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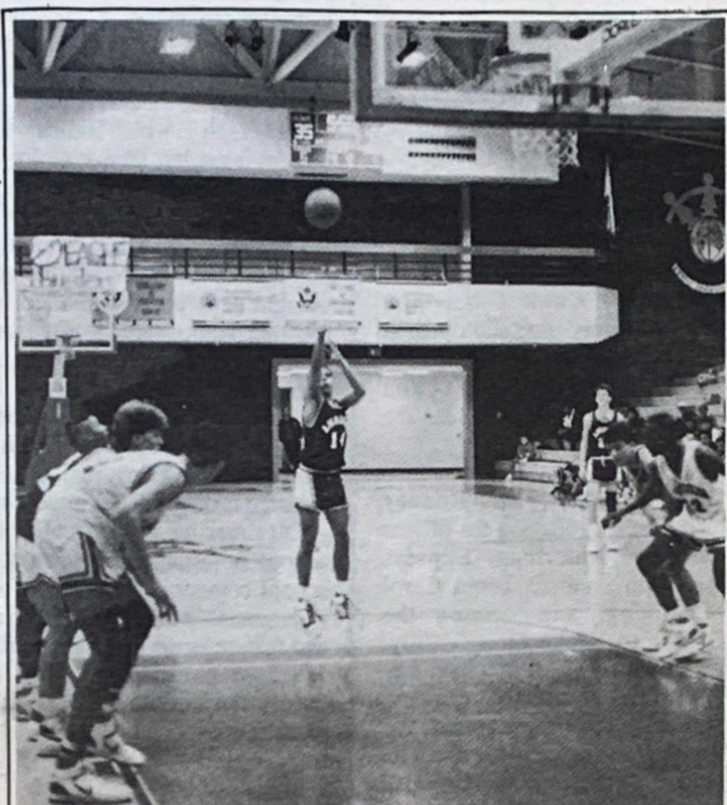
Brainbowl competition begins at AHS

REBECCA EHSAN
News editor

What sits on a 5,000-acre landfall at the head of Jamaica Bay, near New York City? What was Hitler's favorite movie? What government position is held by the resident of eleven Downing Street, London? What sea bird is also known as the gooney bird? These are questions from a popular game called Trivial Pursuit. Similar questions will be asked in a "Brain Bowl" held at AHS. The event began on February 24 and will conclude during the first week of March.

Nine different teams are competing with one another. The contest is on a double elimination competition. The last two teams left will compete with one another. The winning team will then represent AHS in the challenge of the champions.

The four general categories of questions are: Social Studies, English, Fine Arts, and Math/natural Science. The MVAL competition will determine a winning school based on a total point basis. The winning team will then represent FUSD in the State Championship and perhaps the National Championship.



Excellent Eagle free throw shooting decided the victory over Moreau, but free throws could not bail out AHS against Logan.

Influenza invades AHS

STEPHANIE JAMESON
Viewpoint editor

The AHS community has been hit with a virus that won't give up. In the past few weeks, students and faculty members have been aching, coughing, and sniffing. Sneezing, sinus headaches and sore throats are just a few of the symptoms of the cold-like virus.

So far, school absences have not been a problem. Lorraine Richmond, senior class secretary, commented that absences have not increased. "They (student absences) are normal for this time of year," stated junior class secretary, Kathy Tsurui.

Surprisingly, students are not staying home in bed. Instead, they are dragging themselves to school. Most students have found it easier to bring a box of Kleenex to school rather than missing an entire day. Consequently, the germs are being carried into the school. "I can't afford to miss a week of school at the beginning of a new semester," said senior Melissa Aguilar.

Students are not the only ones being hit by this illness. Faculty members are also showing signs of the virus. Even teachers who manage to fight off seasonal colds are becoming ill.

VIP prizes awarded to outstanding students

MICHELLE DE MESA
staff writer

VIP prizes like watches, t-shirts, records, tapes, and gift certificates were awarded to deserving students at a lunchtime drawing in the Rotunda. Perspective winners were chosen by staff members on the basis of good grades, improved grades, attendance and other outstanding achievements.

"Any student can get a tag from a staff member. We draw for t-shirts every week and all the tags are put in a box for the end of the semester drawing," commented Mr. Cary Tremewan, Sophomore class counselor.

Other prizes given away included baseball caps, cologne, and a Coke a Cola jacket. Sixteen prizes in all were awarded.

The recipients of VIP prizes were: Fedrick Forral, Marc Kirchhoff, Brian Montag, Eduardo Arruda, Khalid Acheckzai, Kay Castro, Jesse Daunis, Mike Coon, Eddie Rodrigues, James Douglas, Frank Pimentel, Julie Wu, Debbie Farinacci. Congratulations!

Touring the capitol

CHRIS CLARK
staff writer

Washington DC

The nation's capital recently hosted a group of students from AHS who were participating in the Close-up program. The goal of the Close-up program is to permit students to see and experience the inner workings of our Federal Government.

On February 5, the Close-up club [Megan Andesha, Katherine Orlandi, Jocelyn Burnside, Nicole Givens, Leah Loudermill, Danny Amador, Scot Fischer, Tracy Hawkins, M' Charlotte Cheatham, and Ken Garcia] left for Washington DC from San Francisco Intl. Airport. The group was lead by advisor Mr. Rich Larsen, and Chaperone Ms. Lois Hazelby. That evening they arrived at the hotel that they shared with students from Louisiana, Georgia and Puerto Rico.

"The best part of the trip was that you met people from other states," said senior Scot Fischer.

Most people agreed that the highlight of the trip was the keynote speech by Barry Nickelberg. He shared his unique views on politics and life with the students.

Since the virus shows no signs of letting up, it has been classified as an epidemic by local health officials. When contacted, Fremont Kaiser personnel indicated the virus has no cure--"you just let it run its course." Kaiser officials did suggest drinking liquids and bed rest to ease the comfort.

"It was thought provoking and interesting," said Fischer.

Another activity that the travelers enjoyed was meeting our member of the House of Representatives, Don Edwards.

"He was a cool guy," said senior Dan Amador.

Some people enjoyed their visits with Mr. Edwards more than others. While he has been known to buy visitors lunch in the Congressional dining hall, his hospitality went a bit further when he gave Ms. Hazelby a ticket to see the State of the Union Address.

"It was fabulous!," Ms. Hazelby commented. "We didn't just see the monuments, we got to go inside and see the process!"

When the Close-up group returned on February 11, they were exhausted, but ready to return to school. They brought with them an experience they will never forget, they not only know what Washington DC looks like, but they also know how it functions.

"It was a wonderful learning experience for everyone," said Mr. Larsen. "Even I picked up information that I never knew before."

ICU numbers on the rise

REBECCA EHSAN
News editor

A recent report published by the AHS administration concerning the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) indicates a marked increase of students being sent to the ICU for negative reasons. The report indicates more students were sent to the ICU in the Fall of 1988 than were sent in the Fall of 1987.

The ICU serves mainly as a center for behavior problems, and students who are suspended or given a detention. The total number of students sent in the fall of 1988 was 826. The total number of students sent in the fall of 1987 was 790.

Finally, the report indicates that more students are being sent to the ICU for detention and suspension than any other reason. (FOR COMPLETE DATA SEE CHART ON PG. 8)



Congratulations to the January Students of the Month: 9th grade--Mike Gessaer and Rosanna Madagos; 10th grade--David Lee and Sally Brinkman; 11th grade--Tim Fowlie and Jennifer Morrison; 12th grade--Anthony Ramos and Rowena Cruz; ROP--Shayne Scribner.

Congratulations to juniors Amanda Hardy and Joel Cory for winning the French Club travel scholarship to France. Also congratulations to first and second runners up Subha Basu and Christine Tso.

Academic block applications are due on March 3 at 2:30PM at Student Service 11.

Spring Recess will be from March 20-24.

Andy Rooney's Secrets of Life



Andy Rooney
Guest Writer

Hi, I'm Andy Rooney. Most of you have probably seen my personal bitching segment on 60 minutes, or read my syndicated bitching column. I have made a living by moaning and complaining 24 hours a day. Most of my work starts out with the phrase- "You know what really bugs me?"

What is really bugging me this week is the way that my topics have been getting worse and worse as time goes on. Recently I have bitched about junk mail envelopes, shoelaces, and Japanese real estate magnates.

When you get right down to it, I'm slipping fast.

The reason behind my demise is that my brain is turning into oatmeal. Sometimes I wonder if the oatmeal just sits there, or if it vibrates like those super-brains on Star Trek.

Star Trek bugs me. I hate the noise that the commuters on the bridge make. "Ah ah ah ah ah". Every time I watch Star

Trek, the noise from the computers puts me to sleep, and I miss the end.

Sometimes after I've fallen asleep watching Star Trek, I wonder about the oatmeal that used to be my brain. I wonder if people will be able to eat my cranial oatmeal after I die? I wonder if it will be plain oatmeal, or that yummy "apple 'n cinnamon" from Quaker. I love those delicious chunks of hot apple in the morning, and it really helps with my regularity!

You know what really bugs me? People who drone on and on about a series of unrelated junk. You never know what they are talking about, and they always get lost on tangents and never get to the point.

I had a friend named Maury Amsterdam who always used to get off the subject. I was talking to him one day at Flieshman's Deli. I had a pastrami on a poppy seed roll, and he had a hot corned beef on rye.

You know what really bugs me? The way that poppy seeds

get wedged in between my dentures when I eat poppy seed rolls! It takes you five minutes of surgery with a toothpick to get those buggers out! One day I was having a ham sandwich on a poppy kaiser at Herrman's Deli before I was going to see "Hello Dolly" with Carol Channing...

"You know what REALLY bugs me? Carol Channing's mouth! Every time she opens it I have to take cover for fear of being sucked into it and disappearing forever! I hate the way....."

Editors Note: Mr. Rooney was last seen leaving the offices of the American Express screaming curses about Carol Channing, and singing the theme to "Hello Dolly" (badly, and out of key). If you have any information on Mr. Rooney, please contact the Express. We apologize for printing a senile old grouch, and we promise never to do it again.

Chris Clark assisted Mr. Rooney with this column.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

re: "Efficient attendance policy needed", the lead article of the January 24, 1989 "American Express" bannered th above headline.

Since the article was on the "news" page, I assumed that it would be completely factual and accurate. The first clause of the first paragraph, "the inconsistency of AHS' attendance system," is inaccurate. Clearly, a system which is computerized can not be inconsistent since only one program is used to scan attendance sheets. Is it an efficient policy, a system, a computer program, or something else that is needed?

Paragraph 2 which indicated that "the computerized system...has created a greater workload for each of the four grade level student services," is also inaccurate. A quote from the 11th grade secretary indicates there is less work "for the amount of information you get." Any excess workload is caused by human error, as indicated by the author. As the administrator in charge of the attendance system, I was the only co-administrator not interviewed by you. It seems to me that responsible journalism must have information from the primary source. As vice-principal, Mr. Bonaccorsi indicated, the computerized system is truly efficient. The article indicates that possible human efficiency is the cause of many of the problems.

I would hope that when such an important matter as school wide attendance is being researched by an individual, that complete research is done and accurate statements are made.

Oft times we do not realize that in a public document, such as a school newspaper, which not only reaches the American High school community, but many other communities as well, accuracy is essential. Authors must differentiate clearly between news stories and feature items--they must differentiate facts from opinions.

For the American High School Administrative Staff,
John Di Paola
Assistant Principal

Hey you SLOB! Students lack school pride

Do you know what really irks me at this school? Students who are slob. Those students who leave their garbage around thinking that someone will eventually pick-up after them. Grow up kiddies, this is your school! Show some consideration for your fellow students.

Have you no shame? Don't you have any pride in your school? Come on!! Maybe what we should do with all you slob-a-holics is rub your faces in the garbage you so thoughtlessly dispose of all over our school.

Here are just a few examples of typical slob-a-holic behavior:

--O.K. you're walking through the rotunda during lunchtime, and suddenly find yourself dodging foil food wrapper balls! Arrghh! Very scary. Nexttime I walk through the rotunda during lunch, I'll bring a baseball bat with me.

--You're walking around the rotunda (deja vu) and you see those little school lunch boxes that some guacamole heads leave lying around everywhere during and after lunch. Very irritating.

--Try this one, you are sitting in class in a desk that has gum completely covering the bottom of it, and...you happen to accidentally touch it with your hand or your leg! Too gross! You people should use a garbage can every once in a while.

--How 'bout you girls who insist on eating your lunch in the restroom, leaving your trail of tater tots and those school carton lunch boxes aligned along the mirror?

What is it? Do we need to re-emphasize school pride? Whatever it is, something needs to be done, immediately.

Dear Mr. John Di Paola,

Reread the lead paragraph of the article and you will see that you evidently misinterpreted its purpose. The story is not about the AHS computer system itself, but the inconsistency of the follow-up of the disciplinary action by school administrators (by the way, computers are not error-free). Therefore, the lead sentence clearly states that the story is about the complaints of faculty members.

As you are well aware, each student service operates their system differently--procedure wise. Some are quicker to deal with disciplinary action than others. Reaching the students during a span of two days and four weeks...is that consistency?

Perhaps if the "primary source" had been accessible to the reporter and in "attendance", he would have been interviewed. On numerous occasions, American Express staff have tried to interview you but you were never in your office. Perhaps if you don't need it, we can replace your desk with a computer. It may be much more efficient.

Research was conducted through the AHS principal, assistant principals, counselors, secretaries, students and teachers. Are these are not accurate sources?

In response to your attack of the writer, the only opinions expressed in the article were direct quotes from the individuals who deal with the students and system daily. That makes it factual because these comments and concerns stem from the school community.

News pages present the facts in a manner that allows the reader to form his own opinions, which is essentially why a problem such as the slow disciplinary procedure must be exposed to the AHS community. This news (NOT Feature) "item" was published to inform readers about the problem of the AHS attendance policy.

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Graduation Gimmicks!

STEPHANIE JAMESON
Viewpoint editor

Graduation is a time of celebration. Thousands of anxious Seniors are awaiting that magical day in June when they officially enter the "real world". But, what is really required in order to graduate? Credits you say? Good attendance--maybe? NO! It's money!

Each year thousands of Seniors across the nation spend hundreds of dollars on graduation "stuff". Thank you notes, memory books, class jewelry, and graduation announcements are just a few of the items Seniors are suckered into buying.

Graduation announcements are cards officially proclaiming your survival of high school. But wait, you can't just send the announcement, you MUST include the little name cards to go inside the announcement. The name cards only come in sets of 100- what do you do with the rest of all of these little white cards?

So, you send these announcements to all of your relatives and friends. Why? Well, there is one reason: you send an announcement and supposedly you receive a gift for making it out of high school.

Now- it seems to me that

you would like something for your achievement, but doesn't it seem a bit rude to send people a reminder of the fact? If they are close to you, won't they realize that you are graduating anyway? Of course they will! An announcement is just a polite way of asking for money!

Announcements are not the only gimmicks seniors buy. What about all of the class keys and other jewelry available? One has to wonder why you would want to buy a "class key" when it can only be worn for a few months. How many of us are actually going to keep it when we are freshman in college? Why spend the money on something that is going to be put in a box and then placed into a drawer-somewhere?

Memory books are also a waste of money. What good is a Senior memory book when you don't get it until the end of your Senior year?

It's fun to get caught up in the excitement of graduation. After all, it's a real accomplishment to make it out of high school. But we also have to realize that all of the gimmicks they are trying to sell us are a waste of money. Graduation is a big deal, but it shouldn't cost an arm and a leg!

Fakomembero-itis ails AHS clubs

NILS TALBOT
staff writer

I have become increasingly aware of a strange phenomenon here at AHS. Many, if not all the clubs are suffering from a strange ailment I have named "Fakomembero-itis". The symptoms of this not-so uncommon disease is a huge number of students who belong to a club, yet only a few who actually go to the club meetings and participate in club activities. What is the cause of this epidemic? To find the answer doesn't require a doctor, just a little observation. The cause is an over-abundance of students who join every club they can in order to put it on their college applications to show how "involved" they are in student activities.

Ha!

Come on, you've seen it. People who pay their dues at the beginning of the year, show up for the yearbook picture, and then disappear for the rest of the year. Getting brownie points on your college application is marvellous, but it should be a

by-product, not the reason you join a club. What's worse is that these people who are selfishly using the club usually do nothing whatsoever to support it.

This disease is not limited to clubs. Some (but not all) of our peer tutors are doing what they do to get that extra line on their applications. Our peer counselors are also a bit infected with this vile virus. I'm not even going to mention what happens in within the student government and class meetings, I'm sure you've seen it for yourself. Helping your fellow student and being involved is great, but not if the only reason you're doing it is to help you get into college or become the next homecoming queen.

So what's the cure to this crazy club condition? I really don't know. I'd suggest that some people volunteer to form a committee to examine the problem and try to solve it, but I'm afraid that we'd be swamped with so many people who would sign up so they could put it on their college applications that it wouldn't be effective. Maybe the club presidents should start kicking out the parasites who spread this disease, and cure Fakomembero-itis for good.

Give Me Clean Bathrooms or Give Me Death!

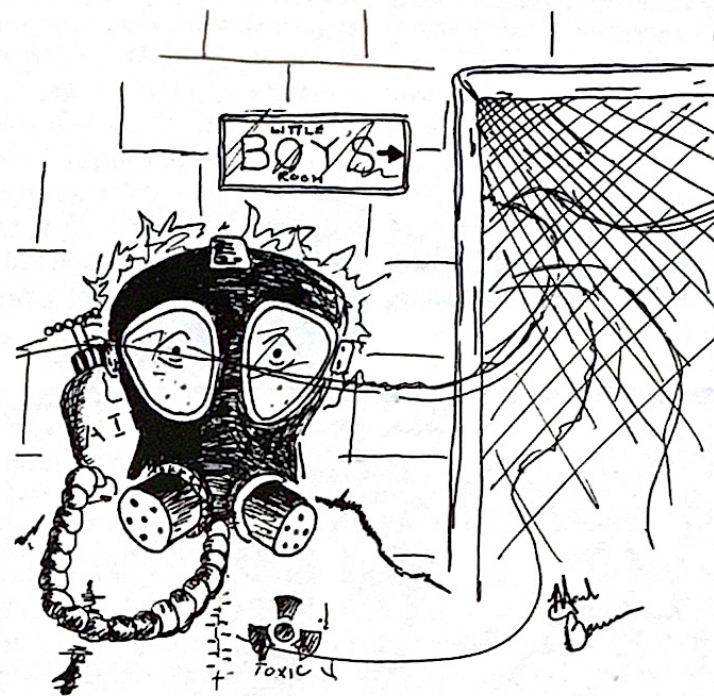
CHRIS CLARK
staff writer

I am typing this article up in the dark. Sure, I asked the custodians to bring a new light bulb for the staff room lamp, but trying to get the custodians to do something is like trying to stay awake through one of those "Economics USA" videos(those of you who aren't seniors will know what I mean in a couple of years).

Our school is a wonderland of janitorial problems, and our custodial staff is like a lost Alice who is drowning in a sea of broken air conditioners and gum stained carpets. I realize that being a high school janitor is a difficult and thankless job, but our janitors have been hired to do a job, and the simple fact is that they are not doing it.

It has always been a belief of mine that all humans have the right to life, liberty, and the use of a semi-sanitary bathroom. I can't speak for the girls, but the boys' bathrooms at American are totally and utterly repulsive!!

The stench that these cursed rooms give off is so bad that someone should be passing out army surplus gas masks at the door. If you have a cold or something, and you able to ignore the evil odor of the bathrooms, you are in for many more surprises after you enter. The floors of the bathroom are covered with some mysterious substance whose origins I do not want to investigate, and I you move fast enough to escape being such in this muck, you are greeted by stalls whose walls are to skinny for anyone on the heavier side of Gandhi to fit into. If I didn't think the graffiti on the walls was so entertaining, I'd probably complain about that too.



If a guy is still willing to venture into the bathroom despite all of these obstacles, he faces yet another problem-almost invariably, one of the two boy's bathrooms on campus is closed!

Words can not describe the frustration of a person who has walked all the way to a restroom in hopes of relieving himself, and who then finds a "CLOSED" sign on the door. If a victim were to kill a janitor on the spot after this type of a ordeal, I would call it justifiable homicide. It wouldn't be so bad if the bathrooms would be better when they are re-opened, but they are just the same.

So you say that you never eat or drink at school, and you never need to use the bathroom. You wonder how the custodians affect you. Well, have you ever walked to school in 40 degree temperature, and then arrived at school hoping for warmth and comfort? If you have, then you know how I felt when I was told

that there was no Santa Claus (sorry to spoil it for you Freshman)- your hopes are shattered.

If you want warmth, you better set fire to your pee-chee folder, because the heaters sure aren't going to work! Many is the morning that I've had to hug a Bunsen burner in the science lab just to get my arms to move! American is the only school in the world where teachers actually believe you when you tell them that you burnt your homework for warmth. How can someone be expected to learn when all of their mental energy is being used to figure out ways to stave off frostbite?

In the four years that I have been at American, the best thing that the custodians have done is putting those little US flags up in every classroom. We may all have pneumonia, and we may not be able to use the bathrooms, but at least we can say the pledge of allegiance! Boy I love America!!

Words Of Wisdom

compiled by
NILS TALBOT

"The enemy of all utopias is boredom"
- Arthur C. Clark

"A lawyer is a learned gentleman who rescues your estate from your enemies and keeps it for himself."
- Lord Broughan

"To know and to act are one and the same."
- Samurai maxim

"It is better to give than to lend, and it costs about the same."
- Sir Phillip Gibbs

"Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much"
- Oscar Wilde

"The perception of beauty is a moral test."
- Thoreau

"None but the contemptible are apprehensive of contempt."
- La Rochefoucauld

"If I cannot realize my Ideal, at least I can idealize my Real"
- Anonymous



A similar but different experience

DANIELLE BLACK
Feature editor

The Interleague Council (ILC) recently participated in a student exchange program. Twenty-two AHS students and twenty-two Kennedy students swapped schools for two days.

Many of the students had preconceived notions about the school they were going to visit—many of these notions proved to be unfounded.

"I expected to see many policemen and faculty members patrolling the campus of JFK with walkie-

other difference noted was the open spaced classrooms at AHS. "I liked being in open spaced classrooms because I could say Hi to one of my friends without getting yelled at. At JFK if we even look at one of our friends that walks by, we get moved to the front of the class," said Kennedy senior, Myra Deang. Yet another difference between AHS and JFK was the academic curriculum. According to the majority of the students, the classes at American were more college preparatory oriented. Some of the classes offered at American are not available at Ken-



Intermingled with other MVAL students, representatives from AHS and JFK goof off at the ILC exchange.

talkies, but it wasn't like that. Some teachers do patrol, but only a few and it's only at lunch," stated Ty McKinney, sophomore.

The experience proved that all high schools are basically the same.

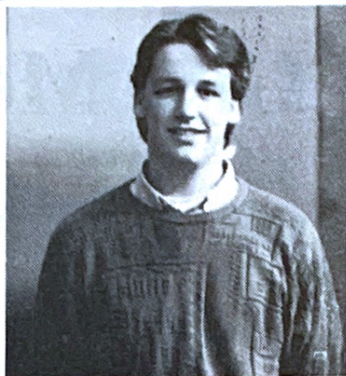
There were some differences, however. The most obvious is that Kennedy is an outdoor school and American is inside. Senior Melissa Aguilar commented, "It was so cold. I could not handle going to school where you had to walk outside in-between every class." An-

nedy and vice versa. The department most praised was American's science department. "At Kennedy we don't have an Anatomy/Physiology class. I wish we did. I really liked cutting up a cat," stated Kennedy senior, Daryle Balao.

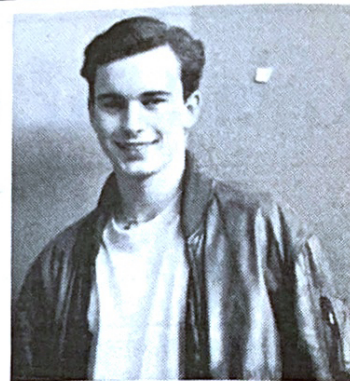
When asked what he thought about the exchange, Robert Santiago, JFK senior, replied, "I liked it because we really learned a lot about other schools and there's so much more we can do now. It was a good experience."

From Deutschland to Amerika

EILEEN CHUNG
Editor-in-chief



Marc Kirchhoff



Oliver Horn

They are both foreign exchange students, 17, and seniors here at AHS. They are patriotic Germans who love soccer and beer—and both admit to missing their moms' home-cooked meals. However, the similarities stop there. Marc Kirchhoff is from a big city—Hamburg and Oliver Horn resides in Haffen, a town with 927 inhabitants. Oliver must travel seven miles to school everyday while Marc only a few blocks. "He has a different lifestyle," notes Mark of his fellow countryman. "I couldn't live in the city because I want to see my cows everyday when I step out of my door," said Oliver.

Marc and Oliver find the greatest difference between the States and Germany are the school systems. Schooling here is less difficult and more lenient than the system in Germany. "In Germany, you just go to school to study rather than having fun. Here, it's more of a social point," said Oliver.

"My classes are easy. In Germany there are more requirements and you don't get a choice of what to take," said Marc.

They also concluded that the focus of American kids and those of German youth were quite contrasting. "My first impression of Americans was of disappointment," said Oliver, "I thought America was a world power—and some of the kids should be, instead of being ignorant. It's not what I expected. Europeans are a little more open to other ideas because all of the countries are so close together."

Marc added, "There are too many drugs here. You see them everywhere—at school, in the bathroom, parties. In Germany we don't see that kind of thing."

Despite discovering the negative aspects of America, they have learned enough of the positive to make them return someday. "It's more fun here, kicking-back, going to the beach and surfing," said Oliver.

They found the atmosphere to be more relaxed. "It's different. People are rushed, but they kind of enjoy themselves," said Marc.

So while they are still here in the good ol' U.S. of A., Marc will be playing with the football he won at AHS' V.I.P. drawing while Oliver is still looking for that good German beer. You know what they say—Viel Glück!

Birds, Saints, and Animal Hides, Oh My!

NILS TALBOT
staff writer

For all you love bunnies out there, here is a brief history of the lovers holiday - Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day of the 1980's is a combination of ancient Roman holidays, two Christian saints named Valentine, and an old English belief. Eventually these were all put together and became what we know as Valentine's Day.

The ancient Romans held a pagan festival on Feb. 14 called Lupercalia. This festival was supposed to insure protection from wolves. The ceremony involved young men whipping women with strips of animal hide. The women accepted the blows because they believed it insured fertility.

There were two saints named Valentine. One was a Roman who secretly married young couples even though it was forbidden by Emperor Claudius II. He forbade it because he believed that unmarried men made better soldiers. The other was the patron saint of children, executed on Feb. 14 for not

worshipping the Roman gods.

An old English belief that on Feb. 14 birds will choose their mates is also part of the Valentine's Day history. When the English were conquered by the Romans this belief was incorporated into Lupercalia, adding to the fertility aspect.

The actual Valentine's Day that we celebrate started in



England around 1400. The custom of sending love poems on this day goes back to 1415 in France by the Duke of Orleans. Commercial Valentines did not appear until the 1800's and were quite expensive at first. But they were still better received than being whipped with an animal hide.

Beat at AHS

SHERI MORIGUCHI
staff writer

Jonas Garcia, a member of the DJ group Infinite Beat, has been in the DJ business since the ninth grade. Garcia, who likes "messing around with music," says it is a hobby not a job.

Garcia and friends Bruce Ronquillo, Gary Gomes, and Manuel Garcia are the members of Infinite Beat. Being a DJ is not always fun. Garcia says it is sometimes hard to work with friends in a businesslike fashion. They fight but when push comes to shove, they get things done. Everyone in the group contributes equally.

There are a lot of good DJs out there.

Jonas Garcia

Garcia says being a DJ can be lucrative but there is tough competition. "There are a lot of DJs out there that are good," said Garcia. Infinite Beat gets its publicity from word of mouth and play mainly in the Bay Area.

Infinite Beat is hired for all occasions: dances, house parties, weddings, etc. They try to take music requests from their audiences. The type of music they play includes: KMEL, High Energy, Top 40, Club, Rap, and Mod. Infinite Beat charges \$250 and up for a dance and house parties start at \$100 dollars.

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MICHELLE DE MESA
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It's that time of year again? Yes, time to bundle up and head for the nearest mall...time to check out the latest fashions for the new year...time to spend that Christmas money!

The idea of shopping for new outfits can bring joy to some, frustration to others. It can also put quite a hole in the old pocket book. Today's fashions are expensive.

In monitoring the latest fashions at AHS, one of the most popular items seem to be a tweed, leather, or combination jacket. Its purpose is well served and has become a wise investment, running from about \$130-\$350.

Robin Hagar agrees, "My jacket is fashionable and keeps me warm. It's worth the money."

Sweaters, always popular this time of the year, have come back in deep, vibrant or earthy toned acrylics and angoras.



Maria Gapasin

Some of the guys have also taken to sweaters, even if they're just paired up with their favorite pair of jeans. Then, there are those guys who

go a bit further and team together a sweater, pair of slacks and patent shoes to create the "GQ" look. The sweater alone runs from about \$40-\$120! Is this look worth the price?

Dennis Arnst says yes, "It makes me feel good when I look good, conservative." Darrin Chang agrees, "It makes me look like Michael J. Fox."

Popular again in 89 are: jeans and black stretch pants. Worn baggy, tight, acid-washed or indigo dyed, these types of pants are versatile and comfortable. Girls will always love skirts, but minis seem to outnumber all other lengths at AHS. Depending on the brand and make, skirt and pant prices range from a mini \$6 to a larger \$60. Designer labels are not

causing a commotion this year as much as in the past, but there are still the favorites. Bongo, Jordache, Guess and



Dennis Arnst Darrin Chang

Genera are some of the more popular names, and are also the most expensive.

As far as accessories go, black and gold are the rage. They seem to complement the "classy" instead of "trashy" look, which more students are going for. Especially in all the popular forms, from leather gloves to high-riding boots, these are always the first colors to be sold out.

Of course, with the cost of one outfit totalling anywhere between \$250-\$500, there are still those who simply prefer jeans and a t-shirt. Maybe they're right...as Matt Lillard comments, "I'd wear plaid pants if I had them." Scot Fischer adds, "I don't have the time of the money."

No problem. The AHS fashion plates have spoken, and to each his (or her) own.

Where Have All the Children Gone

REBECCA EHSAN
News editor

It is 4:30 P.M. on a weekday in Anytown, USA. Mrs. Jane Doe is waiting for her eight-year old daughter to arrive home from school. Anne is late, school ended at 4:00 and the John Smith Elementary School is only a ten minute walk from the Doe's home.

Mrs. Doe is not worried. Perhaps Anne stopped at a friend's house or stayed at school for detention. She would call or be home soon, Mrs. Doe is sure, because Anne is a responsible child and Anytown is a safe place.

It is 8:00 P.M. and Mrs. Doe is worried. She has called the school, she has called Anne's friends, she has driven around town. Anne is nowhere to be found. Mrs. Doe calls the police. They tell her that they will get on the case right away, and ask her to come down to the station.

There are several possible endings to this story.

Ending #1: Anne had taken the school bus to the home of a new acquaintance. She had forgotten to call her mom and was lightly spanked when she returned home at 9 o'clock.

Ending #2: Mr. John Doe, the divorced husband of Jane and the father of Anne, has abducted his daughter on her way from school. Unhappy with the fact that Mrs. Doe had received custody of Anne, he decided to take the law into his own hands.

He parked his car near the school and signs his daughter out of classes. Anne was surprised

to see him, but happy. He was her father, and she really didn't see him much since the divorce.

As they walked to the car, Mr. Doe explained to his daughter that she was coming to stay with him "for a while".

That while turned out to be three years. Anne's life was in shambles. During the three years, she had been shuttled from town to town, from school to school by her father. He lived in constant fear that he would be found out and that his "baby girl" would be taken away from him. Mr. Doe kept his daughter from being close with other children, for he was afraid that she might slip to one of them what had actually happened. Anne had to come directly home after school every day and she missed her mother. When she asked her father about her mother, Mr. Doe just said that Anne's mother didn't want her anymore.

One day Anne saw her face on the back of a milk container. It was under the heading "MISSING". She showed the picture to her teacher and was reunited with her mother. Mrs. Doe did not press any charges against Mr. Doe.

Today Anne and her mother are seeing a therapist. Anne is withdrawn at school and has academic problems because of the "school-hopping" she did during the time spent with her father.

Ending #3: As Anne left the school to go home, a strange man confronted her. He told her that her mother had gotten sick and was in the hospital. He said that he was a friend of her

mother's and would take Anne to the hospital. Anne, confused and worried about her mother, followed him to his car.

Three weeks later, Anne's body was found stuffed in a garbage can in a nearby city.

The characters of the above story are fictional, but the events described in the last two "endings" are becoming more and more commonplace in the U.S. There is another ending to Anne's story, this one also common: *Anne remains MISSING.*

MARK BOWEN
staff writer

It was one of those days when mom was on a house cleaning rampage, and my soul purpose in life that day was to escape from her wrath. My only possible sanctuary was the movies. So while mother v searching high and low for me, I was kicking back with a tub o' corn and an overpriced coke watching the films that I am about to review.

The first feature of the day was the new Tom Hanks venture, THE 'BURBS. Hanks plays an average suburbanite spending a "relaxing" week at home, with nothing to do but watch t.v., and sleep in. Everything is okay until strange noises begin emanating from the basement of his new neighbors house.

Satanic neighbors and time traveling teens

The first thing that I should mention is that this movie isn't as bad as everyone claims it is. If you keep in mind that this ISN'T anything like the "heartwarming" Tom Hanks comedy BIG. It is superbly directed by Joe "Gremlins" Dante. Dante proves that he can blend horror and comedy with winning results. The movie doesn't go for big laughs, but fans of black comedies will appreciate it. But the film's true shining star is Bruce Dern, who plays an eccentric Viet Nam veteran, who sees this as a chance to relive his wartime experiences. He uses all of his war paraphernalia and intellect to spy on the mysterious neighbors.

The movie is worthwhile to see at matinee price, or if you can sneak into it - all the power to you. But if it escapes the theatre before you get a chance to view it, don't worry, it should be out on video tape soon.

The second feature of the day was BILL AND TED'S EXCELLANT ADVENTURE. Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter star as two not so excellent students who must pass their upcoming history final in order to pass the class (and for Ted to stay out of an Alaskan Military Academy). Their only hope comes in the form of George Carlin who brings them a telephone booth/time machine that will allow them to travel

back through history and experience the time periods that they will be tested on the next day.

Bill and Ted have a better idea - they fly through history 'bagging' "persons of historic significance" for their live report.

After kidnapping Napoleon, Billy the Kid, Socrates, Ghengis Khan, Abe Lincoln, Sigmund Freud, Beethoven, and Joan of Arc they head back to their home in San Diemas to show their new friends what it's like, and to give a report that no one will ever forget.

This movie is for anyone who loved the McKenzie masterpiece, STRANGE BREW, or off the wall comedies like BETTER OFF DEAD. I feel that this is one of the greatest comedies ever made, and I could watch it over and over again. You have to keep in mind that this movie in NO WAY takes itself seriously, and so you shouldn't either - just sit back, have fun and you'll love it...trust me.

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Lady Eagles finish dismal season

ERIK WILLIS
staff writer

The girls Varsity basketball team finished the season with a loss to Mission San Jose 50-31. The defeat was the girls twelfth loss of league play. AHS finished their disappointing season with a record of 2-12 (5-18 overall). The lady Eagles finished in seventh place.

During the season the Eagles lost six games by less than six points. Many of the losses were blamed for a lack of offensive execution.

"I told the kids that we were able to finish in fourth or fifth place," said coach Miller. "I thought the team had 12 good players but the squad lacked dedication."

Junior Lori Carper the team's most talented player ended her season with a scoring average of 13.5 points per game.



Lori Carper muscles a lay-up in a game against James Logan.

Eagles come up short in play-offs

ERIK WILLIS
staff writer

Union City- The league Shaughnessy Play-offs were held at the James Logan Pavilion. The American Eagles edged the Moreau Mariners in the opening play-off game, 56-51. The victory over the Mariners placed AHS in the championship game against the James Logan Colts. The Colts were able to slide by the Eagles in last second fashion.

With the absence of MVAL leading three point man throughout the play-offs, Junior Jeff Garcia, the Eagles came up with an exciting come from behind victory over the Mariners of Moreau.

The Eagles made a long awaited offensive explosion with 3:15 left in the game against the worst defense in the MVAL.

AHS stormed back with a scoring combination of Chris Soto, Pat Travers, John Jones, and Bobby Simmons. The quartette were responsible for 13 points that murdered the Mariners glorious thoughts of a victory.

The Eagles tied the game at 1:58 mark when junior Chris Soto made a pair of free throws. Soto looked to have an off night until he led the team down the stretch and scored four out of the thirteen unanswered points. When the game was on the line, Soto came through.

During the last minute of the game, junior forward Bobby Simmons protected the AHS lead by grabbing three rebounds



Jermaine Carrier shoots two over a James Logan defender.

to keep the Mariners from coming back. The Simmons' rebound gave the Eagles five points offensively.

"The team is very intelligent. The team plays well together and every player has contributed to the team--nobody complains or gripes," said coach, Dave Garcia.

The American High Eagles and James Logan Colts may have played the MVAL game of the year. The game had all the ingredients to be a great one.

The game was decided in the last minute and a half. The Eagles were behind most of the way, but the "never say die" attitude kept them alive.

When the clock showed 1:22 left in the game, the Eagles were down 43-37. With a blink of an eye, the Eagles found themselves up by one, 46-45, when seniors John Jones and Pat Travers teamed up to score nine points in less than thirty-six seconds.

The offensive surge was fueled by the Eagle's full court pressure. AHS intercepted two inbound passes and wasted no time cashing in the turnovers.

Fifteen seconds later, senior Chris Scott of the Logan Colts made a pair of free throws giving Logan a one point advantage 47-46. But before Scott could even think about playing defense, the Eagles' Chris Soto scored on a pair of free throws and put American back on top.

The Loyola Marymount bound Scott found himself with the ball again with fifteen seconds left. He gunned a nineteen footer to give the Logan Colts the lead for good. The basket swished the American dream of a Shaughnessy championship through the net along with his game winning shot.

"He (Chris Scott) shot poorly all night. Our chances were great when he had the ball. It was unfortunate the Chris scored when he did," said coach Garcia.

Even though the Eagles lost the championship game, they were chosen as an at large bid to the NCS tournament. The Eagles are seeded fourth out of the eight teams who play in the tournament.

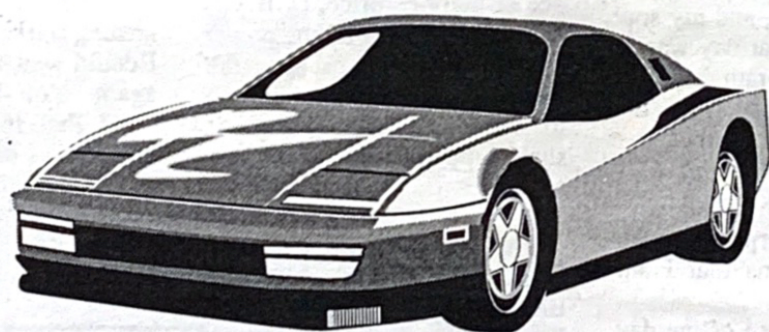
The Eagles will play host to number five seeded team Ukiah tonight at 7:30 at AHS.

Lewis honored Athlete of the Year

Former American High School track star Steve Lewis has been selected as Southern California's 1988 Male Athlete of the Year by the Amateur Athlete Foundation of Los Angeles.

The 19 year old sprinter from Fremont was chosen over a field of athletes that included UCLA quarterback Troy Aikman and Southern Cal quarterback Rodney Peete.

ERIK WILLIS



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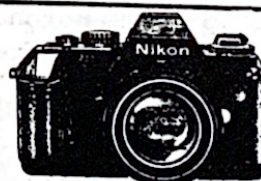
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Seasons change for AHS soccer teams

Varsity girls gain respect as squad finishes with 7-4-3 league record

Forward Jeff Borges earns ALL-League honors

CRISTINA REYES
staff writer

After previous seasons of frustration and disappointment, the girls' Varsity Soccer team this season has proved that it is one of the best in the MVAL. With Coach Kristy Tobeck leading the way, the team was bound for victory.

"We had a great year. It was an advantage having district players who brought along with them experience and talent," said Tobeck. Another key to the season was Tobeck's understanding of the players and the knowledge of players on other teams.

Tobeck, who had graduated from American two years ago, played with some of the current members on the team. "That gave me a better understanding of them as a coach," she said.

Having an understanding coach was not the only thing that motivated the team's season. Having players with years of experience and exceptional skill benefitted the team greatly.

"We surprised other teams because we had a talent that no one expected us to have. Last season wasn't very good, but this year we proved ourselves to everyone," said sophomore halfback Michelle Wagner.

The element of surprise was on the Eagles' side. "This was a

much better season than last year. No one expected us to do this well," said sophomore forward Wendy Cotton.

Another big surprise was the team qualifying for the Shaughnessy playoffs. AHS' girls' soccer team has not gone to the playoffs for three years, which made the season even more significant.

However, the Eagles lost the first round match 5-1 to Washington. American was unable to beat the Huskies having played them three different times this season.

Although the loss was a heartbreaking one for the team, they were still proud. For freshman Heidi Koshe, it was more exciting because it was her first year. "I wish we could have gone to NCS, but I'm just proud of our team for getting this far and doing as well as we did," said Koshe.

The successful season could not have been achieved without seniors Seana Bishop and Michelle Myslewski. Both had contributed to the soccer program for years. Myslewski, along with teammates Melanie Ness, Wendy Cotton, Koshe and Wagner were all chosen for All-League honors while Lisa Moriconi and Cristina Reyes were honorable mention picks.



AHS' 1988-89 girls' Varsity soccer team is the first team to reach the Shaughnessy playoffs in three years.

EILEEN CHUNG
Editor-in-chief

Close losses, poor officiating, and injuries to key players plagued AHS' boys' soccer team throughout the 88-89 season as they finished with a disappointing 3-8-3 league record.

The team ended the season in

seventh place in the MVAL standings as junior Jeff Borges was selected as a first team All-Leaguer. Seniors Peter Reyes and Emil Hockaday earned recognition as well.

Borges, who had scored three goals in a win against Kennedy last month was a dominant scorer in the Eagles' offensive strategy. He led the team in

goals and finished in the MVAL top ten scorers list.

Some of the close scoring games resulted in frustrating losses in which the Eagles held the lead but proceeded to lose in the closing minutes of the game. Despite the losing record, Coach Reyes was pleased with the players' performance. "American is usually not considered as very competitive, but we went out there and played hard. Teams looked at us differently," said Reyes.

During the season, the team fell victim to poor officiating. Hockaday, who received a red card (ejection from game and also suspension for the next) said, "If those games had been won, it would've changed the whole season. We got a lot of bad calls, so any close game would ultimately end up in an 'L'." Apparently, a loss to Washington on Jan. 6 was attributed to an erroneous call offside (against the Eagles) by the official who later admitted the mistake to Coach Reyes. An AHS goal had been nullified at the end of the second half which resulted in another loss.

"We wanted to go out as winners, not quitters and bring pride to AHS," said Reyes.

Character and potential: foundation of 1989 badminton team

TINA CHOW
staff writer

Badminton, the sport with quickness and accuracy will begin practice in late February with Pete Vaz as the coach. In his second year of coaching the team, his goal is to "do better than last year". He enjoys coaching the team because of the mature players. Coach Vaz feels the team has a lot of character and potential.

An important part of the co-ed sport last year was the girls' squad. They had an exceptional year by playing well at NCS (North Coast Section).

Junior Wendy Hsiao, who played #1 girls singles in 1988 is returning to the team. Hsiao won the MVAL Girls Singles title for her second time last season.

Hsiao with enthusiasm, hopes to win the title again this season.

Joining Hsiao will be senior Sarah Jamelo, who is also masterful when it comes to badminton. "The fact that the game mixes both strength and grace" is what Jamelo likes most about the sport. Her intention is to push Hsiao to the limit this year and hopefully achieve the #1 girls' position. However, Jamelo's personal goal is to make it to NCS and play doubles with Hsiao.

American's girls' doubles team will be led by seniors Claire Cabal and Jocelyn Surla, who are returning for their fourth year. They hope to win their matches and make it to NCS. Both Cabal

and Surla have confidence in this year's team. "We will do the best we can," said Cabal.

This season, the boys' squad also shows promise. Junior Alfred Jocson, who played mixed doubles last season, said, "The guys and the mixed- doubles need to pitch in more." He feels the team will be more motivated to win because of their strong determination.

Senior Erick Young, who is returning for his third year said, "The team needs more enthusiasm and true sense of competition. We need to push each other in order to win." With the help of all the players, the 1989 badminton team will have a good chance this season.

Varsity baseball in the on-deck circle

EILEEN CHUNG
Editor-in-chief

Spring training has officially begun under the somewhat unseasonably warm February weather.

The pitchers and catchers have reported to "camp" and the coaching staff will soon make final decisions on cuts and roster moves as they prepare for the MVAL season to open.

Shaking off memories of a disappointing play-off loss last season, the "boys of summer" have endured a long winter. "But I'm optimistic," said outfielder Ed Diaz whose diving catches last season keyed many victories. "I'm just glad we are all here-- healthy. We're a more united team than last year, working together and not struggling against each other," said Diaz.

The pitching rotation will consist of two returning players as well as some "rookies".

Seniors Adam Way and Scot Fischer will anchor the pitching

staff with help from juniors Dan Farrens, Scott Delbridge and sophomore Bob Pailthorpe.

The addition of Delbridge, a southpaw, will give American a lift against lefthanded batters. "We're going to NCS," said Delbridge. "It's because of the people working together and the coaching. Coach Gallardo knows all about the game," he said.

The infield will be essentially the same as last season's, led by seniors Matt Lillard, catcher Lee Warner and second baseman Jesse Sayers.

Five seniors will be fighting for three starting positions in the outfield as the team competes in upcoming scrimmage/practice and pre-season games.

Coach Leroy Gallardo said that during this time he will evaluate all players and practice the fundamentals of the game. "They are working real hard. We're striving for the top four spots in the play-offs--we have an excellent chance," said Gallardo.

Wrestling wrap-up

EILEEN CHUNG
Editor-in-chief

Three of American's Varsity wrestlers qualified for NCS (North Coast Section) as the 1988-89 MVAL season came to a close this month.

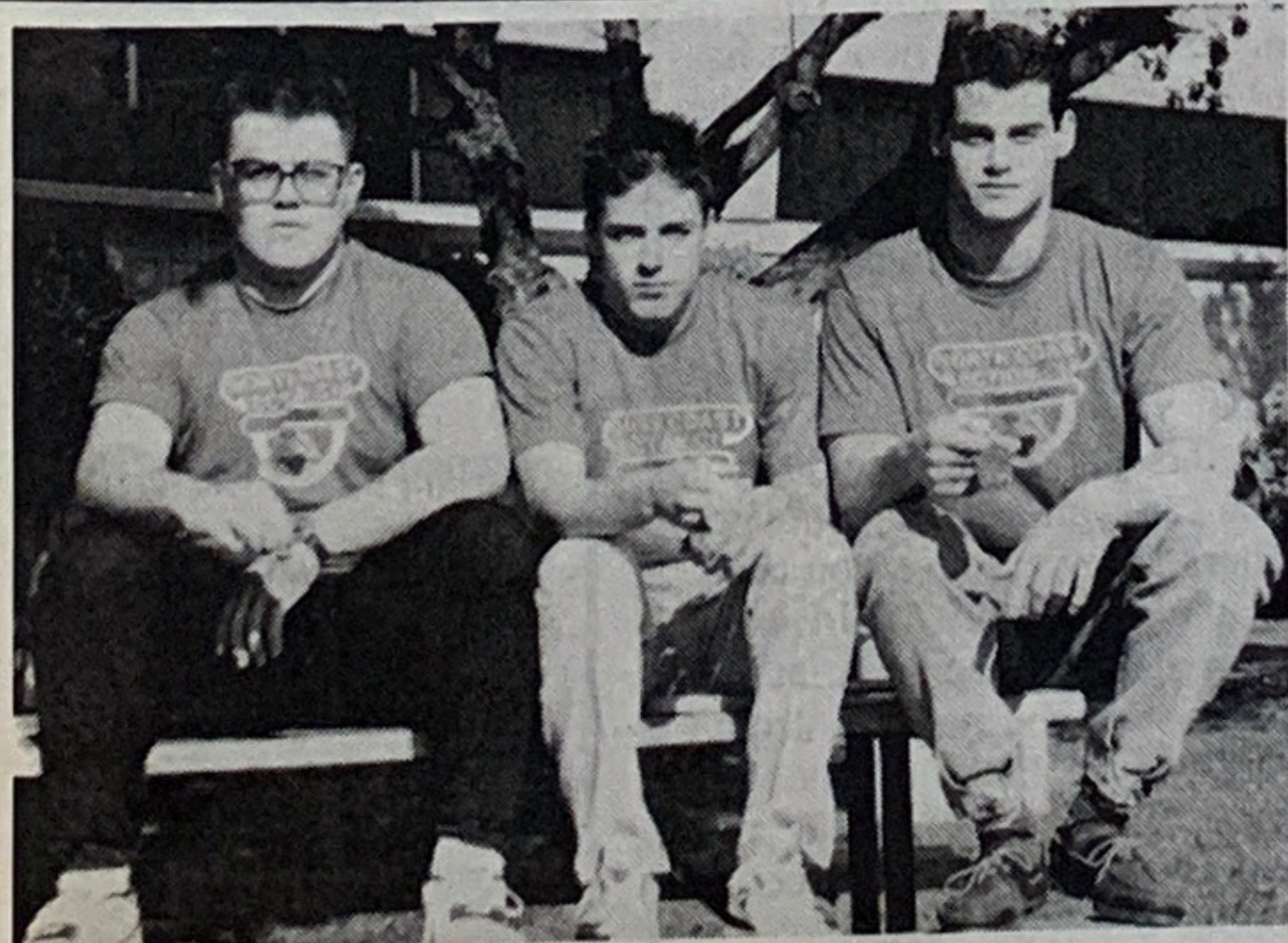
The Eagles finished 4th in the league with a 3-4 record under first year coach Neal Kernes.

Seniors Carlos Herrera, Tom Mello and Ron Marquez competed in tournaments and returned with medals.

Herrera was undefeated in league.

Marquez made his second trip to NCS with a sprained ankle. Mello captured the MVAL title in his weight division.

Wrestlers attributed the success of the team and individual efforts to Reuben Herrera who helped the team train and practice near the end of the season.



Herrera, Marquez and Mello sport their NCS awards.

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High School Dropouts

A Compilation of facts and statistics gathered from recent U.S. departments of Education and Labor, and Census Bureau reports.

- Between 27 to 30 percent of the country's high school students drop out prior to graduation. In urban areas, the dropout rate is between 40 and 50 percent.
- The attrition rate for an average high school graduating class is 15 percent: 3.7 percent leave as sophomores, 4.5 percent as juniors and 7.5 percent as seniors.
- With a high school diploma, 70 percent of the male youth population find jobs. But only 48 percent of those who drop out secure employment.
- In large city schools, such as Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles, an estimated 3,700 teenagers drop out of school each day. Each year, for the past two decades, an average of 700,000 students have quit school before earning their diplomas.
- Since 1975, a greater percentage of high schoolers are staying in school. Then, 31 percent of the nation's Hispanic, 27 percent of the black and 15 percent of the white students dropped out of school. Now, respectively, 29 percent, 17 percent and 14 percent are leaving school.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS & GRAPHICS

AHS atheletic fund fueled by spirit spectacular

TINA CHOW
staff writer

On February 4, 1989, the American High Booster Club hosted a spiritleading competition at American. The organization sponsored the competition as a fundraiser for American's Athletic fund.

Schools included in the competition were; Corpus Christi Elementary School, Thornton Junior High, Concord Christian, Mt. Diablo, Mission San Jose, Lowell, Hillsdale, Hayward, and Franklin. Entering in their appropriate divisions, these schools competed either in Cheer, Song, or Letter.

Judging the competition were Janine Baril, Wendi Denzel, Danny Kahn, and Melanie Marciel. The judges evaluated each squad on their appearance, routine, execution, and showmanship. The point system was based on 10 points for appearance while routine, execution, and showmanship was worth 30 points each. Giving a total of a 100. In addition, the judges chose one school with the most enthusiasm and spirit.

Awards were presented to winners in each division. First place received a trophy and individual metals. Second and third place squads also received trophies. However the most rewarding award was the spirit award, which went to the most spirited school.

Throughout the competition each school represented themselves with enthusiasm. The spirit award went to Mission San Jose along with a first and second place trophy in the Varsity Song and J.V. Cheer division. Winning in J.V. Cheer was Mt. Diablo's co-ed squad and in Varsity, Concord took first. In the Junior High division, Thornton placed first in both Song and Cheer.

The American High Booster Club, "the team behind the teams" put a lot of time and effort into this event, one member said "We enjoy doing it." The organization would like the spiritleading competition to be an annual event held at American High.

Juniors stage fundraiser *Working for the prom*

SHERI MORIGUCHI
staff writer

The Class of 1990 held a fundraiser during the first weeks of February. The fundraiser was held to lower the cost of Junior Prom dance bids and the Senior trip to Disneyland.

The Junior Class earned approximately \$2000 by selling hot pretzels and nachos during brunch, lunch, and after school as well as selling Hershey's Chocolate bars and blow pops throughout the day. Originally the class sold waffles at brunch however they proved to be too expensive and too difficult to keep warm.

Another problem is that "The Junior's Student Services is not strategically located," stated the Class of 1990's president Anna Fredricsson.

Class participation was low. It is estimated that only 14 percent of the entire class sold candy. Only 120 students out of 350

Driving privileges revoked to lower drop-out rate

CRISTINA REYES
staff writer

Fed up with student truancy and dropout rates-- nationwide about one in three don't graduate-- an increasing number of state lawmakers and educators are applying a particularly sensitive form of pressure to get high schoolers to attend classes.

They're revoking the driving privileges of teenagers who skip classes, misbehave or drop out of school.

Any day now, Texas legislator William Hammond (R) is expected to introduce a bill that would require people younger than age 19 either to have or be working toward getting their high school diplomas in order to receive their driver's licenses.

"I have some reservations about it," said Ernestine Glossbrenner, chairwoman for the Texas House Education Committee. "I want them to stay for a (learning) purpose."

To lower the dropout rate-- which can be as high as 50 percent in some large cities-- school administrators have tried all sorts of measures: cash awards, attendance lotteries, fast-food discounts, to name a few.

Not everyone agrees with the strategy.

"I'm more of a carrot than a stick person," said Rep. Glossbrenner, using an adage that a donkey is more likely to move forward with a carrot in front of its nose than a stick at its rear.

New semester opens

NILS TALBOT
staff writer

The new semester began on Jan. 30. Many students and faculty members have expressed mixed views on the change.

The change between first and second semester brings confusion for some students, while others enjoy a smooth transition.

"I had two first period classes, one of which was repeated fourth, and no sixth period, but a seventh", commented senior Claire Cabal. "But other than that it was great", added Cabal. Junior Shawn Welch had a different view, saying "The transition between first and second semester went very smoothly."

Students weren't the only ones affected by the semester changes. Counselors were busy trying to complete class changes. Aware of the tensions experienced by students changing their schedules, Ms. Jan Allred, Junior class counselor, wanted to "personally thank the Juniors for their patience".

Although there was some confusion with the start of a new semester it seems the AHS students has "settled in" to their new classes.

AHS problems exposed

The following articles were written by Mr. Dawson's Honors American History classes in order to expose some of the problems at AHS.

By Fred Barnes

The amount of litter covering American High each day is overwhelming. The majority of the students don't care about the condition of our school. They feel it is their personal "dining room", as Mr. Tranchina once referred to it and they have the right to abuse it in any way they please. Something has got to put a stop to it.

If you ever happen to be late for school or end up walking around the rotunda for some reason during class, take a look at the condition of the floor. If Marie Lambert, the school matron, has not made her round yet, the floor is an unbelievable mess, even before brunch. I've personally taken a trip around the rotunda during second period and the mess was phenomenal.

In any case, after lunch is by far the worst time to take a glance at the floor. Once the bulk of kids are gone, take a close look at the condition of the floor. On February 13, I noted 34 lunch boxes all lined up next to each other against the wall across from SS 11.

Second, she has suggested that she simply leave the school for two days without cleaning up, but that idea has been blocked also. She suggests that if the students see how bad, how fast the school can turn into the Fremont dumps, the students would begin to take pride in what they have.

By Bruce Templeton

Imagine this: After school and before dressing for track practice, you decide you had better stop off at the bathroom. As you push open the door you are greeted by a cloud a cloud of smoke and a unmistakable odor. You walk back outside, determined not to go in but realize you cannot last another two hours. So, holding your breath, you walk back into the bathroom.

The first noticeable problem is the graffiti. The graffiti includes everything from profanity to the latest rock groups. If you stayed and tried to read it all, you would be there for hours. Next you will notice the lack of adequate lighting. There are often bulbs

burnt out leaving parts of the bathroom dark. Usually there will be one stall with no door attached, one stall with the door severely bent, and one stall with (amazingly) a door attached. You open the one attached door and find a disgusting sight. The toilet has not been flushed by any of the last few people who have used it. There are also seemingly hundreds of used cigarette butts dumped in the "water". You look down and you realize in what you have been standing. At this point you decide that you can wait another couple of hours. As you leave you think that maybe you should wash your hands. One look at the sink is all you need to decide that you are better off the way you are. You walk out resolving never to step foot in public bathrooms again.

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Unprepared	85	132
Suspension	115	94
Detention	106	18