's stronger, Batman, or Superman?". But even with all of this hot debating going on, there is one problem that I am certain will not be solved in the next four years- Apartheid.

Half the people who were reading this article probably quit after the last sentence. The fact is that Americans are sick of hearing about "the problems of a bunch of Africans". Campaigns against Apartheid were in vogue a few months ago, but now they are no longer a trend. People are just plain sick of hearing about South Africa.

Americans want to hear that the problem has gone away by itself, but it will not. We are tired of hearing about racial injustice. "We are Americans!! Our world is perfect!!" We need someone to lie to us and to tell us that everything is alright in South Africa, and that is just what our leaders do.

The upstanding "Christian" Rev. Pat Robertson, who just returned from Johannesburg, told George Bush that the situation in South Africa "was improving". If the continuing subjugation and abuse of one race by another is improvement to Rev. Robertson, what would have to happen for him to say that things were getting worse-genocide?

If you ask any American about Apartheid, they will almost always tell you that they think it is wrong. If you ask any American about what they have done to end Apartheid, they will almost always tell you "nothing". By seeing the evil of Apartheid, but not acting against it, we are as guilty as its perpetrators.

Our administration is doing nothing to fight Apartheid. Simply condemning Apartheid in speeches is like slapping a murderer on the wrists and letting him go free. We must take action against the current government of South Africa. If not for moral reasons (as we have seen, morality carries little weight with George Bush), then for political reasons- for the sake of better relations with the government that will eventually take power in South Africa. South Africa has important gold, diamond and chromium resources. When the day comes that the rightful possessors of this wealth take control, we better be their friends, or we better find a way to turn lead into gold.

By turning the other cheek in boredom, the American people are a part of a great evil. We see the crime, just as the witness sees the rapist violate the innocent woman, and in both cases, we turn away. "It is not our business", is the battle cry of the cheek turners, but it will be their business when they are being hurt and the world turns away from them.

To confront a blatant evil is the business of every person. No person can be proud to be a human until the grim specter of Apartheid no longer lurks on our earth.

## PARTY FRAUD!

CHRIS CLARK  
reporter

Enough with the political columns! I have found a new, big, fleshy target for my poison pen- "The Fake Party Giver"! Everyone--(with the possible exception of the Fremont Police Dept.), has to agree that parties are great, but nothing is worse than being invited to a party and then being forced to leave before it even gets started.

If someone is planning to have a party, they take upon themselves the risks that go with parties. It is not right to invite people over to your house if you are going to tell them to leave only minutes after they arrive. Though you may not believe it, the people that you so graciously invited might have had other things to do besides attending your pseudo-party.

Case in point: I recently received an invitation to attend a birthday party. The invitation stated that the party would go on from "8:00 to ?"- little did I know that "?" meant 8:45 pm!

At 7:45, I was ready to go to this "party to end all parties",

this incredible bash that would go down in the annals of party history as one of the greatest nights ever. I was convinced that this party would be cool (or at least warm. It was COLD outside, and I don't take kindly to frostbite!)

After carefully weighing our options, my friends and I decided that this party was a good choice. After a short drive, our happy caravan approached the door of party central. Invitations in hand, we politely presented ourselves to the person at the door-

"Come on in", she said.

"Killer, we are in the door!", I thought, "Wait a minute, why is this obnoxious guy screaming 'Get out!?' Is he addressing us? I guess so, because he is now physically pushing us out the door! Good thing I brought my 'Nanook of the North' Parka, because it is chilly out here!"

The party was breaking up- or so we were told. When we went back at 12:00, there were still guests in the house, but no one was allowed to enter. If these people didn't want us at their party, then why did they invite

us? I don't want to waste my time watching someone go on an

ego trip and tell everyone to leave (except the people who treat them like gods).

So we were stuck with nothing to do- too late to go to the Drive-ins, the football game was over, and the only thing on TV was "Teen Wolf Too" (yes, it's spelled right!).

We ended up playing hoops in ----- Park. I sprained my ankle, and got hit in the nose with the ball (there were no lights). Needless to say, I did not enjoy myself!

So here I sit, with ice on my ankle, and malice in my heart. I'm cold, I'm sore, and I'm feeling pretty salty. My weekend has been ruined by a bunch of short-sighted "party animals", who couldn't throw a bash if it was shaped like a frisbee.

I'm writing this article to keep you from being victimized and traumatized like I was. I may ridicule and laugh at her, but maybe Nancy Reagan is right. The next time someone invites you to a party- JUST SAY NO!

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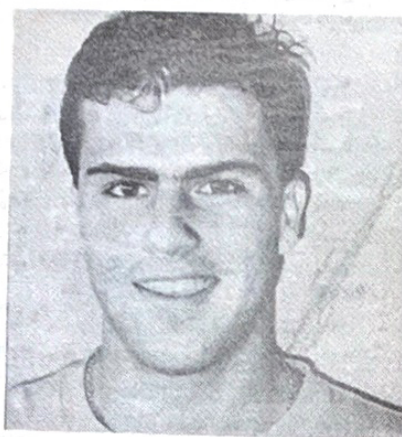
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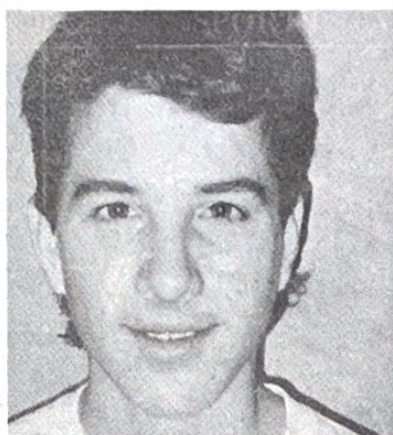
# Students speak out

How do you feel about religious clubs at AHS?



Tom Reith  
Freshman

"I think they are great as long as they help people"



Aaron Crites  
Sophomore

"Well, if people want to make a religious club, they should be able to have one. But people of that religion shouldn't be forced to join."



Vanessa Storelli  
Junior

"For Christians to have an opportunity to have an official club on campus is a miracle in itself. Youth Alive is to reach out to the students and find out what their greatest needs are. We're not out to brainwash or convert anyone, but we want to help people."



Mary King  
Senior

"I'm not really a religious person, but I don't see anything wrong with having religious clubs at AHS."

## Athletes Are Overpaid!!

NILS TALBOT  
reporter

Our country seriously needs to reassess its values. We place far too much emphasis on sports heroes and not enough on people who are actually doing something to improve and protect our communities.

Is it justifiable to pay Mike Tyson millions of dollars to beat someone up for a couple of minutes while a librarian who helps people expand their knowledge makes just over minimum wage? How about the outfielder for some baseball team who has a multi-million dollar contract while teachers go on strike for a salary increase just to make ends meet?

I would much rather see a fireman or policeman paid what they are worth than a 300 pound neanderthal who blocks on a pro-football team. Firemen and policemen risk their lives on a daily basis. The professional

athlete also serves a purpose in our society - but is he really worth the income he receives?

What kind of people are we when we are willing to pay hundreds of dollars for superbowl tickets when entire families are freezing and starving in the streets?

The "athletes" that really make me mad are the professional wrestlers. These people are the worst genetic mistakes believable and people pay twenty dollars a piece or more to watch them sweat on each other and pretend to wrestle. Viva the shallow values and stupidity of mainstream America!

Is the national pastime watching baseball or supporting athlete's drug habits by paying them tons of money for catching a ball? I'm not saying we should pay civil servants a million dollars a year, but surely they deserve more than the oafs who become filthy rich by performing for our amusement.

## Seniors Agree with National Survey AIDS and Drug Abuse Rank High

compiled by STEPHANIE JAMESON

The Conference Board for National Family Opinion Incorporated recently conducted a national survey study concerning problems facing the United States. The board asked families to rank, in order, the problems they felt were most critical to our nation today. Problems such as AIDS, drug abuse, white collar crime, pornography, and nuclear war were just a few of the issues on the survey.

Recently, a similar survey of 100 American High seniors was conducted. They were asked to rank, in order, the problems they feel are most critical to our nation. The following charts represents the findings/results of those surveys.

### NATIONAL SURVEY

1. AIDS
2. DRUG ABUSE

RANKING LOW:  
WHITE COLLAR CRIME  
PORNOGRAPHY  
NUCLEAR WAR

### AMERICAN HIGH SENIORS

AIDS.....36%  
NUCLEAR WAR.....30%  
DRUG ABUSE.....22%  
WHITE COLLAR CRIME.....7%  
PORNOGRAPHY.....5%

From the results of our survey, we discovered that the Seniors at American High have the same concerns as most of the nation. AIDS and drug abuse rank high on both lists, while white collar crime and pornography seem to be significantly less important.

## Christmas, Incorporated

NILS TALBOT  
reporter

Christmas.

The word evokes thoughts of a cutie-pie family roasting chestnuts by the fire. Or maybe a group of children going door to door singing Christmas carols. Perhaps a child being born in a manger near Bethlehem pops into mind. Yet one word can suppress all these lovely images and reveal the ugly truth of what Christmas is all about today: profits.

HOHOHO! Forget the brotherhood of man and all that junk, little Billy! Look at this new, improved G.I. Joe action figure with the atomic death ray to kill all those Godless Ruskies! You're a double-dogged weenie lamoid if you don't have the new and improved G.I. Joe action figure, little Billy!

HOHOHO! Don't look at the homeless bums starving in the street, little Suzy! Look at Barbie's new Ferarri! Isn't it neat? If you want to be "cool" you'd better ask Santa for a Barbie Ferarri, little Suzy.

I think the only people Santa listens to are the giant toy companies of the world. We, as Americans, have taken a cute little idea like celebrating the birth of a religious figure and perverted it into a corporate takeover of the hearts and souls of our children. The advertisers on Madison Avenue expertly twist the minds of America's youth into thinking they need certain goodies to fit in with their equally brainwashed friends. This is passed on to the parents who rush out to buy their kids whatever they ask for to show how much they love them. What a scam!

During the Christmas season Americans turn into the biggest group of fakes and hypocrites known to man. We ooze with Christian "goodness", giving our friends and relatives tons of gifts with smiles on our faces, then turn around and curse ourselves for spending so much money to impress someone we didn't like much anyway. And if you give someone a gift and get only a "thank you" and a warm hug in return, don't you feel totally used? Whoever said it is better to give than to receive was probably selling something. But everyone quotes him, and then thinks the exact opposite.

Christmas in America is no Christmas at all. It is a few companies who use tradition as an opportunity to boost sales. Congratulations, Mattel and Kenner! You've done away with the ghost of Christmas past and betrayed the ghost of Christmas present. It's up to little Billy and little Suzy to realize what greedy, manipulative leeches you really are to save the ghost of Christmas future. But they'll probably be too busy playing with their G.I. Joe and Barbie Ferarri to notice.

Christmas in America. Bah Humbug!

## Words of wisdom

Compiled by  
NILS TALBOT

"A good scare is worth more than good advice."  
-E.W. Howe

"A deaf husband and a blind wife are always a happy couple."  
-Danish Proverb

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt."  
- Abraham Lincoln

"Don't be humble: you're not that great."  
- Golda Meir

"Originality is but undetected plagiarism."  
- Dean Inge

"I can resist everything except temptation"  
- Oscar Wilde

"If Jack's in love, he's no judge of Jill's beauty."  
- Benjamin Franklin



## SEASONS

## GREETINGS

Merry X-mas 2  
 JakeChrisKevinG.noRickAllanEd  
 !DON'T GET 2 MANY GIRLS  
 PREGNANT!-JOHN  
 DIAMONON

Hey Deb, Joce, Cuz'n, Claire,  
 Rowena, Ravi, & Chip, Guess  
 what!?! It's christmas!!! S.J.

Hay Al-Al B. Sure! We wanna  
 wanna! Merry x-mas to my buds:  
 Robin, Jeanne, Martie, Amy,  
 Kulprit, Dana, Ang, Greg, my  
 bro Victor, NITELIME, da 1/2  
 dbl trbl- Ali. Rob- it's, it's  
 Nrdstrm! - Chelle



To Martie, Amy, Michelle,  
 Angie, Allyson, Dana, Joe, Joe  
 & Mary Merry Christmas Guys!  
 Love Red

TO OUR  
 EDITOR, Danielle: HAPPY? Did  
 we make da deadline? Merry  
 Xmas & C U N 89-Chelle, Jeanne

To the other 2/3 of the  
 RAJEWLLAS  
 Very Merry Christmas

To: Karen, Julie W, Anna, Evonne, T  
 ina C, Pam, Jake, John D, Gino F, Mi  
 chella, Wendy H, Brandi, Maisha, Je  
 n L, Graham, Ms. Delgado, Mr. D., Mr  
 s. T, Ms. Quaid, Ms. Allred, Chad,  
 Chris N., Nick W, Jonas G., Greg  
 H. Jeff G., Shawn W, The class  
 of 1990, Var. Song  
 & Letter...MERRY  
 CHRISTMAS! Love, HELEN

To Michelle, Martie, Ali-cat,  
 Amy, Angie, VGB, Mary, Greg, Robi  
 n, and Kenny: To the oddest bunch  
 of friends a girl could ever have, I  
 love you all! Dorothy



Buy my upcoming book of  
 poetry titled: BIBLE OF  
 VIOLENCE which features:  
 Santa's Revenge

To Nikki, thanks for  
 always being there, and I hope  
 you and Dwight have a fun X-  
 mas

JA & MD-YOU GUYS ARE  
 THE GREATEST (EVEN IF  
 YOU LAG A LITTLE BIT)! I  
 LOVE YOU BOTH-D YOUR  
 ED

To Short Stuff Purvi:: Wish you  
 the best x-mas and remember,  
 don't party too hard! SLuv, WL



TO: SHELL, CIN, ISSA&EEK,  
 Thanks for being the greatest best  
 friends anyone could ask for!!

To Martie & Allyson:  
 SHOULD WE HAVE A XMAS  
 PARTY?...MAYBE NOT  
 LOVE, JEANNE

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Love you all,  
 Charisse

Thank you for always being there  
 for me. I hope all of your dreams  
 come true! Love, Charisse

Dear Kenni, Michael and Toby: I  
 LOVE YOU GUYS! Merry  
 Christmas! Love Me

To Zelda: I never cared, never  
 wanted, never loved till you.  
 Merry Christmas! I love you -  
 Chad

Merry Christmas to all my  
 friends: Fresh Greg & Stan,  
 Fo, Debbie, Kelly, Cristi, Julie, Mi-  
 chelle, Jason, Claire, Jill, Mary, Jean  
 ne, Bruce, Kay, Karen and  
 Brandi. From the only real  
 man, Stickman.

Merry Christmas to Vanessa, (Aye  
 Caranba!!) Laura (be content!)  
 Anyasia (Splah! Mad Gecho  
 Woman) Rowina (Auntie?!?!)  
 Shaddap! Remember that Jesus is  
 the reason! Love Hobbes. (VGB)

Dear Christina, Merry Christmas  
 buddy!! Just think it will soon be  
 1989!! Yeah!!! Love Gina.

Dear Robin, Merry Xmas and a  
 wild New Year! Thanks for all the  
 memorable times! (Ali) BABA

To the awesome squad: Merry  
 Christmas and a Happy New  
 Year!! C-ya at practice! Love  
 Gina...P.S. I hope Santa is good  
 to you Frosh, J.V., and Varsity  
 Cheer. Bah-Humbug from  
 Stephanie.

Dear Victor, Merry Xmas and  
 Thanks for being there and don't  
 forget me when I'm gone! ALI

THANKS STAFF (FOR  
 SELLING THESE THINGS!)  
 MERRY CHRISTMAS! C-YA  
 IN 89! LOVE-FEATURE ED

Merry Christmas to Martie, Amy,  
 Jeanne, Dana, Angie, Love, Ali-Cat

Dear Michelle, Merry X-mas  
 thanks for makin' my b-day the  
 best ever! Love, Ali-BABA

HEY JULIE, DENISE & TINA!  
 W'sup? Well have one totally rad vacat  
 , one even though I'll probably cuguyse  
 very day! eow! whendouguyswana  
 gos shopping? Good luck next year! W/  
 Ur looks suguyse rgonna need it! EVON  
 NE

Victor, You R The Best Bro!  
 Remember ALL the times  
 2gether. Martie-I still wuv you!  
 Merry Christmas hun, Chelle



## 'Twas the night before Christmas

by Clement C. Moore

'Twas the night before  
 Christmas, when all through the  
 house,

Not a creature was stirring, not  
 even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by  
 the chimney with care,

In the hopes that St. Nicholas  
 soon would be there.

The children were nestled all  
 snug in their beds,

While visions of sugar plums  
 danced in their heads;

And mama in her kerchief and I  
 in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a  
 long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there  
 arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see  
 what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew  
 like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and  
 threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the  
 new-fallen snow,

Gave a luster of midday to

objects below.

When, what to my wondering  
 eyes should appear,

But a miniature sleigh and  
 eight tiny reindeer.

And a little old driver, so lively  
 and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be  
 St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his  
 coursers they came,

And he whistled and shouted  
 and called them by name:

"Now Dasher! now Dancer!  
 now Prancer and Vixen!

"On Comet, on cupid, on  
 Donner and Blitzen!

"To the top of the porch! to the  
 top of the wall!

"Now dash away, dash away!  
 dash away all!

As dry leaves that before the  
 wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an  
 obstacle, mount to the sky,

So up to the house top the  
 coursers they flew,

With the sleigh full of toys,  
 and St. Nicholas, too.

And then, in a twinkling, I



heard on the roof,

The prancing and pawing of  
 each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was  
 turning around,

Down the chimney St.  
 Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from  
 his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all  
 covered with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung  
 on his back,

And he looked like a peddler  
 just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled;  
 his dimples, how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his  
 nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was  
 drawn up like a bow,

And the beard on his chin was  
 as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held  
 tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it encircled his  
 head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a round  
 little belly,

That shook when he laughed,  
 like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a  
 right jolly old elf.

And I laughed when I saw him,  
 in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye and a twist  
 of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had  
 nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went  
 straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings;  
 then turned with a jerk

And laying a finger aside of his  
 nose,

And giving a nod, up the  
 chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to the  
 team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the  
 down of a thistle,

But I heard him exclaim, ere he  
 drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and  
 to all a good night!"



# Dealing With Drugs

## Part II: The Rehabilitation Center

MICHELLE DE MESA  
reporter

The following interview is part two of a three part series concerning an AHS student who has experienced the problems of drug addiction.

In part two "Alice" will tell the American Express what it was like to live in a drug rehabilitation center and how the center provided her with the strength to overcome her addiction.

**Reporter:** When you first started going to the center did you deny you had a 'rug problem?

**Alice:** No, I already knew. A lot of people have a denial about it, but not me.

**Reporter:** What was it like during the first few sessions?

**Alice:** It's real foggy 'cause you're like, "What am I doing here?" Mainly they'd (the other kids) talked about their own problems. Then they'd ask you if you had anything to say.

**Reporter:** When did you start to open up to the group?

**Alice:** About five or six days later, I got to know my

roommate. It starts to get routine. You're kinda comfortable but still nervous.

**Reporter:** How did the people who ran the center treat you?

**Alice:** Really nice. I got to know them and talk to them. You could talk to them a lot. They'd play games with you and stuff.

**Reporter:** So were you constantly supervised?

**Alice:** Yeah, constantly. But it wasn't like a prison or anything. The counselors were all prior drug addicts, six to twelve years ago. They knew what I was going through.

**Reporter:** What were the other kids in the center like?

**Alice:** When I first got there most were real nice. They'd come up and talk to you since you didn't know them. Some were withdrawn. They'd deep to themselves.

**Reporter:** Did you have any forms of recreation?

**Alice:** A lot of times. It was what the counselors wanted to do. In the morning we took a walk, we did calisthenics if it was raining. At noon, for an hour, we'd play basketball or football.

**Reporter:** How long was it before you noticed a change in your attitude?

**Alice:** About two weeks 'cause there were certain steps you had to complete-like homework. If a person did the work, something would happen. The homework was basically about yourself, your life.

**Reporter:** What exactly did the center teach you about yourself and drugs?

**Alice:** It taught me what drugs do to you, and how to live life without using them.

Part three, and the final article of our drug addiction series will appear in the January edition of the American Express. The final article will focus on life after the rehabilitation center.

## EAGLE EYE

JEANNE ALVES  
reporter

If you had an all expense paid New Year's Eve, how would you celebrate?



### FRESHMAN

Alicia Way

"I would go out to dinner and go dancing with all of my friends."



### JUNIOR

Greg Hoffman

"I would fly all my friends to New York. Then I'd rent the Empire State building and throw the biggest party in recorded history. (With all the champagne you could drink.)"



### FACULTY MEMBER

Ms. Quaid

"I'd take the Concord to Paris, and go to the huge party in the middle of the Eiffel Tower. (I'd drink Mums Extra Dry all night long.)"



### SENIOR CLASS SECRETARY

Mrs. Richmond

"I'd go to the Hyatt Regency, rent a \$200 room with my husband, and we'd dance, dine, drink champagne, get limo service, and bring in the New Year '89, together."



### SOPHOMORE

Patty Calfee

"I would go to the North pole and search for reindeer and the real Santa Claus."



### SENIOR

Mark Bowen

"First, on Friday night I'd fly to New York and see the David Letterman show with hopes that Chris Elliot would be in it. Then I'd sleep all day Saturday. Saturday night, I'd go to see Dick 'Bandstand' Clark's New Years Rockin' Eve, and watch the apple get lowered."

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## C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S.

DANIELLE BLACK  
Feature editor

C arol merrily down the street.



H ave a happy jolly Christmas.

R ing them Silver Bells in Rio.



I nvite someone special over to indulge.

S leep short, party long.



T ell someone "I love you".

M ake the most of it seniors, it's the last x-mas vacation in high school.



A sk and you shall receive.

S EE YA IN '89!



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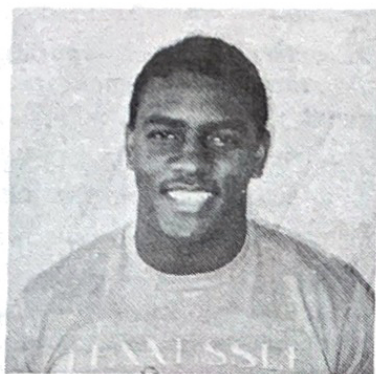
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# ALL-LEAGUE EAGLES

The following AHS athletes have been recognized by the MVAL as excelling in their respective sports. Their individual efforts have contributed to their team's success. Congratulations on a successful season!

## SPORTS STAFF



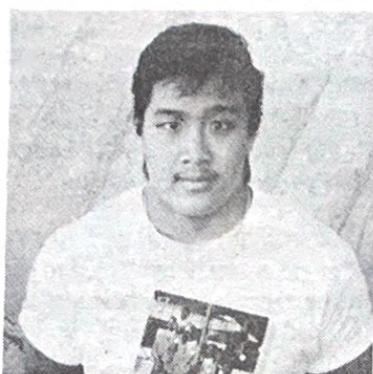
**Kevin Bess**

Kevin Bess was the only football player on the AHS team to make all-league playing both offensive and defensive positions.

"It was a good season for me. I just did what I was told to do, and did my best," said Bess.

Bess was selected to first team offensive guard as well as the first team as a defensive lineman.

"Without the coaches, we'd be nowhere. I'm going to miss them a lot," said Bess.



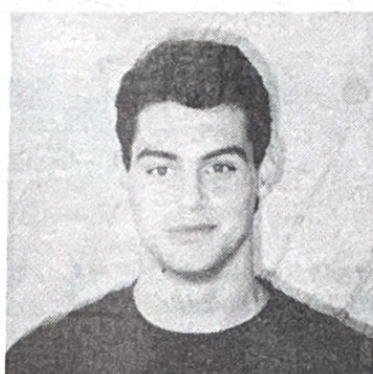
**Marvin Liu**

Senior Defensive End Marvin Liu became a two time All Leaguer at the Defensive End position.

Liu was part of the AHS football scene when he started playing football as a Freshman.

Liu's most memorable moment of the season was when Senior Emil Hockaday ran a kick back against Newark Memorial. Liu made the a key block during the runback.

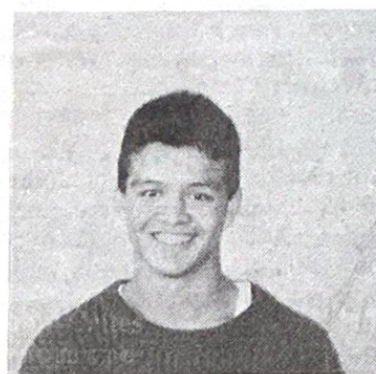
"I learned how to win and I gave a good individual effort," said Liu.



**Tom Mello**

Senior Thomas Mello was honored for outstanding achievements for the second year in a row. Mello was chosen on the All-League First Team as Center and he was also picked as Linebacker on the All-League Second Team.

"It was an enjoyable season to me due to Mr. Cain's coaching theme and the football atmosphere we played in," said Mello.



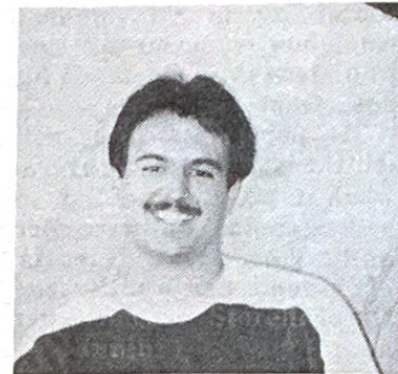
**Emil Hockaday**

Senior defensive end Emil Hockaday was elected to the all-league second football team. Hockaday felt that the team had a disappointing season.

"We should have won the league, but that is the way it goes. We were a better team than our record showed," said Hockaday.

Hockaday was an unselfish player, thinking only of his teammates.

"The team is my first concern. They can give me all the awards they want, but if the team does not win, they don't win, they don't mean anything," said Hockaday.



**Adam Way**

"The whole offensive line deserves the award, not just one person," said senior tackle Adam Way, who was chosen to be a member of the all-league second team.

"There were no individuals, it was a team effort. We had to pull together and win," said Way.

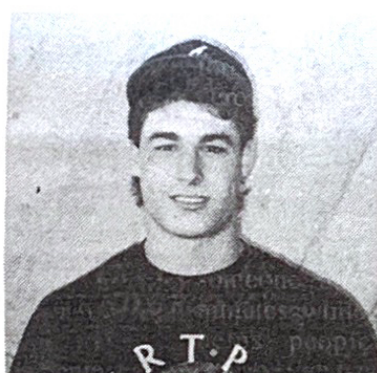


**Dan Houk**

Senior Dan Houk earned an honorable mention for his aggressive play at defensive tackle.

Houk was an asset to the defense at his position, often times putting pressure on other offensive lines.

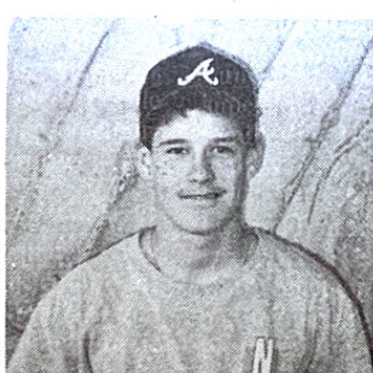
"This was the best season I've had by far," said Houk.



**Lee Warner**

Senior Lee Warner was awarded an honorable mention for his skills as quarterback. Warner had set a personal goal of 1,000 yards passing this season but fell short six yards with 994.

"I didn't think I'd make it (the all-league team). I didn't think I was good enough," said a modest Warner.



**Matt Lillard**

Wide receiver Matt Lillard received honorable mention status for his running ability at his receiver position.

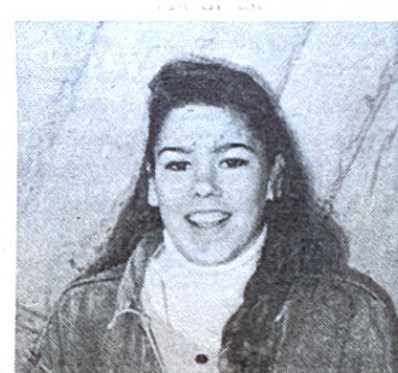
"I had a good time. I learned to play as a team and did whatever they wanted me to do," said Lillard.



**Carin Kulp**

Senior Carin Kulp found out via Mr. Tranchina that she had been selected for the all-league volleyball team.

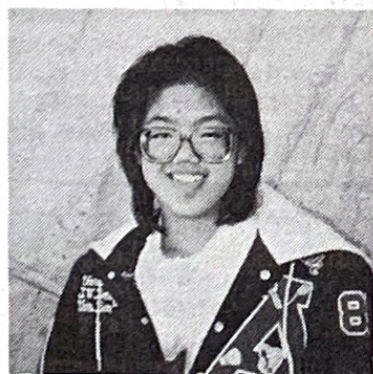
"I was excited," said Kulp who also received the team captain award. "I just went out there and had fun," said Kulp.



**Jewely DiPaola**

Varsity volleyball member Jewely DiPaola was chosen as a member of the all-league honorable mention team.

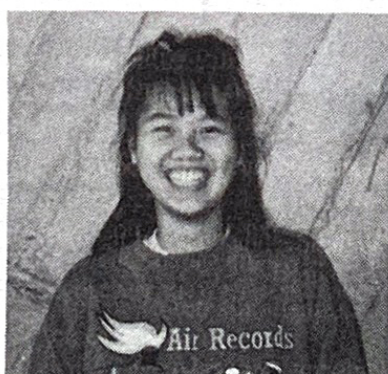
DiPaola is a three sport letterman and has been a part of the AHS sports scene for four years now.



**Sarah Jamelo**

Senior Sarah Jamelo contributed her confidence and team leadership to the girls tennis team.

"This year I played my own game, most importantly slaughtering James Logan and Washington. I told myself that I could beat anybody," said Jamelo.

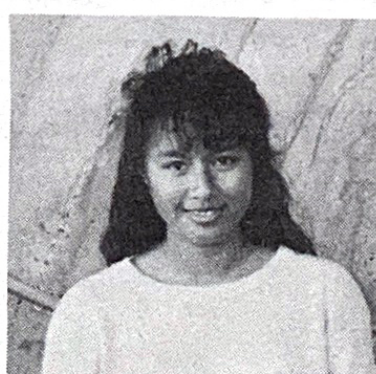


**Jocelyn Surla**

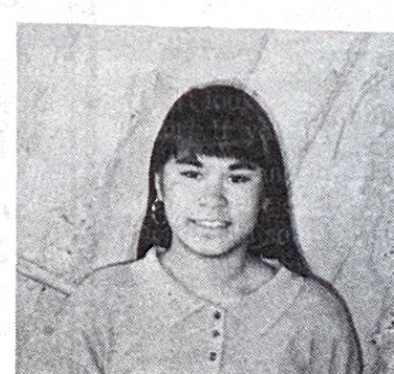
Senior tennis partners Claire Cabal and Jocelyn Surla each were chosen to be a part of the All League Tennis Team.

"Considering that Claire and I did not play tennis last year we played very well," said Surla. The two had played together for three years.

As double partners, they played very well as a team proving to be the nucleus of the Varsity doubles tennis team.



**Claire Cabal**



**Marika Low**

Junior Marika Low earned herself a selection on the all-league team. "Since my freshman year, the 1988 season has been my personal best. Next year I hope to be the top varsity player on the team," said Low.



## Hooping it up in 1988

Junior Jeff Garcia named prep player of the week

ERIK WILLIS  
reporter

The 2-5 pre-season record of the Varsity basketball team does not reflect the future of this year's MVAL season.

The tough pre-season schedule has consisted of five former play-off teams of last year (Menlo-Atherton, Alameda, St. Joseph, Piedmont Hills and Mira Loma).

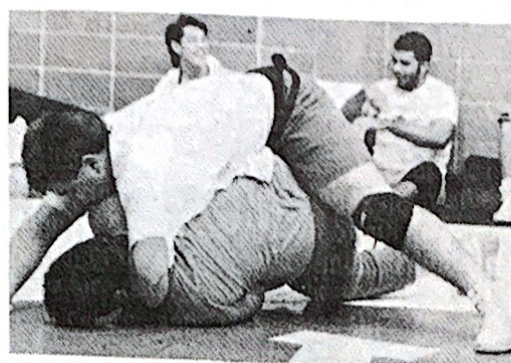
AHS lost their first regular season game to Menlo-Atherton who is ranked fifth in the northern California division three teams. AHS lost to Menlo-Atherton by three points at Menlo-Atherton.

St. Josephs rated number one in division one, was shocked when the Eagles took a seven point lead early in the first half but St. Joseph came from behind to beat the Eagles by 12 points.

AHS continued to loose close games to strong teams. The Eagles lost heartbreakers to Alameda and Piedmont Hills by two points and Mira Loma by three.

Recently at the Yuba City Tournament AHS broke their five game loosing streak beating up on the winless Washington Huskies by a score of 67-47. AHS ended up being the victors of the consolation championship by defeating Hiram Johnson High School of Sacramento 68-50.

Junior Jeff Garcia was selected as *The Argus Prep of The Week*.



Wrestler Ken Perez pins Carlos Herrera down on the mat during a recent workout.

Garcia scored 50 points in American's three tournament games and is averaging 16.4 points per game this season. He is also the teams top three point shooter with 11 three point shots. As a sophomore starter last year Garcia ranked sixth in the MVAL with 16 three pointers.

"We can play with anybody. Easily the team could be within the top four teams but in order to be successful we must work hard and we need the leadership of the three returning seniors Pat Travers, Chris Lusk and John Jones," said coach Dave Garcia.

Adjustments pave way for pre-season

## Eagle wrestlers ready to grapple

EILEEN CHUNG  
Editor-in-chief

The mats are out, weight room activity has begun, and the boys are fasting. These are the reassuring signals that the MVAL wrestling season is about to open.

The new, the old, and the young have joined together to compile a promising varsity wrestling squad for AHS this season.

Five returning varsity members, Toby Orner, Ron Marquez, Troy Rainey, Scott Mc-Grath, and Tom Mello, a group of rookies, and the addition of coach Neal Kernes will give American a run for the league championship.

Although MVAL league play does not start until in January in a match against Irvington, the Eagles have pitted themselves against worthy opponents in pre-season tournaments.

"We're going through the basics until they become second nature to them (the team)," said coach Kernes. These "basics" involve some strenuous conditioning. Practice begins at 2:45, Monday through

*We just want to help each other out, be competitive, and come up with some big wins.*

senior Carlos Herrera

Friday for two hours, with running 2-3 miles and stretching included.

The main concern of the squad is the experience it lacks as a team. Wrestlers speculated that they may be at a disadvantage at the lightweight notches because of the new line-up.

"We just want to help each other out, be competitive and come up with some big wins," said senior Carlos Herrera, the reigning J.V. Heavyweight champ last season.

The team will be preparing for the Bob Bronzan Tournament in Livermore today and another in Reno during Winter Break.

"Practice is slow. We need to get the new guys adjusted to what we're doing," said Rainey, a senior.

Repetition appears to be the key to success. "We have to help them (the new members) understand that a lot of moves have to be done over and over again to learn it," continued Rainey.

Another change that the team must adjust to is new coaching. Coach Kernes, also a science teacher at AHS, has joined a new workplace, with new students. "I'm on campus all the time and always available for the students if they need me," said Kernes.

"Our new coach is just getting everyone to be familiar with what they're doing. It's a year to learn," said sophomore Mike Gygax.

## SPORTS LOOK

# Tyson VS. Brando???

CHRIS CLARK  
reporter

In one of the most controversial sports stories of the decade, lunatic-actor Marlon Brando, age 60, has turned up as a top ranked professional boxer, using the pseudonym "Evander Holyfield".

Brando, who had weighed as much as 275 pounds in 1982 as a result of his famous ice cream crises, had some serious training to do in order to get in fighting shape. Thanks to a high protein diet of beans and bananas (suggested by close friend Richard "Deal-a-Meal" Simmons), and intensive tanning salon sessions that cost him close to 1 million dollars, Brando was ready to become "Holyfield" for the 1984 Olympics (in which he won a gold medal).

"It was all meant to be a joke", mused Brando at a special press conference after his third round knockout of Pinklon Thomas at Caesar's Palace. "I thought it would be funny, but after I whipped all those jokers in the Olympics, I thought I would give it [professional boxing] a shot".

The amazing details of the incident were revealed when a reporter mistakenly entered Brando's dressing room after the Thomas fight.

"I kept hearing this voice that sounded like the crazy guy in 'Apocalypse Now'", said Jimmy Olsen of The Associated Press. "I walked in the door, and there he was, Brando!"

For reasons of secrecy, Brando's dressing room had been kept under heavy guard. However, after Brando's last fight, his trainer, Stanley Kowalski, stepped out to buy him some ice cream.

"I was out gettin' Marlon some pistachio nut (his favorite flavor), and by the time I got back, there was a mob outside the locker room. When I saw all of



those reporters, I knew the secret was out!", said Kowalski.

Brando (as Holyfield), is ranked third in the WBC as a heavyweight, and is considered to be the top contender in the world to fight current heavyweight champ Mike Tyson. When asked how he would coax Tyson into a battle with him, a washed up, obese actor, the star of The Godfather proclaimed:

"I'll make him an offer he can't refuse".

The office of the WBC, who would sanction a possible Tyson-Brando fight, commented through a spokesman.

"We will not allow this mockery of boxing to go on! There will never be a fight between that greasy old actor, and the greatest fighter in the world-Mike Tyson. Mr. Brando can say what he wants to, but there will not be a fight!"

Tyson, reached in conference with his lawyers, commented:

"I've been brawling with an actor for a year and a half now, and I've survived. I don't see how Marlon could be any tougher than Robin."

## Girls' soccer get their kicks

MARTIE PETERS  
reporter

After losing most of their preseason games, the AHS girls varsity soccer team has built a 2-0 MVAL record.

Their first league game was against Irvington. Sophomores Wendy Cotton and Michelle Wagner scored two goals apiece, making the final outcome 4-0. Freshman Heidi Koshe, who is replacing the injured Amy Roberts as goalie, did an outstanding job of protecting the goal. Defensive players Michelle Myslewski, Christina Reyes, Lisa Morchioni, and Michelle Silva each worked hard at keeping the ball at the other end of the field.

Last Tuesday, the Eagles took on the Kennedy Titans at American. The final score was 2-1, again both goals were made by

Wagner. Kennedy scored in the second half, but the Eagles still came out on top. "We worked together and managed to hold our lead," said Myslewski.

After the first two games, the

Eagles future looks bright. Coach Kristy Tobeck has hopes of making the play-offs. With nine returning players inexperience is no problem for the Eagles.



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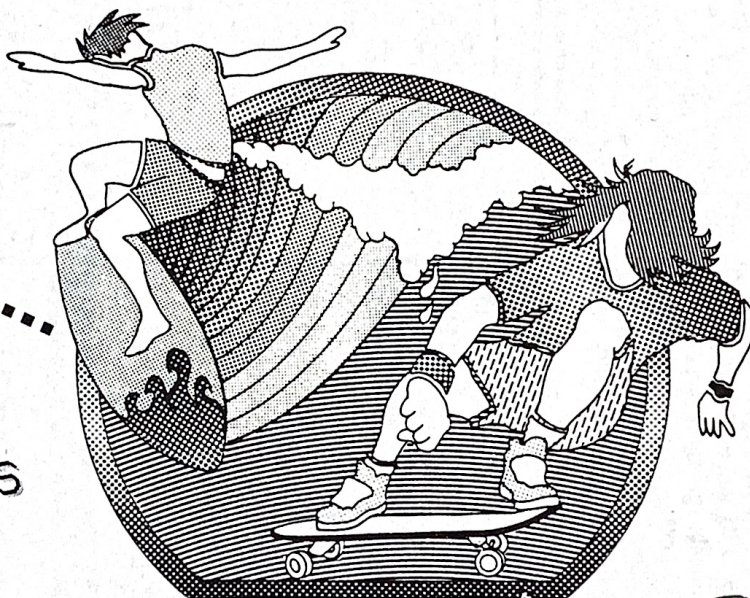
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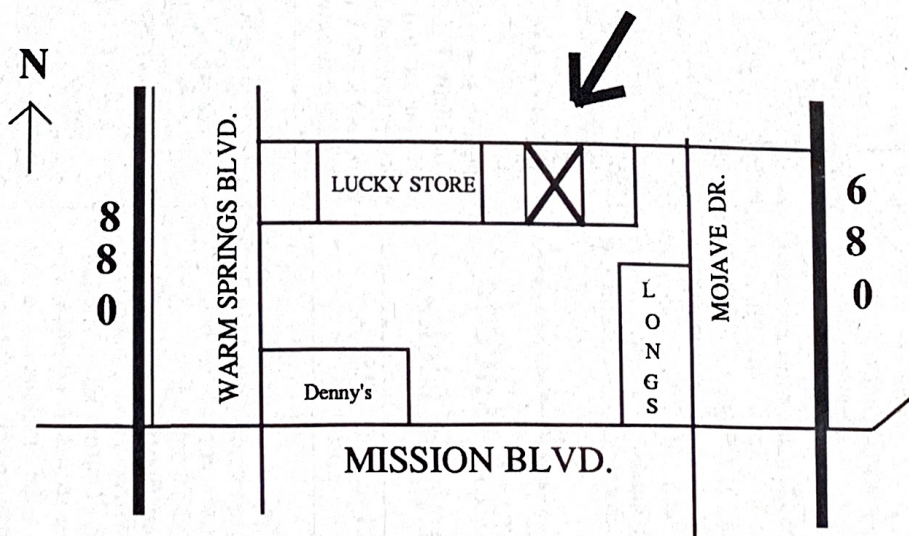
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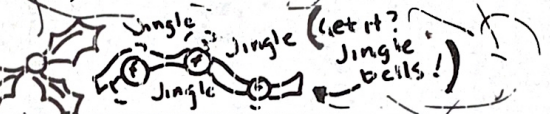


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