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## AHS stays tuned for "Big City High"

by Eileen Chung  
Editor-in-Chief

In place of the annual spring production, a Hollywood-like film was shot featuring students at AHS.

Over 40 students showed up for parts in the movie as Bryan held try-outs. The lead roles went to Rick Post who played "Johnny", Renee Chambliss, as "Johnny's sister, Sara", and Virginia Baeta as "Harriet".

The violent theme of the film raised concern among many of the actors' parents and soon attracted much attention from bay area media. Despite the distractions, the filming continued and reached completion within three months. "It was a good experience for us, even though we had to keep doing the same scenes over and over again, we have to keep the emotion

each time," said Post.

Mr. Tom Bryan, instructor at AHS wrote, directed and co-produced the "action-packed" movie,

"I think it will be a success. Hopefully, people will enjoy it."

Tom Bryan

"Big City High". "It was a lot of fun making it. The actors learned a great deal from this experience," said Bryan.

The plot centers around two teenagers from Iowa who move to the west and encounter problems they had never faced before involving drugs, gangs, and violence. A professional stuntman was hired to act out a shooting scene in which he tumbled off a roof.

Experimenting with other areas of performing arts, Bryan worked with students to produce a theme song and soundtrack for the movie as well.

The movie is undergoing the editing process and will be shown on campus within the next month. The local cable station has agreed to show the revised 50 minute film this summer.



The cast of Big City High watch the previous scene on tape

## AHS has a taste of Curry

by Eileen Chung  
Editor-in-Chief

The newly formed Young Republicans Association of AHS welcomed Mr. Tom Curry, one of the Republican candidates for California state assemblyman to Theater 50 as a guest speaker on May 19.

Curry drew a modest crowd during the noontime meeting as legislative topics were discussed. His concerns included health care, the improvement of the welfare system, and education as top priorities.

Curry stressed the importance of proper schooling and the opportunity of education. Statistics in the state of California revealed that 30% of the students drop out of school before graduation and another 30% are illiterate upon high school graduation, which concludes that only 40% of the student body is educated. "We owe our education to the future generation," said Curry. Involving other key issues, Curry

disagreed with Democratic Assemblymember Delaine Eastin's proposal to implement a tax on products such as tobacco in California which would benefit school and public libraries. "It is a silent crisis that there is a lack of books and materials in our libraries—don't let our kids' future go up in smoke," said Eastin at a press conference in Irvington Library of Fremont on April 19. Curry argued that an excess of taxes already existed, and more were not necessary.

Tom Mello, founder of the Young Republicans, organized the event and chose to support Curry. "I agree with his views and policies and believe our Tri-City area will benefit from him," said Mello.

## Student body honored at Awards Night

by Rebecca Ehsan  
News Editor

The annual AHS Spring Awards Night was held on Wednesday May 24 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Each year, after the end of the third quarter, the American High staff selects their academic and activity awards recipients. Awards are given annually to those students who have demonstrated outstanding work in the various academic areas of the school. Additionally, awards in student activities and athletics are presented for leadership, service and achievement in such areas as Student government and sports.

Several students also received awards from local and national community groups, and business and educational associations. These awards are selected during the year by the American High staff as well as by head to head competition.

Listed are a few of the many award winners.

Activity Block Awards Rosita Ehsan (12) Greg McDonnell (12) Virginia Baeta (11) Carey Gilchrist (12) Valerie Teglia (12)

Psychology Award Angela Busby (12)



Congratulations to junior Sarah Jamelo for receiving honorable mention in the Eighth Annual Young Authors' Book Writing Contest.

Mr Ken Jones has a herniated disc in his back and may not return to school for another few weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Welcome back to English instructor Ms. Carol West!

### SENIOR SCHEDULE

Thurs. June 2 ASSET for Ohlone College (Career Center for more info.)

Fri June 3- Sat. June 4 Grad Night

Wed. 8-Fri. 10 Senior finals

Tues. June 14 Final checkout

Cap and gown pick-ups

Fri. June 18 Graduation rehearsal

Sat. June 18 Graduation 10:30 AM





## Students Speak Out

By Virginia Baeta  
Viewpoint Editor

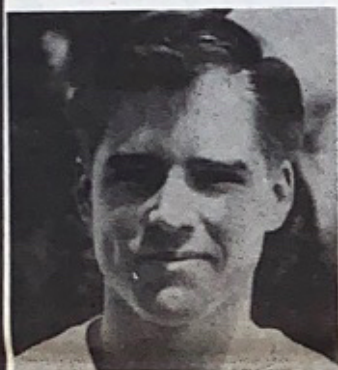
How do you really feel about graduating and entering the "real world"?



Greg McDonnell-

After 12 years, I know I'm ready. I got involved with the things I wanted to and I've met a lot of good friends along the way. I've grown and experienced many things over the last four years, especially. Everybody has to grow up sometime and my time has come. Thanks for a great time!

Derek Sowers  
Yearbook Editor-



After 4 years of what I consider HELL ON EARTH, I can't put into words how ecstatic I am to graduate. Picas, consistent internal margins, dominant photographs and other exciting yearbook torture CRAP will soon become things of the past and I can enjoy life again. Regardless of the fact that the Yearbook code was changed, YJAB will live FOREVER!!!!!! (see course catalog)

Renee Chambliss and  
Aileen Hoffman-



Like most of the seniors, there are things we are happy to leave and things that we will miss:

We are happy to be leaving-  
-crammed lockers  
-parent-teacher conferences  
-labor-management simulations  
-the...thermostat

We will miss:  
-Mr. Hengel and his wonderful math interpretation  
-watching people trip in the rotunda  
-Economics USA videos

## EDITORIAL



By Rosita Ehsan  
Mere Contributor

Earlier this month, the Senior Class experienced an Economics simulation which was supposed to teach them about "the real world." Individuals were assigned scenarios and they were told to make decisions based on their situations.

Students were divided into three groups: management, labor, and unemployed. Each group had certain goals they had to reach, but the main goal of both labor and management was to establish a contract through negotiation.

Instead of teaching seniors lessons, however, the labor-management simulation did nothing but cause rivalry. Friendships were in danger and anger was aimed at everyone,

especially Economics teachers Pete Murchison, Trent Barton, Bill Dawson, and Chris Kinder. Although the simulation was supposed to teach students about making tough decisions in life, it did not fulfill its purpose.

We feel that the simulation was a waste of time. Had it

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Mere Contributor

been better planned and organized, it might have been successful. We understand that the teachers spend a lot of time organizing this event, but not all aspects of the simulation were fully taken care of. It created headaches and put more pressure on everyone.

Students were more angered when they found out that they were all getting the same grade for the simulation. Some people worked harder than others and they were ALL getting 160 out of 200 points! Although those who had done more were given some extra points, the grading still did not seem fair.

Originally, teachers had said that the simulation was worth 300 points. When laborers went on strike, they were told they would get a letter grade off from an A for each day. If management broke the union, they would get an A. Basically, the way it was set up, one side would get an A while the other side would receive an F. This seemed and was totally unfair! However, being tricked and lied to was even worse to some people!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear American Express,

I have two concerns. The first one is why should some students get special permission to park in staff spaces??? I think that is wrong. If other students have to find their own spaces, so should "Joe's Special Kids!"

The second concern I have is, at the end of the year, we get pushed out the side doors of the wings. We enjoy staying after school and signing yearbooks in the Rotunda. I could understand last year (since we did receive our yearbooks about two weeks late). What is the use of having a yearbook if we can't share them with our friends??? When do you want us to sign them? During class???? The teachers wouldn't even let us do that.

I think this should be taken seriously, and maybe even changed.

Signed Concerned,  
Ken Garcia

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Monica L. Serresseque's letter in your May issue of the American Express. I appreciated

her expression of feelings on the topic of "BRING BACK TAK!" With an open mind, I feel graduation here at American may not be the end of the world; some of the students will feel proud. My real disappointment, however, of Ms. Serresseque's letter was her personal attack in her final paragraph. Although a high school may be small in size, it is still part of the "Real World". In addition, her remarks toward my friend and myself were incredibly superfluous. I respect her right to an opinion, but I insist on having the same respect in return.

Thank You!  
Sean S. Edberg

Dear Editor,

In response to the statement in the editorial regarding the lack of experience of the newly elected officials, I would like to again state my qualifications. I have worked from my freshman year to get status as an officer in student government. In my freshman year, I was senator, vice-president my sophomore year, and Activities Block Co-Commissioner my junior year. Speaking for myself, I feel these positions qualified me to run for

and hold an ASB office. Also, spiritleading has helped me gain leadership qualities by getting people involved in school activities.

About the elections being a popularity contest, all elections are popularity contests to a certain degree. For example, even the candidates for president of the United States, to some extent, are subject to popularity contests. It should be the voter's job to find out the qualifications of the candidate. People sometimes just vote on good looks, but that is not the fault of the candidates, is it? Maybe the newspaper should print pictures, qualifications, and different stands on subjects of all of the candidates before the elections.

As for next year's ASB officers, I feel everyone will do their best in their position to do good for American High. As for myself, I will do the best possible job and I hope the other officers will do the same. Eventually time will tell the goodness or badness of the people's choices.

Thank you,  
Danielle Black  
ASB Vice-President  
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## ONE LITTLE VOICE

## 'If Only' — An Empty Promise

- "If only I had known..."
- "If only someone had told me..."
- "If only I had chosen the other road..."

That *if only* is the difference between what is and what could have been.

But what if that *if only* were, in fact, the condition of one's here and now? What if things and events and people could be *erased* to make your *if only* a reality? What if your *if only* could come true today? Now?

What *if only* would you change? How would you be better for that change?

Whom would you have slighted? Hurt?

When would you find the end of your personal rainbow?

And when would you change the *if only* to another *if*...?

Why dwell on that which was not and cannot be?

*If only* is for dreamers, perhaps cowards. For the real world is here and now. Cope with it, adjust, find your best place with things as they are, and be happy.

*If only* you would recognize that each *if only* and every *it might have been* are empty promises...

## DEDICATION



We, the staff of the American Express, dedicate this edition of our paper to Mrs. Marion Woodbury who graciously donated \$1000 to our paper. Without her support, we would have been unable to finance the purchase of our recently acquired computer. Thank you, Mrs. Woodbury for your kindness and unselfish dedication. This one's for you!

## TIGGER TALKS



Wow! The school year is almost over, and I haven't really even started my article yet. Let's see...check the layout sheet for the article specifics...about 300 words...300 WORDS!!! You've got to be kidding! What the heck am I supposed to write 300 words about?????What did you say? 10 minutes until deadline? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!! You're not kidding? Great. Time for some fast and furious typing.

O.K. I made it to the second paragraph. That's pretty cool. Not many people can make it to the second paragraph when they have no idea what they're writing about. What should I do? Check The Official Writers

By Virginia Baeta

## Spotlight: For Joe's Eyes Only... part two

For those of you lazy and uncultured peons who just started reading this article without bothering to read the explosive first part last month, I will recap the scandalous events that have been running rampant right behind the backs of the Class of 1989.



Joe "Pretty Boy" Tranchina.

An anonymous gateway TA found a folder marked "For Joe's Eyes Only" hidden in a file cabinet in our school's head office. The folder contained documents proving that an unknown person, known only as Mr. X, created a plan to destroy this year's junior class, because they are superior to all other classes in every measurable way. There have been pay-offs and "gifts" given to those who have helped The Association: Mr. X's henchmen. Spirit Week, rallies, and sometimes even grades have been tampered with by teachers and students in order to rupture the Class of '89's structure. Their jealousy of the Juniors have turned them into bloodthirsty vultures. We have already cracked open this rotten egg by reporting the roles of teachers and students at this "fine" educational facility. In the second half of this shocking and revealing story, we hope to dig



Paul Bonaccorsi: a traitor to his own class.

deeper into the dirt and pull up the roots of this disastrous weed.

The investigation continued at the four student services. One by one we questioned the men that we respect so highly. If you believe that our "educational fathers" couldn't possibly have anything to do with this - think again! DiPaola, Siacotos, Tranchina, and even 1989's own Paul Bonaccorsi have taken a slice of the pie of corruption.

When asked why he decided to turn against his own class, a class that he often refers to as his "children", Bonaccorsi could only sink in his chair and blubber, "I'm sorry. . . I'm sorry...I was just thinking about the well being of my wife and kids."

The four princes, another name given to the administration, have taken in quite a hefty sum of money in order to destroy the juniors, but what is most infuriating is that they have the audacity to BRAG about it! John "Big Dipper" DiPaola goes on monthly lecture tours, on which he talks to other school administrators so they too can rip apart a class if they become "too good".

As a result of a wire tap, Tony "Knuckles" Siacotos was overheard ordering a new home entertainment system with his latest cash "gift" from the infamous Mr. X. And although Joe "Pretty Boy" Tranchina has been able to cover his tracks a little better than the rest of the Association, he has been fingered for being involved in what will always be known as "The Black Goat Cheese Scandal". One menacing scandal that no one will ever forget!



Tony "Knuckles" Siacotos caught in the act of ordering a new home entertainment system with his recent paycheck.

By Mark Bowen and Chris Clark



The corruption of the administration is shocking, but it is not unbelievable. The truly amazing thing that has turned up is the involvement of the lunch room staff. Juniors have always paid \$1.25 for their box lunches. Little do they know that the real price of lunch is merely ONE DOLLAR! The extra quarter is being used to finance the very plot that is working against them. But it doesn't stop at box lunches. Have any of you juniors wondered why Hostess cakes are now \$.55 now? Ask your sophomore friends what they pay for their Ho-Hos! Although the lunch room staff won't admit to their involvement, one of the "Pink Ladies" was seen driving a new Cadillac Coupe de Ville, while another was spotted wearing a new diamond necklace. Were these women paid off, or did the district decide to pass out extra Christmas bonuses this year? You decide.

To this very day, the identity of Mr. X is still unknown. It has been rumored that he decided to take a "leave of absence" for a while. This happened soon after the last issue of the American Express was published. Since then the Juniors have won the May Daze tug o' war and the lip sync competition, and many more victories will be on the way. All of us just have to remember that Mr. X is still out there waiting to strike again. Waiting for another innocent class like the Class of 1989. But now that we know of his existence, and the signs of his "wrongdoings" can easily be spotted if they are only watched for, we can defend ourselves against another vicious onslaught. For now, the nightmare is over.

Phil Buehler and His Hot.....

We are terribly sorry that we had to interrupt this article and have the columnist towed in to the F.B.I. for questioning, but every ounce of journalistic instinct and honesty forced us to do so. We now return to the column.

- Editor's Note

O.K. So maybe it wasn't such a hot idea. Let's get back to my actual article (Our advisor, Mr. Jones, is now screaming at me to finish so we can get to the printer). What was I doing before Eileen dropped in that wonderful idea? Oh, yes! I was rummaging through that book. Where was I.....O.K. Page 159.

"Where Mr. Tranchina REALLY keeps his Boxer shorts"...no..." Why the Boxer Rebellion didn't involve Rocky Balboa"... not quite..."Why no one in the whole wide world listens to the Morning Announcements"... boy is that one self-explanatory!..... "Why some columnists procrastinate and never ever pull off a good article"...THAT WASN'T FUNNY, BILEEN! Stop sticking your nose into my column. I'm almost done... Oh. Wait one second. I am done.

Oh Boy! Oh Boy! Oh Boy! I filled up over 300 words worth of space and I didn't even say anything worthwhile! I am now a TRUE journalist!

Guide to Spur of the Moment Topics? Sounds like a pretty good idea to me. Let's see..."Hot Baking tips from Jeanne Kirkpatrick"... nah..."Why Ronald Reagan wears L'oreal"... nope..."How Bill the Cat became a National Hero on the same level as Ollie North"... I don't think so... WAIT! No one's gonna read this anyway! (this idea was inspired by our glorious Editor-in-Chief, Eileen Chung) I can write about anything I want to and No one would EVER know! Heh! Heh! Heh! (evil snicker).....

Hello friends and welcome to the first edition of Scandals. Our discussion topic for today is



## Missing: Mac computer

by Eileen Chung  
Editor-in-Chief

One of the ten newly acquired computers in the science department at AHS was stolen from the 500 Wing on May 2, 1988.

The computer was locked and last seen in its usual spot in the science preparation room. The Macintosh was used for biology handouts on a hard disc. Approximately two-thirds of the information was lost. "However, the district's insurance may purchase another one for us to replace the stolen one," said Mr. Richard Schneek, science instructor.

The theft is now undergoing police investigation.

The set of computers were purchased this year through a state assembly grant and were solely used for science lab simulations and teacher preparation purposes.

## AWARDS ...NIGHT

Social Studies Medal Awards Nicole DiBari (9) Julie Wu (10) Erick Young (11) Valerie Teglia (12)

American Association of University Women Recognition Award Carey Gilchrist (12)

Science Medal Awards Elliot Chin (9) Anna Fredricsson (10) Erick Young (11) Valerie Teglia (12)

Math Medal Awards John Hsu (9) Subha Basu (10) Laura Rush (11) Hsin-An Liu (12)

Business Medal Awards Jenny Webb (12) Lori Naylor (12)

French Awards Barbara Cameron Brandon Cruz Thuy Tien Hoang Christine Tso Charlie Epps Veronica Islaya Evonne Tso Bruce Templeton Claire Cabal Josu Covarrubias

Arts and Crafts Medal Awards Ellen Lin (12) Tom McLean (9) Richard Saucedo (12)

German Awards John Hsu Tony Magorno Joshua Lieb Todd Yeatschis Peti Arunamata Wendy Keller Shawn Welch Julie Wu Nazir Rahim Eileen Chung Mike Moy Wali Rahim

Spanish Awards Michele Copeland, Karen Amaral, Erica Quick, Kulpreet Chug, Deborah Sim, Laura Rush, Carla Hawak, Erick Young, Maritza Quintanilla, Sara Hernandez

Yearbook Awards Zach Anthony, Alan Tse, Tin Truong, Derek Sowers, Val Cerash

Graceland College Academic Scholarship Kelley Thomas (12)

Niles Rotary Club Scholarship Inderjit Dosanjh (12)

Drama Awards Virginia Baeta, Kent Hintzman, Renee Chambliss, Joe Beltran

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GUESS WHO? That's right, this "Night Train" is Mr. Pete Murchison's son Conor. Doesn't he remind you of Mr. Murchison as a child?

## "Classy" faces

by Rebecca Ehsan  
News Editor

The outcome of the class elections, which took place on May 3, 1988, determined the individuals with the top positions for the 1988-1989 school year. They are: Senior Class President Nick Wold, Junior Class President Anna Fredricsson, Sophomore Class President Christine Tso.

The newly elected officers have previously held positions which require leadership. During his junior year, Wold was involved in the American Beautification Committee, Spirit Week Committee, and was Class Senator. He will be aided by Mark Bowen, Vice-President. Bowen was Freshmen Class Vice-President, Sophomore Class President, Junior Class Senator, and took part in the American Beautification Campaign. The senatorial positions were given to Kulpret Chug and Tim Lew.

The Class of 1990's President Anna Fredricsson was Freshmen Class Senator, Sophomore Class Vice-President, and took part in various committees, including American Pride, Constitution, and Elections. The Vice-President is Jacob Bayani. Bayani was Sophomore Class Secretary. Greg Hoffman and Helen Yi took the Senatorial places.

The Class of 1991 also voted for their new officers including Vice-President Charisse Ng. Senators Josephine Robillo, and Melissa Urbano. President Christine Tso was Freshman Class Secretary, and Ng is Treasurer and class representative for SADD.

## "Daze" of our lives

By Rebecca Ehsan  
News Editor

The annually held May Daze took place during the first week of May, during brunch, lunch, and after school.

Many activities were lined up for this event. The all-time favorite was the airband which was performed in Th. 70 during lunch. The stereo bump-off contest was held out in the back parking lot. The messiest was the jello drop. In this event, little cubes of jello were dropped from the top of the Career Center and hopefully someone was down there to catch it.

Several new games were introduced this year. They were; egg toss, egg drop, and pictionary. The egg toss was a game in which one threw an egg to one another without breaking it. You might say it was a messy job. The purpose of the egg drop was to build some sort of container and place an egg in it, then drop it down from the Career Center without breaking the egg. Pictionary was played in three different languages; French, German, and Spanish. Crowds of students gathered in the 300 wing to take part.

Other events included tug-o-war, which was held after school, hula hoop contest, three men basketball in the gym, and photomania in the rotunda. Many students liked this annually held event, but others wished that it could be set differently. "I didn't like the after school activities because some people have after school sports, and they can't get to see it," said junior Sarah Jamelo.

## briefly

### Do Nots . . . For Good Sense

Do not contradict people, even if you are sure you are right.

Do not be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friend.

Do not underrate anything because you do not possess it. Do not believe all the evil you hear.

Do not repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.

Do not jeer at anybody's religious belief.

Do not voice your aches and pains, for few care whether you have an earache, headache, or stomachache.

Do not try to be anything else but a sensitive human being; and that means one who has consideration for everyone.

### U.S. Population — Up

An estimated 244.4 million people — 17.9 million more than were counted in the April 1980 census — are living in the United States as 1988 began. And the population is projected to grow by another 2.2 million during 1988. The record for net population growth in a single year is 3.1 million, recorded during the baby boom year of 1956, when the U.S. population was about 168 million.

The 1988 estimate does not include members of the armed forces serving in other countries or other federal employees and their dependents stationed abroad.

### Typing Made Possible

Many a typist's job was made easier after Christopher Sholes received a patent on his typewriter on June 23, 1868. In joint consultation with Thomas Edison in 1871, the Wisconsin journalist developed a practical keyboard which printed in capital letters only.

Later, Sholes and his partner, Carlos Glidden, sold their patents to Remington & Sons. Remington was soon to rank among the largest typewriter manufacturers in the world.

### Intrepid Four Motored

Alice Huyler Ramsey entered her 1909 Maxwell on June 9 of that year and began, with three other women, a journey across the United States. Beginning in New York City, Mrs. Ramsey, Nettie Powell, Margaret Atwood, and Hermine Jahns wended their way to San Francisco by August 6, becoming the first women to make a trans-continental automobile trip.

### Never Slap or Tap

According to *The American Domestic Cyclopaedia*, circa 1890 and earlier, young women received this advice:

"Never at any time slap a gentleman with your handkerchief or tap him on the shoulder with your fan. They cannot hold you in respect, for such an action is the resort of a courtesan or a woman of ill-repute. Never cross your legs in company. Young ladies may never wear rouge but they are permitted to pinch their cheeks before descending into the ballroom."

### Congratulations?

Finished that had-to-do-it-or-else task? Congratulations! Yes, it's important that you finished it. But it's more important *how* you finished it.

### June: Month of Firsts

Historically, June has been a month of firsts!

The first baseball game between organized teams was played on June 19, 1846; the first boardwalk in the world was completed at Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1870; Mary Pickford made her first debut in 1909; and the first drive-in movie theater opened in 1933.

On the equality front, Mistress Margaret Brent — probably the first suffragette in American history — shocked the all-male Maryland Assembly on June 24, 1647 by declaring both voice and vote for herself in that body.

Gastronomically, Roquefort cheese was accidentally discovered in June of 1070; the fork was introduced to the New World in 1630 by Governor John Winthrop of Massachusetts; and ice cream was first sold commercially in New York on June 8, 1786.

Rumblings of discontent over food were heard in June, 1904, as Philadelphia newspapers began a campaign for a drop in the cost of living, citing "outrageous" food prices. Eggs were then 17 cents a dozen; half a ham, 70 cents.

### SAY WHAT?

The following are restatements of common expressions. How many can you identify? For help, answers are at the bottom of this column.

1. A concretion of earthly matter in circular, forward motion causes no bryophytes to adhere to its surface.

2. Be not lachrymose when the fluid secreted by certain bovines unintentionally flows over.

3. If keeping a vigil over a metallic vessel containing an aqueous solution, said liquid will, under no circumstances, generate bubbles of vapor.

4. Conveyances with small, circular frames turning on their axes should never precede members of the Equidae family.

5. If a lack of confidence ensues, omit said dubious thing.

6. The commission of a felonious and forbidden activity liable to punitive retribution by certain authorized persons does not return value.





## EAGLE EYE

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO OVER  
THE SUMMER VACATION?

By Danielle Black  
Feature Editor

Bobby Pearsall  
Senior

"This summer I want to work, go to school, party, have an out of body experience, go on peace marches throughout South Africa, and slap Jeff Garcia for his last comment."

Seana Bishop  
Junior

"I want to elope with a marine and spend my life in Guam while eating chocolate covered cockroaches."



Ali Vassallo  
Freshman

"I want to work, go shopping, and get tan."

Jeff Garcia  
Sophomore

"I want to climb a tree, go to the beach, play on a freeway, jump off a bridge, particularly the San Mateo Bridge, and go out with Danielle Black."



## Movie Review

### "Stand and Deliver"

by Stephanie Jameson  
Feature Editor

Recently, I attended a showing of "Stand and Deliver", a true story involving the hispanic students in an East Los Angeles high school. The film stars Edward James Olmos (Miami Vice) and Lou Diamond Phillips (La Bamba).

In an attempt to save the math department's creditations of James Garfield High, Olmos takes on the basic math class. In his efforts to boost the morales of his students, Olmos begins to offer them the opportunity to strive higher in the mathematical field. He proposes a Calculus class to the department head and is given the chance to help his class succeed. If his students have the "desire", he can teach them anything.

For a price, the students progress from the Pre-Algebra level to a Calculus course.

Class time consists of five days a week for four hours a day, including all holidays and summer vacation. The students give up the opportunity to earn extra money for cars and other activities because they are unable to hold jobs. During the summer months when school is not in session, the entire class is forced to hold the Calculus course in the boys' locker room. After school begins, they are forced to remain after school for two hours everyday to complete the class.

In May of 1987, the students are finally prepared for the Advanced Placement test in Calculus. Eighteen students take the test, and eighteen students pass. Because of the students' minority background, they are suspected of cheating. The school is put under investigation and all scores are nullified. Olmos is outraged because he knows the scores are checked only because of their financial rating. But, in an effort to prove themselves, all eighteen students take the test. Once again, all of their efforts are rewarded when they pass—AGAIN. If ever a film could inspire academic excellence, this is it. This is definately a film worth seeing!!!!

## The Biking Craze

By Stephanie Jameson  
Feature Editor

What is the latest sport with the hottest new ideas in fashion—BIKING!! Although most everyone has enjoyed bicycle riding as a hobby, very few had considered it a sport until recently. With Greg LeMond becoming America's biking sweetheart, the sport has finally reached national acclaim and sparked the public's interest.

Races such as the Coors Classic and the Race Across America are just two of the more popular competitions for racers. The most highly acclaimed, however, is the Tour de France. No American has captured the title of this race thus far, but the U.S. stands a chance with Greg LeMond, even though he does not race for the American team.



Since the old hobby of riding has become a new sensation, fashion designers and merchandisers have seized the opportunity to "make a few bucks." The short, tight fitting bike pants have made their way into pro-bike shops as well as those as Target. Not only are they easy to find, but they are relatively inexpensive as well. Some pairs can be found for as little as nine dollars, while others can range from fifty to ninety dollars. What at one time was used solely for exercising is now considered "sporty" among teens.

Even if bike racing is not your idea of summer fun, riding is still a great form of exercise. While working the cardiovascular system, it also tones arms and legs. So, if your body needs to be prepared for bathing suit season, consider the latest fad—biking!!

## What's HOT, what's NOT

by Danielle Black  
Feature Editor

Bugs are hot, Mini trucks are not.  
Body Glove is hot, Speedos are not.  
Bike Pants are hot, Jams are not.  
Fosters is hot, Corona is not.  
Upper Classmen are hot, Lower Classmen are not.  
Athletics are hot, Giants are not.  
Surfers are hot, Posers are not.  
The sun is hot, Freezers are not.  
Condoms are hot, Casual Sex is not.  
A's are hot, F's are not.  
Minis are hot, Long skirts are not.  
Chicken is hot, Liver is not.  
Green is hot, Purple is not.  
Jane Fonda is hot, Richard Simmons is not.  
Pepsi is hot, Coke is not.  
Summertime is hot, School is not.

## Fun in the summer from A to Z

By Danielle Black  
Stephanie Jameson  
Feature Editors

A sk for assistance in Algebra  
B ike on by Broadway Street  
Cruise on down to Coyote Hills  
D ive into the deep blue sea  
E at an egg in Eureka  
F ly on over to Florida  
G allop to Great America  
H ideout in Honolulu, Hawaii  
I ce skate into Irvine  
J ump rope in Jamaica  
K ill time at Knott's Berry Farm  
L eave for Las Vegas  
Mingle with movie stars in Malibu  
N otice your nice looking next door neighbor

O pen old yearbooks and laugh  
P ractice picking on underclassmen  
Q uestion your parent's authority  
R ide a roller coaster at the boardwalk  
S wim on down to Santa Cruz  
T ake a trip to Tahiti  
U nderestimate your ability in flirting  
V isit old friends on vacation  
W alk on the wild side on a windy day  
X -out all those D's on your last report card  
Y ell out loud why you are so happy to be alive  
and  
Z ip on down to American High to pick up next semester's schedule!!!



# SPRING HAS SPRUNG

a look back

by Eileen Chung  
Sports Editor

## SOFTBALL

The lady Eagles came out of a 4-2 preseason and entered the regular season with a fairly young team. Despite their 4-9 MVAL record, Coach John DiPaola felt that the highlights of the season was during the Spring Break Tournament in which American took home the 2nd place trophy. "The rest of the season was frustrating, when we played well, we lost close games, and the games we should've won, we played poorly," said DiPaola.



## SWIMMING

Aside from continuous complaints about having no pool at AHS, Coach Frank Gyax found the swim season to be "a large success". In the MVAL team effort, the season concluded with 8 wins and 6 losses for the J.V. boys and girls as well as Varsity boys and girls. Following the MVAL finals on May 20, the AHS girls and boys medley relays, Nick Wold in the 50 and 100m freestyle, and Jack Duke in the 100m breast will qualify for NCS competition.



## GOLF

A season-long goal was reached when the AHS Golf Team putted their way to win the MVAL Championship. Jason Jeung, Dennis Arnst, and Fred Roy, with their experience and skill lead the team to a 14-6 season record. Many hours of practice at Sunol Valley Golf Course paid off as putting techniques were perfected as well as overall accuracy.

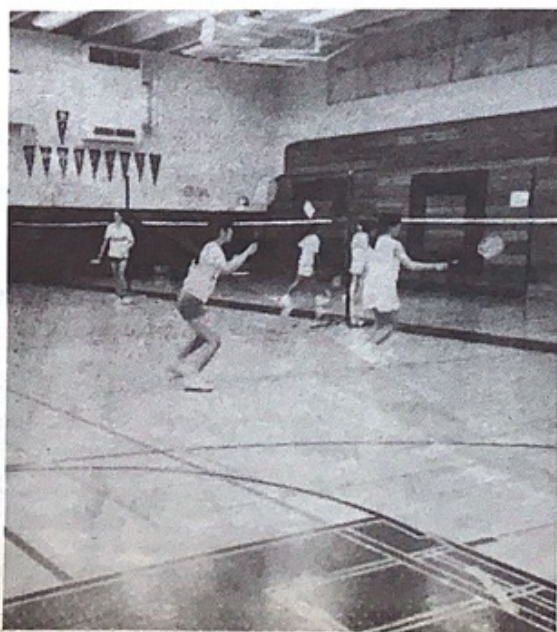
## GIRLS BOYS SOCCER



GOOOOOAAAAAALLLLLLLLLL!!!!!! AHS soccer teams score again! The boys' team finished 2-10-2. Despite their record, Andrew Beye (captain), Rodney Cornist, and Emil Hockaday contributed to the team's 21-4 goals. However, they endured much disregard and abuse by officials which was the main factor for Coach Erin Beye's retirement. On the other hand, the girls' soccer team was very successful for a young group. "They were willing to put forth all they could and worked well together," said Coach Christy Tobeck.

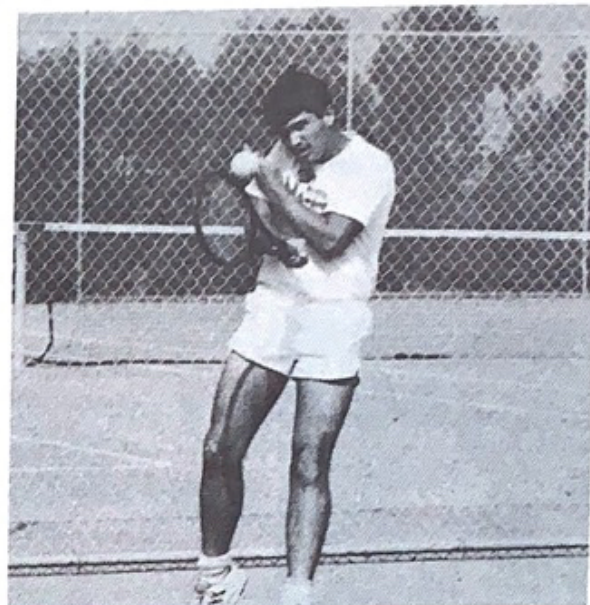
## BADMINTON

Through warm-ups, drills and challenge matches the 1988 badminton team fared better in individual wins than in team efforts in a 2-10 season record. Behind first year coach at American, Mr. Pete Vaz, eight of the girls reached the MVAL finals and four will continue to compete in NCS. (see page 7 NCS)



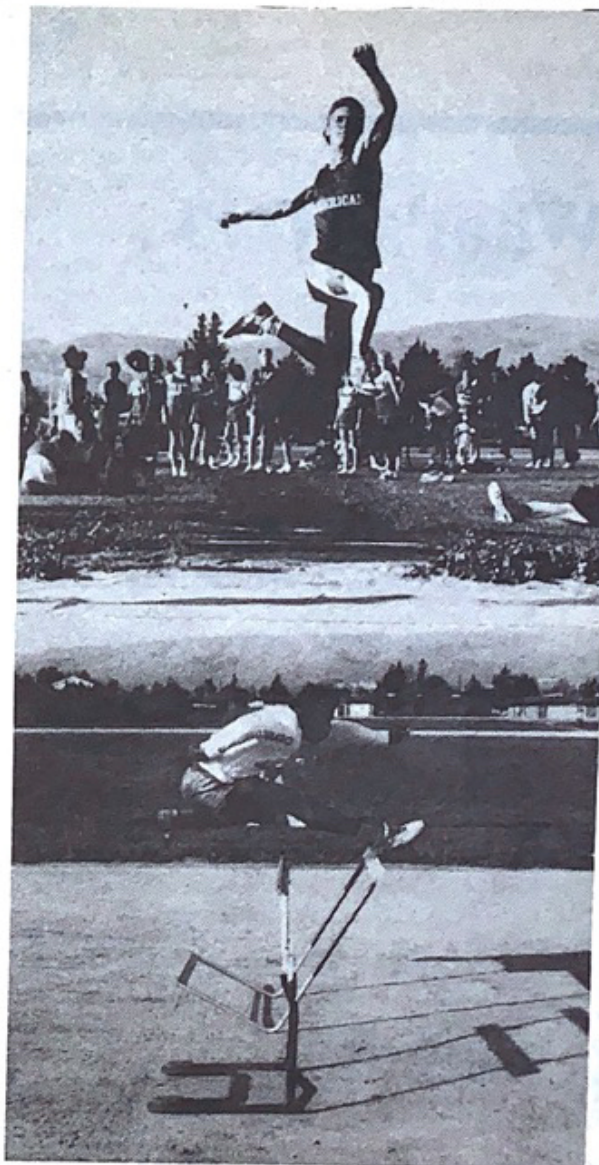
## BOYS TENNIS

A new year brought on a new coach, and Mr. Rolando Boo instilled some new attitudes into the 1988 tennis team. The overall talent of the team didn't hurt any either. Boo said that it was one of the best teams assembled and admired their "desire to want to work hard". With rackets in tact, the boys pulled off a 6-8 season.



## BASEBALL

An up and down season in which the Eagles clinched third place (well, we had to share it with Logan) in MVAL, they finished with a 9-5 record and made their first appearance in post-season play in five years at the Shaughnessy Play-offs. "I was very pleased with the season, it was one of the better teams--ever," said Coach Leroy Gallardo. (see p.7 baseball)



## TRACK

Jumping, throwing, sprinting, hurling...that's what the 1988 Track team practiced all season long with the high jump as their strongest event; Lori Carper qualified for the Meet of Champions. American High School was usually in the top three in the league for jumping competition. At invitational meets, the mile-relay team fared well. "This year, 11 runners made it to NCS. They do much better individually," said Coach Miller.



## MY MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT IN SPORTS WAS WHEN I...

by Eileen Chung  
Sports Editor

was wide open during a football play and Kurt threw it to me and it slipped through my fingers. Then I fell down near the sideline right at Coach Larsen's feet! Mickey Bifano- senior.

I forgot to tie my swimming trunks and dove in- and it fell down! Mr. Tremewan- counselor.

played third base and threw to first, but it hit the pitcher in the chest! Martie Peters-junior

in a football game, I snapped the ball and it slipped out of my hands right when we were on the third yard line, and scored a touchdown for the other team- it was raining! Mike Coon-junior

discovered a hole in the back of my bathing suit and I had to swim with it during the MVAL finals! Michelle Stock- senior.

was on second base in a tied game with a runner on third. A ground ball was hit and I thought the runner went home-but he didn't, so I got caught between 2nd and 3rd and caused a double play. The other team scored the next inning and went to the championships! Ron Nelson- senior

lost my bathing suit doing a flip in the pool. - Ailee Hoffman- senior

ran into a tree trying to catch a football. Josh Bowen-junior

at one of the cheerleading competitions and forgot the whole cheer! Linda Fernandes-junior

walked out of the gym back in high school with a towel around my waist only and flipped it around my shoulder to shoot the basketball and I realized there were three girls sitting in the stands. Mr. Buehler- science teacher

ran to first base, tripped and fell flat on my face! Scott Delbridge- sophomore

ran cross country after Spirit Week and my hair was purple and green from my costume! Kyra Short- senior

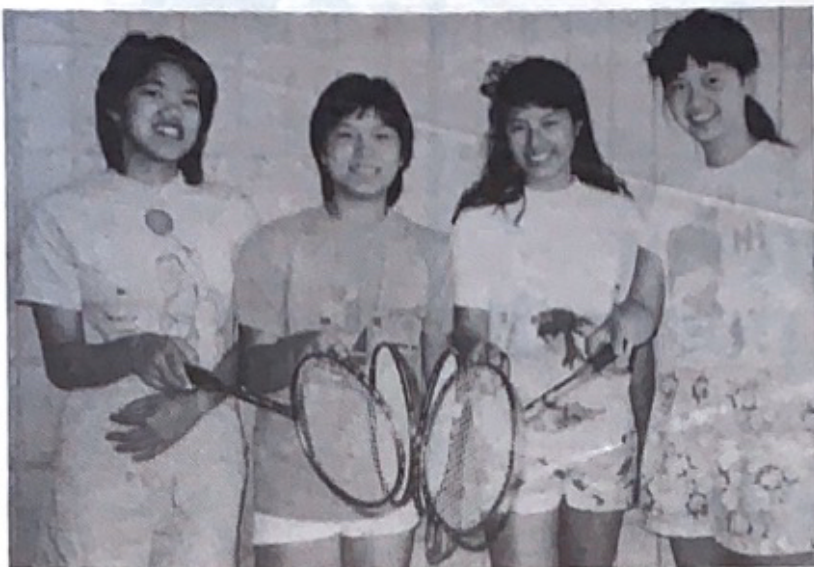
got Coach Vares shouting "that's not the flat! This is the flat!" Doug Bucy- senior

was a softball catcher and split my pants from belt to crotch and people in the stands were giving me a bad time. Mr. Siacotos- counselor.

got a very bad bloody nose, thinking it was a cold and later discovered blood all over my clothes after I had run a mile! Tracie Wong- junior

swam the whole race during a swim meet after they called a false start! Nick Wold- junior

went to reach for the ball playing first base and did the splits for the first time by accident! Josette Barry- junior



Jamelo, Hsiao, Cabal, and Surla will compete in NCS badminton competition.

## Eagles smash their way to NCS

by Eileen Chung  
Sports Editor

For the second straight year in singles badminton, Sarah Jamelo and Wendy Hsiao have earned a spot in the NCS tournament on May 28 in Richmond. This time, they will be accompanied by juniors Claire Cabal and Jocelyn Surla, who will represent the doubles team for AHS and MVAL.

Hsiao, an agile sophomore has played the sport for only two years. Talk about innate ability. She owns a backhand smash that Navratolva couldn't return. "My dream, you would say, is to reach the finals at NCS," said Hsiao.

Jamelo has a game plan ready for her opponents. "I'm gonna pick on their backhands, and see if they can maintain their balance until I can

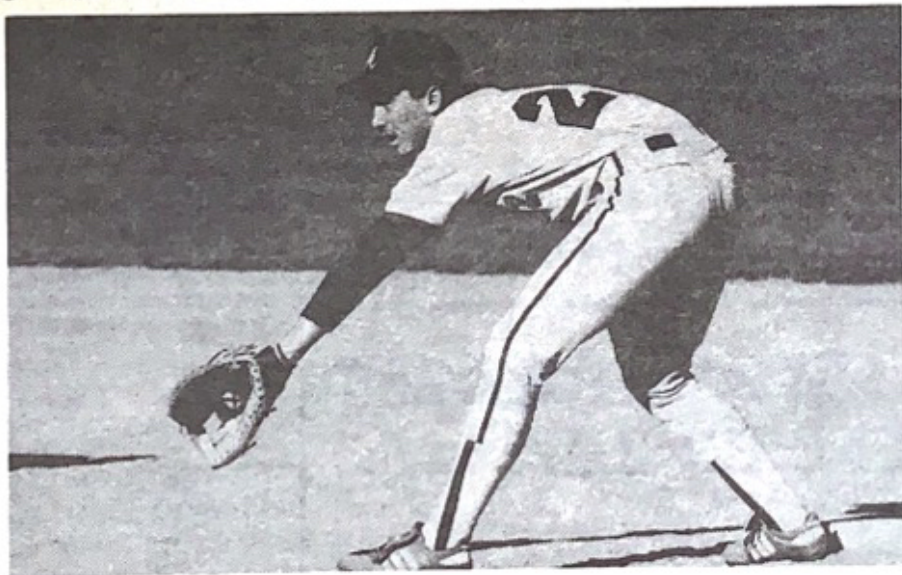
get them in an awkward position you know," said Jamelo. Talk about strategic arms.

Their oh-so supportive coach, Mr. Pete Vaz has prompted the girls to set goals for themselves, and go after each match- one at a time. "We were always jumping ahead of ourselves, our goal was to beat Washington, and make it to MVAL, and hopefully NCS!" said Surla. Talk about determination.

"I'm surprised, and excited, and nervous, and restless..." said Cabal. Talk about emotional.

And whatever it takes to win, natural ability, strategy, determination, or emotionalism, coach Vaz tells them to give it their all.

## It ain't over til it's over



First baseman Jason Gobel reaches for ball from the mound.

by Eileen Chung  
Sports Editor

As the tension mounted to a deafening decibel in the dugout, they knew there was no turning back this time, no more games to redeem themselves if they failed. Unfortunately, the AHS Varsity Baseball team let a vital Shaugnessy play-off game on May 18 slip through their fingers, thus ending their season. With a three-run lead over the MVAL champs, Newark Memorial, the Eagles gave up four runs in the final inning, resulting in a 7-6 loss to Newark Memorial.

American had tied for third place with Logan behind Newark and Moreau in the regular MVAL season and were hopeful in their play-off berth to eventually reach NCS. At first, the victory was in sight for the Eagles behind a strong pitching performance by starter Fred Gray who worked 6 innings, giving up five hits, and striking out 7. However, reliever Brian Cravahlo got rocked in the bottom of the 7th inning by a Newark rally. With two runners on, Cravahlo unleashed a wild pitch, advancing the runners into scoring position and the key play of the game. A ground ball took a bad hop in the dirt over the head of third baseman Matt Lillard in what could have been a game-ending double play, but continued the Newark rally as they pulled within one run, making it 6-5. "That was the turning point," said Lillard. After another Newark 2-RBI single, the rally was complete.

Shortstop Kurt Steadman, who went 2 for 4 with a homerun placed the events into perspective. "It was like getting hit in the face with a ton of bricks. We really didn't reach our potential."

The confidence and cockiness of the Cougars stunned the Eagle dugout as they realized what had just happened. "There was not a whole lot to say, [to the players]. They played their hearts out, but luck went against us," said coach Leroy Gallardo.

All in all, the players felt that they had finally come together and played as a team in the disappointing game. But the boys of "spring" (not summer) will be back.

## New spirit squads for 1988-89 season

by Danielle Black  
Feature Editor

During the week of May 9- May 12, American held its annual cheerleading tryouts. The incoming freshmen tried out for freshmen cheer on Monday; Tuesday night was time for the lettergirls; the songgirls and mascots tried out on Wednesday night. The final night on Thursday for Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheer.

The new 1988-89 freshmen cheerleaders are Misty Selak (head), Amber Vassallo, Stephanie Escoto, Vicki Lewis, Brenda Baily, Richelle Harris, and Alicia Way.

The Varsity lettergirls for next year are Stephanie Jameson (head), Danielle Black, Gina Rose, Brandi Galvin, Alicia Thomson, Jenni Ensel, and Kelly Dunn.

Varsity songgirls include Cheryl Haskins (head), Angela Vassallo, Tina Adams, Jessica Cain, Lisa Haskins, Josette Daughtry, Tina Chow, Helen Yi, and Theresa Gapasin.

Jeanne Alves and Virginia Baeta will be wearing the Eagle uniform as our mascots.

J.V. cheer will consist of Cristi Preece (head), Kristin Mandas, Janelle Nielsen, Jessica Marin, and Corinna Smith.

Denise Chew will head the Varsity Cheerleaders. Also on the squad are Nicole Fielder, Amy Snodgrass, Shannon Harris, Lissa Martinez, and Jenne Alexander.

## SPORTS TRIVIA



1. Which team won the first Superbowl?
2. Soccer star Pele is from what country?
3. Which track event is named after a Greek battle?
4. Which country has won the men's international badminton championship the most times?
5. Which NHL team holds the record for most losses in a single season?
6. The maximum number of clubs allowed in golf is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. What is the circumference of a basketball?
8. How many years in a row did Wilt Chamberlain win the individual NBA scoring championship?
9. Who was the U.S. Women's Figure Skating Champion in 1973 through 1974?
10. Who were the first champions in the now defunct World Tennis Association?

### ANSWERS

1. Green Bay Packers
2. Brazil
3. Marathon
4. Indonesia
5. 9
6. 7
7. 30 inches
8. Seven years
9. Dorothy Hammill
10. 1974

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by SSgt. Ronald Cole

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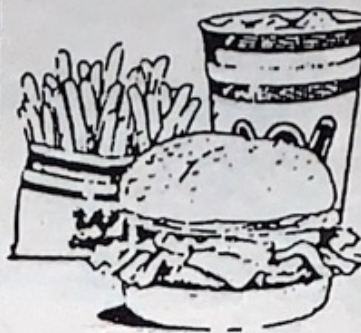
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