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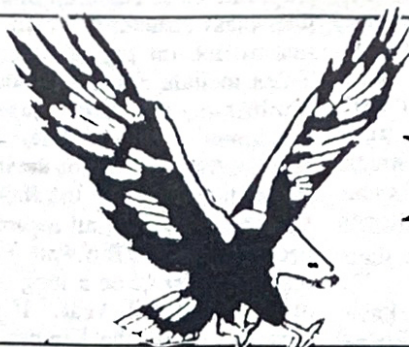
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Variety In Class Elections

David Hsia
and
Elliott Chin

As the school year neared its closing, the class elections returned. This year, there was a great number and variety of candidates. Each class had four candidates for the posts of president and vice-president. There were thirty-six candidates over all. On Monday, May 7, the school was flooded with numerous flyers and colorful posters. The voting took place on May 9 during brunch, lunch, and fifteen minutes after school. Despite the number of candidates and myriad of decorations, the turn-out for the election was low.

American High School is notorious for procuring poor turn-outs, and this year was no exception. Only about fourteen percent of the students voted. Ninth grade assistant principle, Mrs. Diana Isborn, said, "There was a conflict with the May Daze schedule. There would have been a higher turn-out if the schedules were changed." Eleventh grade assistant principle, Tony Siacotos, attributes the low turn out to poor publicity. He said,

"We don't publicize what student government does." He feels that if more people knew what student government did, more people would vote.

The candidates for senior president and vice-president were Elliott Chin and David Hsia, Beatrice Dyer and Aeysha Cook, Michelle Wagner and Missy Garcia, and Len Wiseman and Jason Boyer. The winners were Michelle Wagner and Missy Garcia. Running for senior class justice were Aaron Ambayon, Sharon Dhanowa, and Bobby Pailthorpe. The winner was Bobby Pailthorpe. Five candidates ran for senior class senator, Kelly Dunn, Jennifer Guerin, Erica Quick, Josephine Robillo, and Tim Vallejos. The two senators for 1991 will be Erica Quick and Josephine Robillo.

Running for junior president and vice-president were Joshlyn Camba and Brenda Bailey, Arthur Chan and Joseph King, Heather Johnson and James Joseph, and Hanh Nguyen and Chi Nguyen. The president and vice-president winners were Joshlyn Camba and Brenda Bailey. The candidates for class justice were Crissy Cameron and Claudia Pan. Crissy



Top to bottom: The presidents and vice-presidents for the '91, '92, and '93, Michelle Wagner and Missy Garcia, Joshlyn Camba and Brenda Bailey, and Emily Jose and Becky Orner.

Cameron won the post for class justice for 1992. The candidates for junior senators were Anna Chow, Justin Guerin, Paul Kim, Tim Narita, and Christina Parker. The two winners were Anna Chow and Justin Guerin.

The elections for the class of 1992 were close. Candidate Anna

Chow won a senatorial tenure for next year, but she said, "I wasn't certain [I would win], but I was hopeful." That comment summed up the feelings of many candidates. They felt that the competition was stiff but many were hopeful.

The class election for 1993 had

the most candidates. The candidates for president and vice-president were Robert Artac and Jeremy Lieb, Krista Daniels and Jeff Clark, Evan Craves and Jennifer Cory, and Emily Jose and Becky Orner.

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Contract Resolution Pending Yeats Wins After Two Run-offs

Elliott Chin

Although initial breakthroughs were made last month in contract negotiations, the labor dispute continues to drag on. Highlights of last month included the district's decision to reward teachers with the long-overdue prop 98 money and a renewal, and then severance, of negotiations.

During the second week of May, FUDTA threatened to strike for two days, on May 8 and 9. However, the district began an inquest into the legality of the teachers' work actions. Teachers, though, were not fazed by the district's activity. One anonymous teacher said, "It's to the point where, even if the strikes are ruled illegal, teachers won't care." Regardless, negotiations did resume and a strike was averted. Strikes are not

planned for the immediate future.

Originally, in the beginning of the month, negotiations were not being conducted. The district remained adamant in its decision to give the teachers a 17% raise over three years, while the teachers still wanted 24%. However, negotiations did start, and the district and the teachers made slight headway, as the district offered a .2% increase, the teachers dropped their demands a fifth of a percent. Later, during the week of May 21, elementary school teachers and junior high teachers asked FUDTA not to go any lower on the demands. School workers, such as counselors and secretaries gained a 9.5% salary increase in their first year, while the teachers were negotiating under 9%. School teachers wanted this to stop, and as one anonymous teacher said, "How can they afford to pay the other workers more and then not

meet our demands?" Subsequently, negotiations were stalled, and the district finally disbanded its bargaining team during the later part of the week of May 21.

On May 14, a major breakthrough was reached. The district, after months of posturing over the prop 98 issue, returned the prop 98 money to the teachers. They admitted the money's existence and then gave each teacher money equal to 1.5% of their salary.

There still remain issues to resolve. The teachers want more than just the prop 98 money. If the contract dispute is not settled by the end of the year, teachers may threaten some drastic measures. There is talk of suspending grades from the district. Even more drastic, FUDTA says that if the dispute drags on, teachers may not show up for the 1990-91 school year.

David Hsia

Todd Yeats won the 1991 ASB Presidency as a result of two run-offs. As usual, the election was plagued with a lack of participation by the student. Todd Yeats agrees and says, "I was very disappointed with the lack of participation. It bothers me that a small percentage of American population voted in this important election." Out of over 1,500 students, approximately only 200 voted.

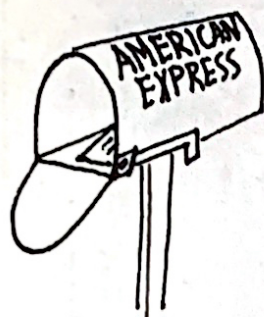
When the election started, there were three candidates for the ASB Presidency. It consisted of Todd Yeats, Scott McDonald and Charisse Ng. After the initial election, the votes narrowed down the competition to two candidates of Todd Yeats and Scott

McDonald. Todd Yeats and Scott McDonald went head to head in the race for the ASB Presidency.

Because the number of voters were small, both of the candidates tried to gain the votes of Ng's supporters. The rivalry between the two candidates was intense. The run-off election was held. Amazingly, after counting the votes after school, the election was deadlocked again with 56 to 56 votes. Scott McDonald said, "I felt excited and happy for the students at American High for they have taken the first step in making the right choice."

The election was extended one more day. On the second run-off, the results were clear. Todd Yeats pulled ahead and won the leadership of ASB.

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Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor:

As one of the AHS administrators charged with "not caring about our students' education" in Scott McDonald's Viewpoint article, "We Need a Place to Study!", I feel it is appropriate that I respond.

Let me begin by saying there is much in his article with which I agree: 1. It is difficult to find a place to study during the lunch period and, yes, the library has limited seating and is not exempt from the rotunda lunch time noise; and, 2. there are few benches available outside. We need more seating for both study and eating during lunch. (I favor exploring ways to make the outside area more attractive and functional. I would prefer that no eating take place inside the rotunda except on the most inclement days.)

I am troubled by Scott's comments on a "solution." His first option is to allow "real" students to study unsupervised in the wing areas as long as they have passes validated by three teachers. In my opinion, this puts an undue burden on teachers to decide which students should be allowed this privilege and abdicates the school's responsibility to supervise students. Were an incident to take place in an authorized, unsupervised area, we would be liable. Scott's second plan is to use a theater with supervision. This had possibilities, but I do not see any teacher or even student-teacher giving up the brief lunch period on a regular basis to monitor students who choose to study during lunch.

More troubling to me than Scott's solutions, however, are

his adjectives used to describe students who, in his opinion, do not fit his definition of a "real" student. He calls them "viruses" and "scum." I find this unfortunate and divisive. (I would suggest that Scott read some passages from Voltaire and Roger Williams during his lunch time study.)

In closing, we do have problems with adequate seating for students at lunchtime, both for eating and for studying. In my supervision of the wing areas, I allow students to remain in the classroom coves as long as they are in an area where a teacher is present and willing to permit them to remain. In times of fair weather, I consider the outside and appropriate environment for both eating and studying. After all, is the lawn less inviting than the rotunda carpet?

Mr. Dave Duncan, Vice Principal

Mr. Duncan,

It is nice to see that someone has finally realized the problem that our students face. The problem, however continues to go unfixed. As for Scott's solutions, they seem to be workable with only a little effort. Until someone comes up with something better, it would not hurt to try them out. As far as "scum" and "viruses" go, if you would look back at the article, it is obvious that these words were used to describe select groups of students who ruin opportunities, not the entire student body.

Thank you for concern and your comments.

Viewpoint Editor

Public Servants or Winchell's Workers

Joel Mattern

To serve and protect. That is the motto of each policeman. The police are public servants. They are here to assist and protect us from wrong-doers. So tell me why people get pulled over by cops for having tinted windows, while drug dealers, thieves, and mass murderers are running around with no hassle from the cops.

It finally happened to me. I got pulled over-- can you believe it; me!? This donut eating Dirty Harry wannabe cop won't even tell me what he pulled me over for. Instead, he walks around my truck until he finds something wrong with it. The best thing he can come up with is, "Uh... Your windows are tinted." You're busting me for tinted windows while kids are dealing drugs out in front of the school! On that morning, that cop pulled over six different people. We all know

that the cop is too lazy to chase real criminals. These sixteen year-olds with moving violations are more dangerous than gangs with switchblades and Uzis.

The fact is, that most cops today are too soft and lazy to catch the real bad guys. The police are only interested in making their monthly ticket quotas, not nailing real criminals. Gee, I wonder where the cops go when they fill their quotas. Could it be Winchell's? (That could explain the fact that there was chocolate icing all over my license when the cop gave it back to me. Are these guys cops or a circus act?!) Instead of "To serve and protect," the police motto should be "Coffee with a donut on the side."

I guess the old homage of "there's never a cop around when you need one", is true. Some little old lady could be getting mugged in front of a cop, but he won't do anything about it until he finishes his coffee and donuts. Yeah, there's no cop around when

Seniors: Do We Need Them?

Tim Madrid

The student body at American High School is made up of four inter-class structures which are ranked one on top of another. Titles include Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and lastly, Freshmen. The former are supposedly at the top of the high school hierarchy that the Juniors and underclassmen all aspire to become one day. But wait. Hold on. Have you taken a long look at the Seniors this year? If you stop and think, the Seniors are just a lowly despicable crowd who cheat, boss people around, and strut around the school like they own the place.

If you feel that what I'm saying is inaccurate, just look at any one of the Friday-rally games we participate in. The Seniors are the worst 'sports' I have ever seen! They know that one of the other classes (particularly the Juniors) are capable of winning,

so they resort to fixing the games to insure their victory. Was it pure coincidence that all of the Senior shoes happened to be tied together in a separate clump or do I detect some tampering with the footwear there? And, when the Seniors roll oranges across the floor with their noses, why is it that the Senior judge always has his or her back turned when the player stands up and kicks the fruit? They sure managed to take all the fun out of musical chairs. Whenever a Senior is near a seat, the music is conveniently turned off. "They cheat at every game we've ever played" complained one fed-up Junior, Mike Gyax.

As far as Spirit Week went, the Seniors could hardly keep first place out of the reach of the Juniors. This normally Senior-dominated event was completely blundered by this year's twelfth-graders and the title nearly fell into the hands of the Juniors. They sure kept the long-standing Senior championship tradition steady. Good job Seniors!

The arrogance of the Seniors

really drives me crazy. They walk around criticizing everything they don't like and then proceed to relate the "Senior" way of doing things. I'm really getting sick of the Seniors' attitude towards everyone in a lower class level than them. I'm starting to look favorably at the Freshmen class compared to the Seniors! "I'm just glad they're graduating out of here!" commented Junior Karen Sams.

As far as I'm concerned, the Senior's opportunity to depart American High School couldn't have come any sooner. I would breach the edge of insanity if I had to put up with anymore of their cheating ways and strutting days. Other classes might actually have a glimmer of hope at winning rally-games once these Seniors are gone. I sincerely believe that this year's Senior class was one of the worst ever and with careful guidance by future Senior classes and a little bit of hope, maybe a selfish horrific class such as this will never rise again.

SEX! Now That I Have Your Attention...

Elliott Chin

This is your editor speaking (next year's, that is), and it is my pleasure to announce that this issue is Senior-free. I have more good news.

Let me start off by saying that there will be a few changes for next year's paper which we will test in this issue. You've already

seen the new eagle. Hope you like it. The American Express has a box in the faculty commons where all your comments are welcome. Please use it. In addition, for those of you who loath the thought of entering "teacher-zone," don't fret. Just go to your student-services and drop off your comments there. We'll have suggestion boxes there for your comments, as well.

The eagle isn't the only

change. The "Words of Wisdom" are out and the Conservative Corner is in. However, liberal viewpoints are in short-supply here, so replies to the Conservative Corner would be appreciated. In addition, you'll be happy to know that we are adding cartoons.

The paper has existed in its current state for quite sometime and could use a face-lift. Tell us how you think the paper can be improved.



I'm getting robbed, but he's there to give me a ticket if I drop a gum wrapper on the ground.

I have come up with some reasons why the cops don't go after real criminals, but instead chase after moving violations like flies on road-kill.

1. They don't want to wrinkle their pretty uniforms.
2. If you fire a gun, you run the risk of breaking a fingernail.
3. They want to get home in time to watch Kojak.
4. When you stop someone for a moving violation, you get to meet really interesting people.
5. To pick up chicks.

Maybe movies like "Police Academy" and "Naked Gun" paint a more realistic picture of the police than we think. Instead of wearing a dark blue uniform and carrying a billy club, maybe they should wear a clown suit and carry a squirting flower.

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Trendy Sheep Follow The Herd

Joel Mattern

When I sit in the rotunda to relax and put the worries of my classes (namely geometry) behind me, I enjoy just watching the people go by. However, as more and more people walk by, one fact becomes clear. Most of the people at AHS have absolutely no originality. Every student dresses the same, acts the same, and even looks the same.

Practically every student at our fair school follows popular trends. When it comes to clothing, there is virtually no originality at all (except for the mods-- but there's no explaining them anyway). The most popular thing at AHS has to be the Bart Simpson Tee shirt. Don't get me wrong, I like the little juvenile delinquent as much as the next guy, but when I see about thirty people with 'Bart' shirts, I get a little sick of him. I'm also tired of seeing everybody wearing sweatshirts with the names of expensive colleges on them. Yeah, like these people are really going to get into Oxford or Yale. Another trend is to wear Raiders clothing. If you asked, more than half of these people wouldn't even know what sport the Raiders play! The people that wear the Raiders clothing think it makes them tough. What's tough about the Raiders? Maybe their colors



should be silver and pink instead of silver and black. It is distressing to me that every student at this school tries to act the same. No matter who you talk to, the students all try to have the same attitude. That attitude is: "Let's party dude!" You and I both know that most of these people don't party. They stay home on Friday nights and play Nintendo. I'm real convinced that an egghead named Dilbert loves to party hearty.

I don't know what mankind could have done to deserve the punishment that I am about to explain. First came King Kong, then came Godzilla; and now, "Hairbears." Yes, those girls with

hair tall enough to block Magic Johnson's view. Why do girls think their hair has to be tall and crispy to look good? I can picture what a girl would be thinking. "Yeah, my hair looks good on the sides and back, but gee, I wish it were about two feet taller on top." I always enjoy sitting behind someone in the movies that has a hair-do that needs a building permit!

Most of the people at AHS have no originality at all-- that fact is blatantly obvious. Maybe someday we'll live in a world without Bart Simpson shirts, Raiders clothes, or Hairbears. I can only hope to live in such a perfect world.

Conservative Corner



Too long has the *American Express* been mired in the stench of liberalism. It is high time that we the learned students of American, in accordance with the righteous, just, and honest ideals of the conservative creed rise against the oppressive tides of liberalism in what will forever be dubbed the "Conservative Corner." The Editor

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Elliot Chin

For our first installment, we tackle the problem of defense cuts. Many Liberals on Capital Hill and around the U.S. are screaming and hollering about how the armed forces are too big. In an attempt to back up their claims, they say there is no longer a threat from Eastern Europe.

I don't know where they get this idea, but I can say right now that they're wrong. Though there is some truth to the fact that the Warsaw Pact nations are losing their punch, the main force in the pact has always been the Soviet Union. This is the power we must concern ourselves with.

Many of our liberal colleagues say we have nothing to fear from the big red bear. I have some news for them. The Soviets have not cut back forces, they have cut back forces in Europe. The forces that left Europe are not gone.

Opposing viewpoint are welcome and will be printed at the editors' convenience.

They were moved to another location and can always come back. Remember, the supreme goal of the Soviet Union has always been, and will always be, "To bring the ideologies of communism and the soviet Union to all people through world wide revolution." In short, they want to rule the world. Besides, if the Soviet Union is turning so peaceful and democratic, why have troops been moved into Lithuania.

Though many try to deny it, the threat from the East is as large as ever, not to mention that from Communist insurgents in Latin America, and the threat from the Middle East. We must continue to keep our armed forces equipped, trained, and ready to fight for our sacred country. If we do not, we will some day lose this country which we have fought so hard to keep.

American Students Mutate Into Rebels Without A Cause

Scott McDonald

Thrice in the recent past, the teachers of Fremont United School District have struck. Both times, many students stayed out of school in support of them. Or did they? In the prelude to both strikes, "students" were constantly ranting and raving about how great it would be if the teachers would strike so they could get an extra vacation.

Our "students" are too simple minded to see the strikes for what they are. Let me clear this up. A strike is a labor dispute. For your

information, the definition of labor dispute is not suntan lotion and sand.

During the April 4th strike, many "students" could be found at the beach, not at their desks. These "students" fail to realize the necessity of education. Our students must be kept in school to ensure that the United States can survive in the future. It is inexcusable to "skip school" because the teachers are on strike. If you are supporting the teachers with your heart, not your bathing suit, then staying out is understandable. If you are staying out to support the teachers, then why are you not picketing with them or helping actively? Your

getting a tan does not influence the negotiation of a contract.

The stupidity of our "students" is also evident by their actions pertaining to the walkout of April 6th. This student action dubbed "WAIK", had little to do with supporting the teachers. WAIK was simply a publicity stunt designed as an excuse to miss class. Organizers talked of support and of democracy, but they emphasized; newspapers, TV and missed class. When many students were asked why they were walking out, many responded along the lines of, "Get out of school, dude!" or "Miss class, man!" Another popular response was, "Well, all my friends are going." Follow the leader does not sound like democracy to me.

If you have a legitimate cause, stand up and make yourself heard. If you are only out to miss school, or to get in the papers, sit down and shut up. We do not need you disrupting the educational process.

It was John F. Kennedy who said, "It is time for a new generation of leadership...for there is a new world to be won." If the students of American High and those of the Fremont Unified School District are any indication of the new generation, then we have already lost.

Students Speak Out!

Do you follow trends? Why?

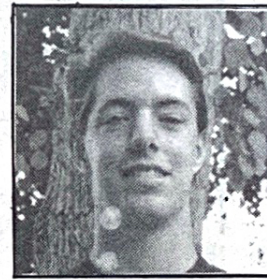


Amy Schierling
Senior

No I don't follow trends. I dress the way I want to. Whatever makes me feel good about the way I look.

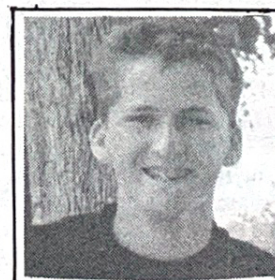
Shawn Unbankes
Junior

In some way's. I dress the way I want as long as it looks good.



Josh Doody
Sophomore

No, trends are for people who want to be like someone else.



Renee Nessi
Freshman

Yes, because I wouldn't want to look like a nerd.



Greetings. We have decided to give the students of American a voice in what goes in their paper. Please answer the following questions and return the form to the American Express box in Faculty Commons.

Yes No

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Do you like the new eagle?

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Do you think we should have two opinion sections? ie. "Students Speak Out", "Eagle Eye"

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Did you ever like the "Words of Wisdom?"

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Do you like our new comics?

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Do you like the Conservative Corner?

☐ ☐

Should the Conservative Corner have an opposing column?

American Express Bids Farewell To Ms. West

Ellen Nguyen

American High is fortunate to have a wonderful staff of teachers that care for the well being of the students. The teachers put in a large amount of their time into making the curriculum the best that it can be. Soon, one of these wonderful teachers will be leaving us. For two years she has taught ninth grade English and journalism. This teacher is none other than Stephanie West, a young and promising teacher.

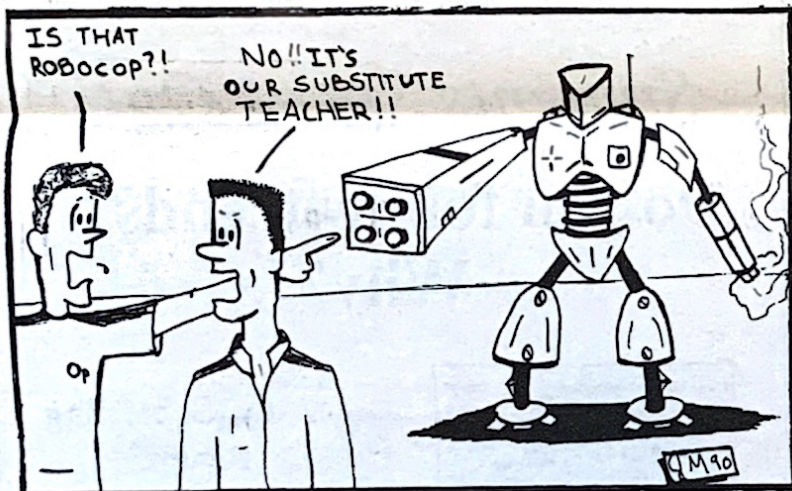
Ms. West was a student at Stanford University, where she majored in English. While at Stanford, she served on the journalism staff. Mr. Tranchina offered Ms. West a teaching job at American High after she graduated in December of 1986. She did not want to leave the Bay Area.

The warm, friendly staff and students make it hard for Ms.

West to leave. Through her two years of teaching, Ms. West has grown to love the students. The students make her feel enthusiastic about her career, and this is valuable to a young teacher. Ms. West is leaving because of the open space and district policies. Open space can be irritating when trying to teach oral presentations. She says that she cannot teach in open space. The Fremont Unified School District is shaky on their teacher policies and Ms. West cannot risk further strikes or contract disputes, since they can tarnish her teaching credentials.

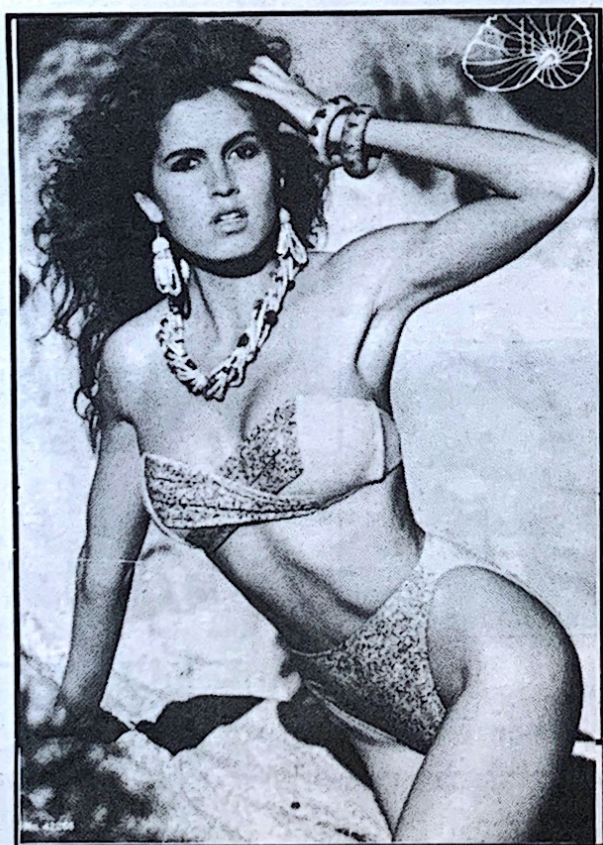
Ms. West sees no future here with regards to her teaching career. She is now applying for a new job in a new district. She feels that she can advance her teaching career in a different district.

Stephanie West is a fine addition to the American High staff. She is a successful young, teacher who will be missed.



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American on CBS

Edward Wong

Everyday the public is bombarded with facts on the decline of American education. Now, once again, this dilemma is explored in a new special on television from CBS News entitled *America's Toughest Assignment*, narrated by Charles Kuralt.

On Thursday, May 10, in the midst of the May Daze festivities, four employees of CBS (producer, associate producer, cameraman, and sound engineer) arrived at American High from its New York headquarters. Their purpose was to document the need for reform in education. The intent of the documentary is to "offer a prescription for change, to identify the areas of change, and to look for solutions," according to Polly Wells, the producer of the show. With this program, she

hopes to move our country to action.

American High was the "guinea pig" for the Golden State Examination for Chemistry and Biology. It was selected by the California Department of Education to test the relevancy of the questions and labs. Ms. Fujii, a science teacher, participated in the development of the Biology GSE. After expressing her interest in the development of the assessment program at American, our school was chosen.

The purpose of the GSE is to give the students an opportunity to show their abilities and proficiency in a given topic. The tests currently exist in Geometry and Algebra. Since the field tests for Biology and Chemistry were practiced this year, the actual tests will be incorporated into the GSE system next year.

The practice examination took place at American High only. The purpose of the "trial run" is to find any irregularities so that revision can be made. The lab tests for both Chemistry and Biology were, according to the

students who participated, not too challenging. Henry Nunes states, "The test was not challenging. It proved to be minimal in its difficulty level."

Ms. Thomson has very definite views on the state of American education. She feels that the issue is an extremely important one today. "We are losing a lot of kids in education. The nation is not putting us as the top priority. There is a lack of funding. The school needs support from parents, the government, teachers, the administrators, and the community itself."

There are no real solid remedies for this problem. Ms. Thomson believes that each and every person needs to put education as their top priority. We need to be more diligent in this matter.

The final product will be aired on September 6, 1990 on CBS Network. Though forty minutes of footage was shot, only thirty to sixty seconds will be shown. The two-hour documentary is called *America's Toughest Assignment*.

Friendship In The 90's

Cindy Liu

What kind of friends do you know? How do their personalities rate when you make a comparison? When we were young, just about anybody could be our friend. The neighborhood children could be our best buddies; even the teddy bear we used to drag around could be our friend. But as we mature, we become aware of the differences between our friends and our confidantes. However, many of us neglect the fact that not all the friends we make are what they appear to be. Many have a dark side which they never reveal to anyone.

There are many things one ought to look for in a friend. Although personality is one, another important factor is the willingness to help in times of need. Many people in this society are extremely superficial. Personality and appearance can be seen only from the outside, but a person's true reaction towards you can only be detected through personal contact. Some friends use others to benefit themselves. After they achieve their goals, they turn their backs on you when you have a problem. This type of friendship is as valuable as rusted iron. This relationship would only amount to pain and despair. Another group of these "cheap" friends are those who like

to spread rumors about other people. These people are not trustworthy. They like to use people as targets during their gossip. The purpose for this is often to boost their own ego because they could not bear the fact that other people are better than they are. In order to uplift their own reputation, they tear down others.

Although friends have a dark side that can often shatter a relationship, most true friends enhance your life. You cannot live without a friend to share the joy, laughter, tear, and pain. It is important that you choose your own friends. Just remember, true friends are the ones who stick around when crisis occurs.

American Theater

Come join the drama at American High and watch the plays of:

"Trysting Place"

and

"Impromptu"

The presentation of the one act plays will be on Wednesday, June 6, 1990 or Thursday, June 7, 1990.

Seating will start at 7:00 p.m. The play will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The price of the tickets are:

\$2.50 with A.S.B.

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How Was Your Year?

Ruby Leonen
and
Ellen Nguyen

The school year is coming to an end at American High School. With the end comes the promise of a new beginning and a new school year in the fall. For the students at AHS there are mixed emotions of sadness and happiness. For some the 1989-1990 school year was great while others wanted to start all over.

1990 marks the end of the year for graduating seniors. The year was successful for some and heartbreaking for others. In their senior year these students attacked the SAT, the ACT, and the ACH. As a result of all the hard work, seniors are able to indulge in events such as the senior picnic in Mantica, Disneyland, and the Senior Ball. Happiness and despair will also be felt as the graduates go out to conquer the world on their own. They enter the real world and confront the harsh realities of life living independently. They are stepping into adulthood where decisions will play a major role that will shape their livelihood. Senior Joel Cory states, "This year was not as great as I planned it to be because I did not have time to do everything I wanted. I am looking forward to entering college. There will be more opportunities open for me. This is where I will get a taste of the real world. Summer I plan to just

relax and get a job to earn money. Summer will be a nice time to just get ready for college."

The junior class of 1991 are really looking forward to their senior year. They are now stepping into the vacancy that the graduating seniors left behind. This is their chance to finally be on the top rung of the school ladder. After a strenuous Junior year of homework, tests and projects, the juniors will be happy to kick-back in their senior year. Amy Snodgrass comments, "The year was not as fun as I anticipated. There was so much work to be done that there was no time to have fun. Also the Junior Prom turned out not as fun as I thought it would be. In the summer I will be going to cheerleading camp and possibly skiing. Summer will be a time when I can relax. Senior year will probably be more fun. However, it will be stressful deciding what college to go into. Otherwise I am looking forward to senior year and also graduation!"

Sophomores are becoming veterans of the school. They are coming out of the dark and taking larger steps into school curriculums and activities. Sophomores are now knowledgeable and are getting a firmer grasp on their education. Students of greater talents will find themselves entering the honor system to receive those

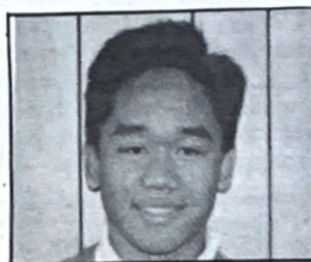
extra points for college credits. For these students a hard and troublesome year will lay ahead in their junior year. Zorana Gee comments, "Sophomore year was fun, but harder than freshman year. It was a much better year for me and I had more fun. As you grow older you get to know more people. In the summer I plan to just have fun and attend summer school. I might even go to the beach to get a nice tan."

Freshmen are happy to be moving up and are thankful for not being at the bottom of the barrel. Sophomore year will be their chance to bully the incoming freshmen and carry on the tradition. These freshmen have accomplished their task and have adapted to the fast pace of high school. A sense of maturity and knowledge has been instilled within them. Karen Marcum states, "High school was not what I had expected. At first I couldn't wait. It was a good year. I went out a lot with my friends. I think next year will be better."

The school year is finally coming to an end. Many fond memories will be cherished by all the students. Everyone will experience the different levels of high school and through their studies and hard work they will have accomplished one of their many goals in life. What will next school year offer? We'll have to wait and see.

Eagle Eye

What qualities does a candidate need to win a class election?

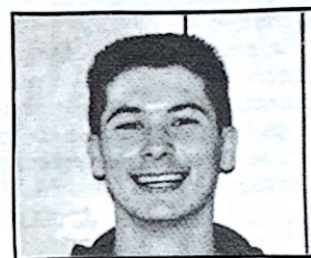


Jake Bayani
Senior

"You have to have some popularity. They have to have an impression that they're willing to be active - a overall nice person."

Michelle Wagner
Junior

"They should have three years of experience in class government...They should take on responsibility to help the school to improve."



Lonnie Peters
Sophomore

"To be a true leader."

Cher Nobis
Freshman

"They have to be dedicated to their class, [they have to] show unification."



American Experiences May Daze

Melanie Ness

Shortened classes, talent shows, lip syncs; all symbols of May Daze. Taking place from May 9-11, May Daze was a fun time for everyone.

The first day began with a "sports day" theme. Everybody was supposed to dress according to the theme. Not very many people were dressed up, but the highlight of the day came at lunch with the talent show. The only talents performed were singing and dancing. The winner of the talent competition, as a dance group, was composed of Brandi Galvin, Michelle Coplin, Tina Ziakis, Rena Leberfing, and Rochelle Merrill. The judges were Mr. Smith, Greg Hoffman, Karen Amaral, Erica Quick, Alicia Thompson, and Krista Daniels.

The theme for the second day was "beach day". In place of a talent show there was a lip sync. Except for some flying fruit, the show went pretty well. Acts ranged from Milli Vanilli to the Red Hot Chili Peppers. The winner of the lip sync competition was a group who

called themselves "The Flip Side", composed of John Diamonon, Chris Noriega, Ricky Gonzales, Gino Forral, Jake Bayani, and Kevin Chang. They were also last year's co-champs. John Diamonon says, "The sad May Daze performance was quite sentimental to us. We've danced and performed together for a long time and we really wanted to give it all we got for the last dance at A.H.S. The songs they used were "Spread Your wings" and "I'm Not Souped." They wore matching outfits and performed a "studly," choreographed dance. The judges for this competition were the same, except Mr Toft took the place of Mr. Smith.

On the last day of May Daze, there was a rally at lunch time. The winners of the talent show and lip sync performed. Then there was a slam dunk contest and the finals for the basketball competition. James Joseph won the slam dunk competition, and the winning team for basketball was Danny Soares, Bobby Simmons, and Steve Polley. The volleyball winners were Matt Gilchrist, Bobby Pailthorpe, and Rui Terra. May Daze was a fun time and everyone is looking forward to next year.

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Boys' Tennis In MVAL

David Hsia

As the season came to an end, American finished overall with a record of 5-9. Although the team was somewhat disappointed at the season, it prepared earnestly for the MVAL finals at Ohlone College. Kevin Chang said, "This season was disappointing because I did not play up to my potentials." The single players consisted of Paul Kim, Subha Basu, Matt Aglehan, Jason Greenwood, and David Hsia. The doubles comprised of Kevin Chang and Anand Chopra, and Allan Jeung and Mike Noche.

On May 17, the first day of competition, the singles competed two rounds. Matt Aglehan lost in the second round to Newark Memorial's number one player Erik Lono. David Hsia also lost in the second round to Richie Ramos of Moreau. Paul Kim, Subha Basu, and Jason Greenwood all advanced to the third round. American became the team with the second-highest number of players still in the tournament.

Next day, the remaining single players faced tough competition against the top seeded players. Paul Kim played against Mission's number one player John McCall and lost 2-6, 3-6. Subha Basu played the number two seeded player Nhien Nguyen of Logan and lost with the score of 1-6, 2-6. Jason Greenwood played against Erik Lono of Newark Memorial. Although he had played doubles most of the season and had been injured, Greenwood played a superb game and lost in three sets. After falling behind in the first set with the score of 2-6, Greenwood battled to win the second set with the score of 6-2. Unfortunately, he lost in the third set as a result

of a tie breaker with the score of 6-7(4-7). Greenwood was excited but also disappointed with the lost.

The doubles began competition on May 18. Unfortunately, Allan Jeung and Mike Noche lost in the first round against Mike Dorado and Meeraj Sabharwal with the score of 3-6, 3-6. Kevin Chang and Anand Chopra were

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game of effort,
just like life."

Anand Chopra

seeded number four and boosted a record of 11-3 in the regular season. They were able to advance past the early rounds with little difficulty. At the quarterfinals, they were able to pull off a three setter against Mission's Brent Carlson and Teo Rusquez with the score of 7-5, 2-6, and 6-4.

In the semifinals, Chang and Chopra met the surprise of the tournament. They played the tough team of Jaime Santos and Tim Martens of Washington, the future winners of MVAL doubles. Chang and Chopra tried hard but came up short. They lost in two sets.

As the tennis season came to a close, the American tennis team was full of mixed emotions. It had been a disappointing season, but in the MVAL finals the Eagles displayed grace. Three singles players advanced past the second round and one doubles team made it to the semifinals. As the player packed their equipment, the thought of an improved season next year slowly emerged from the back of their minds. Anand Chopra gave his last advice, "Tennis is a game of effort, just like life. What it comes down to is the way you use it. And that pertains to everything."

Candi Black

Although he is not the captain of the football team or the pitcher for the varsity baseball squad, Seth Young is an outstanding athlete who deserves recognition.

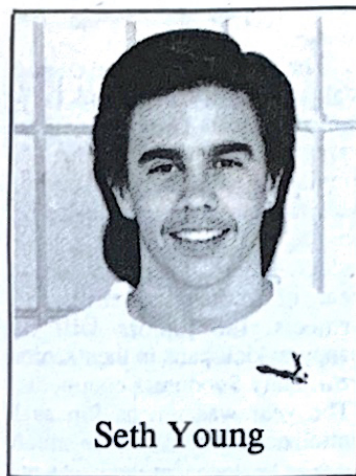
Few students at American High know that Seth Young recently finished third in the world championship 80cc motorcycle race for 12 to 16 year olds in Las Vegas.

"Some people just say something like 'Why didn't you win,' Young told a reporter from the Argus. "I don't think people in school around here can appreciate the sport because they don't understand sports that aren't like football or baseball. But my family understands what it means and the guys at the local cycle shop really flip out."

Is this true? Is American High School so caught up in the glory of recognizing the football quarterback that they don't see the

success of not so popular students or sports?!

Young's racing career almost



Seth Young

came to an accidental halt at age 11. During a race in the Mojave desert town of Adelanto, he lost control of his bike and slid down the motor-cross track. After spending the day in the hospital, Seth was taken home by his parents. Motorcycle racing,

seemingly, was not in his future.

Seth and his brother watched intently and with anticipation while their father, Greg, continued with his racing career. After a lot of talking with promoters, Seth was allowed to race again. He set a goal of racing at nationals and began his training last June.

Seth came on strong to finish second in the state championships. Figuring it was the end of his season, he took six weeks off. Then, Seth received an invitation to the world championships.

Although not in peak condition, because of the layoff, young drew attention with his performance and beat national champion John Leddy.

Five years ago Seth Young's racing career almost ended because of an injury. Now, he is one of the best in the world. Hey, maybe there are athletes out outside of school organized sports.

Eagles Drown In NCS

Candi Black

Due to the lack of experience and bad weather conditions, both the boy's and girl's Varsity swimming teams fared poorly at the recent MVAL Championships.

The Mission boys, who have won 11 straight league championships, once again dominated the Mission Valley Athletic League finals. Not only did they take first place in the boy's meet, but also in the girl's.

"I think the swim team did well very overall, considering

that most of the team were newcomers to swimming," said Kara Nekimken.

American's Kara Nekimken placed second in both the 100 and

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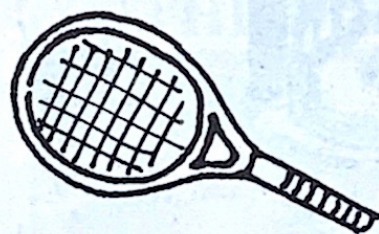
Kara Nekimken

200 meter free-style races. Shari Wold also placed, taking second in the 100 meter back stroke event.

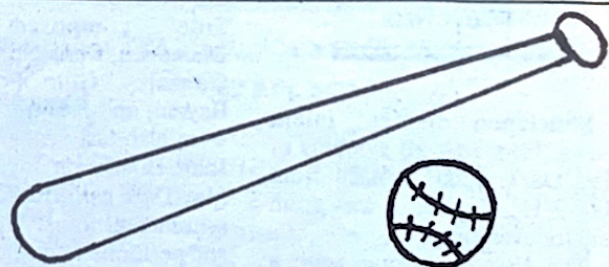
American High School had five girls qualify to swim at the NCS level: Teri Estrada, Jill Gutierrez, Kelly Gyax, Kara Nekimken and Shari Wold.

Although none of the American swimmers made it past NCS, the experience that they gained is sure to be of help next year.

Varsity Roster. Boys: Bryan Bach, Josh Doody, Wahid Fazli, Greg Gutierrez, Jeff Strickland, David Tobeck, Tim Vallejos and Jim Wiseman. Girls: Teri Estrada, Heather Gruett, Jill Gutierrez, Kelly Gyax, Jennifer Leslie, Rachelle Merrill and Kara Nekimken.



Scoreboard



Baseball

	Win	Lose
Logan	12	2
Mission San Jose	10	4
American	9	5
Kennedy	7	7
Washington	7	7
Newark Memorial	5	9
Moreau	4	10
Irvington	2	12

Softball

	Win	Lose
Logan	13	1
Mission San Jose	10	4
American	9	5
Moreau	9	5
Newark Memorial	9	5
Irvington	3	11
Washington	3	11
Kennedy	0	14

Boys Swimming

	Win	Lose	Tie
Mission San Jose	7	0	0
Logan	5	2	0
Newark Memorial	5	2	0
Washington	5	2	0
Moreau	3	4	0
American	1	5	1
Irvington	1	6	0
Kennedy	0	6	1

Boys Tennis

	Win	Lose
Kennedy	12	2
Mission San Jose	12	2
Washington	12	2
Logan	7	7
Newark Memorial	6	8
American	5	9
Moreau	2	12
Irvington	0	14

Badminton

	Win	Lose
Newark Memorial	12	0
Kennedy	10	2
Logan	7	5
Mission San Jose	6	6
American	4	8
Washington	3	9
Irvington	0	12

Girl's Swimming

	Win	Lose	Tie
Mission San Jose	7	0	0
Irvington	6	1	0
Moreau	5	2	0
Washington	4	3	0
Logan	3	4	0
Newark Memorial	2	5	0
Kennedy	1	6	0
American	0	7	0

Improvements In Badminton

Cindy Liu

"We got better as the year went along--just as we expected. We lost a lot of players from last year, but the young players got better as the year progressed," commented Coach Pete Vaz.

Although the badminton team ended this season in fifth place, there was an astounding improvement near the end of the season. The matches that boosted the team's spirit took place against Mission and Washington. In contrast to the score against Mission (7-10) during the first half of the season, the team came back to defeat the Warriors 9-8 during the season's second half. "I'm proud of the team because we pulled it off," exclaimed Anna Morris. Another improvement was against Washington. The first time the two teams played, the Eagles lost 11-6. However, they put in a tremendous effort, beating the Huskies 9-8.

When questioned about what they have learned from badminton, Christine Longmuir, a first year badminton player on the team, remarked, "I learned to have good sportsmanship and how to have fun." Girls' doubles number-two player Hsin-Hsin Liu and Jenny Chan also commented, "We learned more

skills and experience from the matches that we played. And we also learned to work together as a great team!" Captain Evonne Tsou included, "The only people who think of badminton as a wimpy sport are those who don't know how to play the sport and haven't seen it played properly. It takes a lot of endurance and good physical condition. It is a very fast-paced sport."

This year, the following teams represented American High at the MVAL competition: Girls' Singles--Wendy Hsiao, Anna Morris Hanh Nguyen; Girls' Doubles--Evonne Tsou and Julie Wu, Jenny Chan and Hsin-Hsin Liu, and Wahita Fazli and Asma Nassry; Boys' Singles--Alex Tung, Alfred Jason, and Aaron Ambayon; Boys' Doubles--Steve Chuang and Steven Gee, David Lee and Juan Lovato, and Owen Chao and Henry Chuang; Mixed Doubles--Shawn Welch and Christine Buquid, John Hsu and Josephine Robillo, and Alfred David and Thao Nguyen. Coach Pete Vaz forecasted, "I think Wendy should win girls' singles and Evonne and Julie should place. Anyone that gets in is icing on the cake. We have dark horses that have the ability to place and with some luck, we'll get to the finals." His predictions came true. Wu and Tsou placed second at the MVAL. Hsiao won the Girls' Singles title at MVAL and NCS.

Girls Softball Team Supposed To Place Second In MVAL

Cindy Liu

This year the girls softball team came in second place in the MVAL, but due to the forfeiture of four games, they slid into fifth place.

The misfortune started when the team used a transfer student from one of the schools in the Mission Valley Athletic League in their games. Without an admit slip from the previous school, other teams in the MVAL charged that American used an illegal player. The dispute was then turned over to the NCS board. Mr. Tranchina admitted that the problem was his fault. The controversy began when he asked Moreau's principal for an admit slip, for the unidentifiable player's eligibility. Eventually the issue slipped his mind. He did not repeatedly request for it and as a result

Moreau did not send one. After four games were played, Moreau charged American for using an eligible player. When the suit was turned to the NCS board, the board decided to forfeit four American games. The board's director, the principal from Alacances High School, Mr. Orlando Chiavini stated that the school did not follow the rule of the board. Although there was a 230 code in the Section By-Law of the NCS, allowing other actions to be taken, the board came up with a decision to make the team forfeit four games because the player contributed a lot to the games that the team played. Nevertheless, Mr. Tranchina still felt it was unfair to punish the player for what was his fault. He stated, "I am really angry with NCS's eligibility for punishing students for what was clearly my mistake."

Despite the incident, Coach DeStefano felt that they had a productive year. He is very

pleased with the girls' performance. They had the best match against Mission during the first half of the season. Even though the Warriors were leading throughout the game, Eagles came from behind and won 4-3.

Coach DeStefano felt that there are many outstanding players on the team. For example, Bernie Corniel is an outstanding pitcher. He believes that without her, the team would have never won. Wendy Cottop is also an astounding player. She was named "best athlete" on the American squad. With her great ground defense, Coach DeStefano declared, "...she should've been in the first team instead of the second." Among the more outstanding players on the team include: Missy Garcia(catcher), Tonya Stilwell(batting average .406), and Kathleen Haworth(3rd baseman). Coach DeStefano concluded, "All of these girls were just sensational. I really enjoy working with them."

Boys Falter In MVAL; Girls Move Up

Elliott Chin

Last month, the regular track season ended, with the American Eagles girls team placing sixth with a 2-5 record, and the boys team placing second with a 6-1 record. At MVAL's during May 10 and 11, all district teams competed for two days. After a strong performance, the girls team was able to move its record

up and finish the season in fourth place. The boys, however, played poorly at MVAL's and dropped to sixth for the season.

After MVAL's, certain athletes from the track team qualified for the NCS, North Coast Sectional. For the girls, they were Heather Jackson, Jennifer Wensemen, Marlise Otani, Pam Gerard, Karen Parker, and Anna Chow. Among the boys team, Greg Hoffman, Bobby Simmons, David Pham, Matteo Tessera, and Todd Yeats qualified for the NCS.

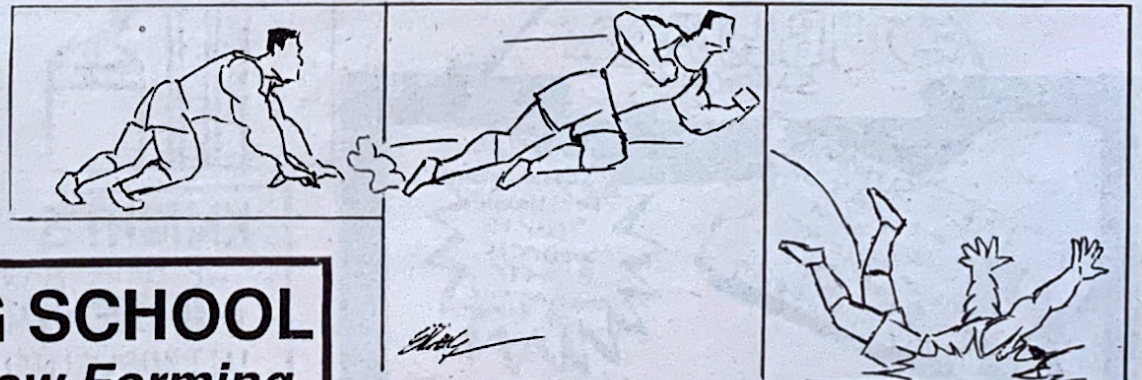
After competition at the NCS, Karen Parker, Greg Hoffman, Matteo Tessera, and Todd Yeats placed well enough to qualify themselves for the MOC, Meet of Champions.

Todd Yeats, who went on to participate in MOC and turned out to be one of the track team's star players, spoke of the track season as a whole, "The Track Season was successful for some; and [was] a learning experience for some track players that will carry on to next year."

Here are a few questions for next year's sports page. Since the paper is written for the students of American High, it is only fair that we print what you want to read.

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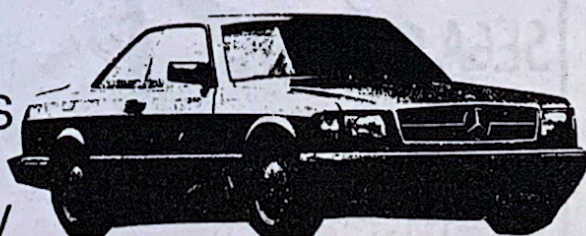
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Class Elections...

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The winners were Emily Jose and Becky Orner. Emily, speaking for herself and her running-mate, said, "We're ready. We know what to do and what not to do[for the class]." Running for class justice were Thao Nguyen, Kasey Waite, and Rachel Yotter. The class justice for 1993 will be Thao Nguyen. There were six candidates for senator and they were Mandy Auerbach, Karla Chisholm, Monica Chung, Matthew Lipps, Christy Nance, and Janet Parker. The winners were Monica Chung and Janet Parker.

During this year's elections, some new tactics were tried. Len

Wiseman and Jason Boyer placed stickers with their names on coca-cola cans. They also made an eye-catching poster decorated with lights which was later taken down because it violated size restrictions. Arthur Chan and Joseph King tried to win the minority votes by incorporating Chinese and Afghan slogans in their posters. This year's elections contained a great variety and mixture of candidates, in spite of the low turn-out. Said Erica Quick, "There was a good variety. There weren't just friends. The candidates were spread out."

ASB Elections...

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When he was asked about his confidence during the election, Todd Yeats replied, "Yes, I was positive throughout the campaign." Scott McDonald expressed his view by saying, "It's like losing a triple overtime basketball game." After the

election, McDonald applied and received the post of the School Board Representative in the ASB. Both Yeats and McDonald will be in the ASB and they say that they are ready. They both are looking forward to next year to help and improve American High School.

Golden Globe

David Hsia

The Golden Globe returned once again for the second semester. The contest's purposes are to match the best geography students and find out who is the best. The contest also helps to promote geographic literacy and learning.

This semester's contest lacked teams. Many teams dropped out due to the time of year. Despite the lack of participation, geography teacher Mr. Johnson said, "There were some qualified teams." There were only three rounds and some teams received byes.

The second semester Golden Globe contest ended with a close game in the final. The final

match was between Mr. Johnson's team, which consisted of Janet Parker, Monica Chung, Tho Vo, and Greg Johnson, and Mr. Shimon's team, Shirin Dewani, Eileen Yap, Dawn Monach, and Anthony Reyes. Anthony Raees was sick the day of the contest and Aaron Shirley replaced him.

Both teams played with determination. There was a disputed call early in the contest and the point was awarded to Mr. Johnson's team. This made the game extremely close. The contest came down to the last two questions and Mr. Shimon's team won the match. Despite the missing member, Mr. Shimon's team won the contest with a score of 24-22.

Birds Visit American

David Hsia

On May 21, a bird show took place at Theater 70. The show was sponsored by the Science Club. Its purpose was to teach and entertain the students about science.

The show, called International Bird Show, was ran by bird trainer Joe Krathwold. Joe Krathwold was a former student at American High School and was glad to perform for a home crowd. In the show, various kind of parrots were used. Each parrot was well trained by Krathwold

and knew some humorous tricks. Using the tricks as a platform, Krathwold informed the students interesting aspects of the lives of birds and parrots.

During the show, numerous funny stunts were performed. All the parrots were humorously named. Coca, a young parrot, attempts to sing Jingle Bell. Albert rode a scooter and whistled at the audience. Bomber pushed a little shopping cart and drove a Ferrari. Sam, the veteran parrot of the show, played basketball and rode a unicycle. Joe Krathwold even juggled Sam.

After the tricks, Krathwold showed the audience a graceful

Eastern Barred owl and a beautiful Butler Eagle. The audience were able to feel the soft feathers of the owl and see the colorful eagle spread its huge wings. He told the audience that these birds were born in captivity and therefore he can train and keep them as pets. He warned people not to threaten birds because many of them are on the endangered species list. Krathwold emphasized conserving the wild life and the environment. The show ended with an applause and some participants received the chance to question the trainer.

Blood Drive At American

Elliott Chin

Last month, on May 30, the Alameda Contra-Costa Blood Bank came to American High School. The semi-annual Medical Association Blood Drive that occurs in the fall and in the spring yielded 154 pints and brought in over 100 students.

Those students 17 years old and weighing a minimum of 110 lbs. are eligible to participate in the blood drive. The process is simple. After filling out a medical history questionnaire, nurses take a sample of blood from the participant, and the eligibility of the blood is determined. The procedure is risk-free, and the needles used are discarded. Although the blood bank does not pay its participants, it does give out free T-shirts. Juice and cookies are

also given after the blood process to replenish the sugar content in the blood. The process of storing blood is much like that of a bank. Both teachers and students were urged to participate in the blood drive.

The blood drive involves the entire Fremont Unified School District, but American High's performance is usually less satisfactory than other schools' in the district. This year, however, American recorded its greatest amount of blood in three years. This spring, the 154 pints received from American students rivalled the 160 average in other schools.

This spring was one of the best in terms of the blood drive and student participation. Many administrators are pleased. Robin Dequara deserves thanks from the Alameda Contra-Costa County Blood Bank and the students of American High.

News Notes

Sammy Davis Jr.

Last month, one of the entertainment business's biggest stars lost his nine-month bout with throat cancer. Sammy Davis Jr. died in his sleep at his home on May 16, 1990, at dawn. He was a veteran of the stage and performed in theater, dance, and film. He started his career as a small boy tap-dancing his way into the hearts of millions. He made many songs famous but is most remembered for his rendition of "Bojangles." Sammy Davis Jr.'s death left many in the entertainment industry saddened. Sammy Davis Jr. wanted to die at home, in peace, and so left the hospital a few weeks before his death. He lived to the age of 63.

Jim Henson

Another death rocked the entertainment industry. Jim Henson, the creator of the Muppets, died of a bacterial infection brought on by a three-day battle with pneumonia. Jim Henson was known the world over as the creator of Kermit the Frog, and did the frog's voice throughout his career. He also created the Sesame Street Show to help children learn in a fun manner. He single-handedly revived the art of puppetry. His most recent achievement before his death was his contribution to the movie, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," in which he directed the turtles and saw to their look on screen. Dinsey will take over and many more muppet programs will be made in the Henson tradition.

Gorbachev In Bay Area

Mikhail Gorbachev arrived in San Francisco for a one day trip to the city by the bay. He had a meeting with the South Korean President Rho to discuss important issues in the spirit of glasnost. He visited Stanford University and gave a speech to the students and faculty concerning the improvement of foreign relationships and his domestic policies. He received a painting from a Stanford student as a gift. Mrs. Gorbachev took a tour of Fisherman's Wharf and visited various other attractions in San Francisco. The main purpose of the Gorbachevs' visit was to increase investment of U.S. industries in his country and promote world peace.



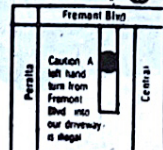
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