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**Local**  
Students report rise in pressure, cheating

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Where Have They All Gone? Cheating Scandal Uncovered

**THE ARGUS**  
Teachers leaving open spaces

## WE WROTE IT FIRST!

### Staff Writer

If you happened to pick up the December 26, 1984 issue of The Argus, you may have read an article in the local section about cheating. This article was written by Holly Fletcher, a staff writer for The Argus. I was interviewed for that article. At the time I was interviewed Ms. Fletcher stated that she had read about the "Cheating scandal" mentioned in the American Express' November issue. Ms. Fletcher interviewed many of the people mentioned in the "Cheating Scandal" article and then going on the facts presented in our article wrote her "...rise in pressure cheating" article for the omnipotent Argus, giving no credit to the American Express or its staff.

Meanwhile, in the December 19th issue of "The Express", one of the front page "Headlining" articles was about the teach-

ers leaving American High entitled "Where Have They All Gone?". Once again Holly Fletcher came through with a replica of an "American Express original." After reading the "original" anyone would have no trouble contacting the people involved and conducting routine interviews. On January 11, 1985 the illustrious Argus produced an article entitled "Teachers Leaving Open Spaces" (How Original!) This article covered everything in The Express' version.

When asked how he felt about these incidents Mr. Tranchina stated, "It is a credit to the American Express; imitation is the highest form of flattery." he continued to say "The American Express is entitled to some credit!"

At least one thing is for sure you won't see a copy of this article in The Argus!

## TRANCHINA LEAVING FOR M.S.J.?

Carlin Dare, News Editor

For the past few months, it has been rumored that Mr. Tranchina would be transferred to a position at Mission San Jose High School. This may be due to the fact that the principal at Mission is scheduled to be replaced. Mr. Wess Peterson, assistant Superintendent of the Fremont Unified School District, stated that no principal has yet been assigned to go to Mission. When told of the rumor, Mr. Tranchina noted that similar rumors have occurred

before when schools such as Washington and Kennedy High had to replace their principals. The possibility of being able to work at different schools is not unusual to him. He has worked in various institutions in his long career.

After graduating from college in 1953, he was assigned to Fremont High School in Oakland. On his first day of work, however, he received his draft notice from the Army. Nevertheless, he still managed to teach during his two years in the service. His students

included both regular soldiers and soldiers in the stockade or camp prison. After leaving the Army, he worked as a teacher and part-time counselor at Oakland Technical High School from 1955 to 1961. He then served as a cur-

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## ★ FINALS SCHEDULE ★

NO SCHOOL, Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 22

7:49 - 9:05 Period 1 Final  
9:10 - 10:00 Period 2 + Att.  
10:00-10:10 Brunch  
10:15-11:00 Period 3  
11:05-11:50 Period 4  
11:50-12:35 Lunch  
12:40- 1:25 Period 5  
1:30 - 2:15 Period 6  
2:20 - 3:10 Period 7

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

7:49 - 8:40 Period 1  
8:45 - 10:05 Period 2 Final  
10:05-10:15 Brunch  
10:20-11:35 Period 5 Final  
11:35-12:20 Lunch  
12:25-1:05 Period 3  
1:10 - 1:50 Period 4  
1:55- 2:30 Period 6  
2:35- 3:10 Period 7

### THURSDAY, JAN. 24

7:49 - 8:40 Period 1  
8:45 - 10:05 Period 3 Final + Att  
10:05-10:15 Brunch  
10:20-11:35 Period 6 Final  
11:35-12:20 Lunch  
12:25-1:05 Period 2  
1:10 - 1:45 Period 4  
1:50 - 2:30 Period 5  
2:35 - 3:10 Period 7

### FRIDAY, JAN. 25

7:49 - 9:05 Period 7 Final  
9:10 - 10:30 Period 4 Final  
10:30-10:40 Brunch  
10:45-11:25 Period 1  
11:30-12:10 Period 2  
12:10-12:55 lunch  
1:00 - 1:40 Period 3  
1:45 - 2:25 Period 5  
2:30 - 3:10 Period 6



Principal Joe Tranchina



# Viewpoint

## SUPREME COURT RULES, "STUDENTS LOSE RIGHTS!"

By Mark Howard, Editor-in-Chief

By a vote of 6-3 the U.S. Supreme Court dangerously weakened the 4th Amendment of the Constitution.

How? You may ask: Now teachers and administrators can search your purse, handbags, pockets, locker, or anywhere on campus WITHOUT PROBABLE CAUSE! (Probable cause is any reasonable belief of suspicion to take action). The 4th Amendment clearly states "The right if the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and belongings, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated... without probable cause." But, the new ruling states: A search of a student by a teacher or other school official will be justified at its inception (when the idea "pops" into their heads) when search will provide evidence that a student has violated or is violating either the law or

## 'Probable cause' not needed

the rules of the school." This means that they don't need "probable cause".

Mr. Tranchina, principal of A.H.S. had this to say:

"We want to protect the school population from dangerous substances and objects, it would be unreasonable for a teacher or administrator to search for anything else."

But the Supreme Court ruling gives them the right to search for any contraband (including walkman's, radios and cigarettes.)

Police, who are trained in search and seizure procedures must have "probable cause" to get a warrant to search. But, a mere first year American Studies teacher can have you "Up Against The Wall", going through your pockets or purse for no apparent reason (he may smell cigarette smoke on your clothes). Most teachers are not trained in search and seizure procedures (but they don't have to be trained, the law gives them the right to search, without probable cause!)

According to Mr. Morrow, American Studies teacher, "A law such as this, revoking student rights is necessary considering today's conditions in some schools." Mr. Jones, a social science teacher, summed it all up when he said, "Students have no

*The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the person or things to be seized.*

—Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted December 15, 1791.

rights!" And it is true, we lose our rights as citizens and humans when we step on our campus. Mr. Smith, a math teacher agreed, "I don't think teachers have the right to search students, with or without probable cause." Mr. Tranchina stated,

"I think the ruling is going to be abused, there are going to be unreasonable people doing unreasonable searches...every major Supreme Court ruling is jested within it's first year... This one should be interesting."

Is this the beginning of a new trend? will everyone's constitutional rights be revoked in the name of public safety? I refuse to trade in my rights as a U.S. citizen. This ruling is completely unconstitutional! A search without areason? Welcome, to the new totalitarian America!

## COVER STORY Rumor denied

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riculum associate until 1964, when he became an assistant principal at Mission In 1969, he was appointed principal at Irvington, although he had already been named the principal of the then uncompleted American High. From 1969 to 1972, he was actively involved in developing American. For instance, he worked closely with the chief architect of the school, selected the staff, and met with 30 to 40 groups of parents to discuss the design and aspects of the school. Mr. Tranchina said that American became noted as "An extremely innovative and modernistic school in terms of design."

Mr. Tranchina says that if he were ever given the opportunity to work at another school, he would have to consider many factors. He still feels the need to continue the development of American High. He says, "If the challenge of a new assignment was significantly greater than the challenge that is still here at American, then I would have to weigh that factor."

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## Predictions for 1985

By Mark Howard, Editor-in-Chief

Van Halen will release a record with Perry Como, and Frank Sinatra just in time for Christmas.

Pink will become the sign of masculinity.

The class of '85 will do a senior prank that will be so big, it will be on "60 Minutes".

Greenpeace and Save the Seagulls Association will lose a class-action lawsuit filed against them, by John Bowen; who wants a new paint job.

Something really terrible will happen here at A.H.S. that will be known as the May Daze Massacre of 1985.

American High will not cancel or postpone at least one major activity this year, besides the January Spirit Rally.

The committee for a more normal America will send out shock troops to assassinate anyone wearing neon colored clothes.

Michael Jackson will find his other glove.

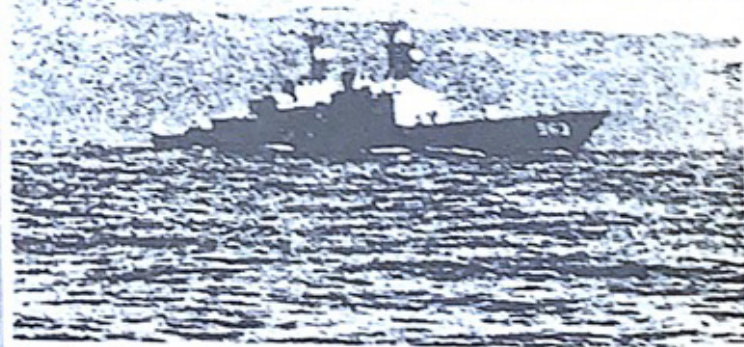
The Golden Gate Bridge will be painted gold (instead of orange).

Sylvester stallone will start filming Rocky IV by the end of '85.

All of the copy machines in Faculty Commons will be in working order!

The American Express Staff will get all of their assignments in on time.

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# Feature

## Farewell to Town Criers

By April Lampkins

An American High tradition has been put to rest, or at least been put temporarily "on hold." The Town Criers, the AHS song and dance troop, recently disbanded due to conflicts within the group.

According to an inside source, things weren't going so well from the very beginning of the year. The group saw more personal changes than ever before and returning Town Criers from previous years were few. New director to AHS and the TC's, Bob Gioris, remained enthusiastic.

"He impressed me because he was enthusiastic, he seemed talented, and he'd directed

said Rian Galbreath, who was entering his third year as a Town Crier.

But enthusiasm was not enough to carry the Town Criers through.

"The motivation and energy level completely dropped. People stopped showing up for rehearsals, it was a mess," reports Rian.

Following a conference with Mr. Tranchina designed to determine whether or not to continue the Town Criers program, the group decided that they would not be ready to perform at its first show, scheduled for Jan. 19. The decision was unanimous: for the first year in many there would be no Town Criers.

"There probably won't be another troop for three or four years." Said one ex-member.

So here's a bit of recognition for those students who dedicated themselves in trying to make the program work. Thanks go to Sonia Azizian, Tanya Benbow, Chris Eeroos, Anna Caparros, Rian Galbreath, Marla Goody, Brian Gwin, Melanie Jennings, Mike Lewis, Rick Post, Lisa Sturges, and John Thompson.

One thing is certain, this reporter's upset about the break-up. I was supposed to do the lights for the show. Oh well— one minute a star (or at least a part of the light crew), the next minute, another face in the crowd!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hey, what's your New Year's Resolution? C'mon, January is the time to change things! Here are a few changes for students in 1985. Compiled by Crystal Garcia

Crickett De Mello: To tell a certain someone how I feel.

Dianna Montalvo: To stop spending so much money.

Farm Mahdavi: Less Sex.

Damian Vega: To get in shape for swimming and to start taking school seriously.

Amy Villegas: To meet Billy Idol.

Joven Tintiangco: To graduate!

Traci Yamashita: Some Sleep!

Trisha Walker: To travel far away from Fremont.

Cindy Pargett: To build on relationships.

Michelle Catingub: To stop spending money on fast food.

## NO SCHOOL! BUT WHY?

By Anne Mallon, Asst. Editor

Martin Luther King Junior was born on January 15, 1929. A prominent leader of civil rights, he led his people in a pattern of non-violent protesting, including boycotts, marches, and sit-ins.

Last year, President Reagan signed a bill into law, making the third Monday in January an official federal holiday;

starting in 1986. Federal employees will get the day off, as well as schools, banks, others.

Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. Best known for his "I Have A Dream" speech, his dream lives on in the peaceful battle for civil rights still going on today.

Happy birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King Junior!

## EAGLE EYE



DO YOU THINK TEACHERS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEARCH STUDENTS AND THEIR BELONGINGS WITHOUT "PROBABLE CAUSE?"

Man-On-The-Street Interviews By Alice Tso

Maura Josefa (12)  
"I think that's violating the Constitutional Rights."

Mr. Smith (Teacher)  
"Students should not lose the rights of privacy and prohibition of unreasonable search and seizure just because they are students. It seems to me that abuse of search outweighs any benefits for the whole school population."

Kristy Tobeck (10)  
"I think they should. I don't think people in highschool have the same rights as the adults."

Mrs. Stockton (10th Grade Secretary)

"I don't think it is going to affect us one way or another since our administration only does this when they show suspicion."

Kevin Steadman (11)  
"I think it's not fair because it's your personal belongings."

Mrs. Koujakian (Teacher)

"I have mixed feelings. It's good that we don't have to go through the red tape of getting a warrant, but the danger is that some over-zealous person will infringe on it to take an advantage of someone else."

Pam Todacheeny (12)  
"I don't like it one bit. It really violates the Constitution. Aren't we people too?"

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# Sports



## SPORTS LOOK

FARM MAHDAVI  
SPORTS EDITOR



Winning basketball teams have been a tradition at American High School. Perhaps this tradition is taking a year off in '85. The boys basketball team has not won too many games this year, but don't fear, they are the team of the future. This is because the team consists of one senior and he is injured at this present time.

As far as this year is concerned, Logan will be the one to beat. Definitely the most talented team in the MVAL is

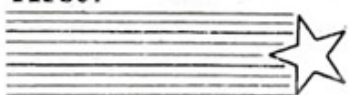
Logan High School. The real fight will be for second place, which seems to be between Washington, Newark Memorial, and Irvington. In the fifth position, MSJ and American will battle it out and in last place, guess who? the purple shame- JFK.

American might not be placed quite so low by the time the season ends. As soon as the eagles get some experience and James Lucas gets back on the roster, American could work their way up to second or third place.

On the positive side, the girls basketball team will be in the thick of the race. Again Logan will be the top team in the league along with Newark Memorial and the mighty Eagles Washington will be in the fourth position,

but it won't be easy with Irvington being as good as they are. In the sixth position it will be JFK yes JFK, the athletes who have to have their varsity letter read to them. In last place, the girls who don't like to mess up their hair by running up and down the court

These predictions are my best attempts at guessing the outcome of the basketball season. meaning the competition is very tough. All seven schools, boys and girls, will put quite a bit of excitement in the '85 season. So go to the games and show your spirit, you will have a great time. But remember, don't go outside until you have made sure you are inside first.



Linda Kirby leads the Eagles in a victory against the M.S.J. Warriors.

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## GIRLS SOCCER SCORES VICTORY



By Diane Hooning

Congratulations to our amazing girls soccer team. During the Christmas break the team participated in the Moreau Invitational tournament. The Eagles took second place after a tough loss in the Championship game.

In their first game Joanne Krah scored two goals and Kristy Tobeck knocked in one as the team beat Newark Memorial

3-2. Their second game was a thriller. When the whistle blew to signal the end of the game, the score was tied 1-1. The problem of the tie was resolved when penalty kicks were taken. American won when Krah, Tobeck, Janet Alsop, and Julie Marquez all hit their shots, while goalie Sue Shank did a great job in the goal.

Their two previous wins carried them into the championship

game against Crondollet of Concord. The team played hard, and never gave up, but the final outcome was a disappointing score of 2-1 in favor of the team from Concord.

Although they did not win first place, the girls second place finish should be applauded. The trophy that the team presented was the first trophy ever won by an American High soccer team.

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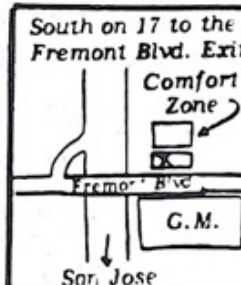
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