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Seniors Have a Ball at the Ball

By Cristina Reyes

It was the last magical evening for the class of 1990. It was the long-awaited senior ball. On Saturday, May 19, 1990, at 8:00 p.m., the senior class came together for one last time before graduation. The theme for the senior ball was "I'll Be There" by the Jackson Five. The evening's mementos consisted of instant picture key chains and memory booklets. The ball was held at Park Fifty-Five hotel in downtown San Francisco. Seniors had been preparing for it months in advance. "I make sure I had everything ready at least a week in advance so that I wouldn't panic at the last minute," said senior Christi Preece. Despite the threat of rain, nothing could put a damper on the senior class's mood that evening.

Transportation to the ball was important to a lot of seniors. "We got our limousine almost at the last minute, but we still managed to get a great one," stated senior Kelly Kavorkian.

Not everyone chose to ride in limousines. Seniors Kelly Gygax, Lori Carper, and company chose a rented RV. Directions to the hotel were given on maps handed out with the bids, so the majority of seniors had no trouble finding the place. Upon arrival, the hotel could be seen from a mile away with "Parc Fifty-Five" in lights. Inside the seniors were treated to a very elegant establishment.

The ball was held on the fourth floor of the hotel. Each girl's dress had its own style and each guy made his tuxedo unique. Before dinner was served, the photographers took pictures of couples who wanted to get the pictures out of the way. Dinner was served at 8:00. Dinner included a salad, a main course of chicken stuffed with wild mushroom, rice and assorted vegetables, dessert was a dark, rich chocolate mousse topped with cream.

Promptly after dinner was served, the dancing began. The music was provided by Greg Gil

productions. Although many seniors seemed to enjoy it, some complained that there was not a wide range of music played. Pictures were taken again during and after dinner. The photographers were not at all prepared for the number of ball-goers who wanted to take pictures. "It went well, because at least the food was decent. The photographers should have been prepared ahead of time for all of the people that wanted to take pictures," stated senior and ASB vice-president Jacob Bayani.

Despite the long wait for pictures, seniors made the most of the night. Many left before midnight and headed for Santa Cruz. This was senior Dave Celeste's plan. "Yeah, it (the ball) was cool, but I couldn't wait until after because that's when the real fun began." To many seniors, post-ball activities are as important as the ball itself. A good number of the senior class rented hotel rooms in Santa Cruz and partied until the wee hours of the morning. Not everyone went to

Senior Fling at Magic Mountain

By David Alexander

On Saturday, June 2, at 6:30 a.m., 47 tired seniors loaded themselves onto a chartered bus heading for Magic Mountain in search of the infamous grad-night. The fun-filled eleven hours we spent there made it worth the lengthy drive.

We were immediately surprised by the extreme temperature, but by the time the seniors were inside the park, they were adjusted to it. The fast-paced roller coaster "The Viper" seemed to be the park's main attraction. "My day would not have been complete without riding 'The Viper'," remarked senior Greg Gutierrez. With its many loops and corkscrews, "The Viper" guarantees non-stop fun.

Originally, the Senior Fling was developed for the entire senior class, however it was eventually narrowed down to one bus filled to its fifty person capacity. "I was a little surprised at the small turnout," explained senior vice-president Brandi Galvin, "but those who did not go missed a great day. The small numbers also created a real spirit of comradery and we had a really good group of people."

This year's grad-night presented a climatic end to an exciting year. It was different from previous grad-night's in that it took place during normal park hours and that it was very informal. Senior Kevin Richardi summed it up enthusiastically by saying "it was the most fun I've ever had on a school function and well worth the money!"

Santa Cruz. "My friends, and I and our dates rented suites at the woodfin in Newark. We didn't have to go to Santa Cruz to have the same kind of fun. We had a great time," stated senior Jeff Borges.

Along with the entire senior class, Mr. Tranchina agreed that

the senior ball was a success, "I think that it was the most successful senior Ball I have attended. The girls looked more beautiful and the guys more dashing than all of the previous 36 Senior Balls I have attended."

American Dream Set for June 16

By Maria Camba

Hours after commencement, many seniors will be attending the American Dream. While there has been much talk about the American Dream, not many details of the event have been revealed.

Both events, graduation and American Dream, occur in less than a week. Graduation is a time remember the past four years, to reminisce, to talk about the future, and to celebrate the new freedom.

Expect the same of American Dream, with a few exceptions. First, you will not have to sit under the hot sun, wearing an unbearable frock. You can come wearing anything you like. Your hosts would like you to be as comfortable as possible to enjoy the night.

Secondly, it isn't over in two hours, nor does it occur in the daytime. It starts at 8 p.m. and ends at 5 a.m. the next morning. So in case the night's

excitement takes its toll on you, there is a quiet area where you can sleep. In fact, you are urged to bring a sleeping bag.

Thirdly, you have a chance to win a car and other prizes. Along with a "Dreamy" T-shirt, your ticket qualifies you to win a Cougar XR7. Even at this moment, it is being remodeled from top to bottom, thanks to Tim Vallejo and his family.

The committees (at least sixteen and other subcommittees) responsible for the event have planned hourly activities, like a locker game, an American High version of Trivial Pursuit (questions are about American's students, teachers, and events that have happened in the past four years). Set up entirely in the Rotunda, the carnival like atmosphere will feature among other things a mock casino and horse race, all played with unreal money you receive upon entering. There will be drawings for prizes every hour (Shen Pan,

who attended last year's event won a Sony walkman).

There will be an area for dancing. DJ Steve Boznic will be present, playing songs the seniors have chosen.

Should I go on? Am I giving too much away? Hopefully your anticipation should be rising. Other specifics include a graffiti wall, a memory lane, an area where you can sit and talk and sign yearbooks, movies, and most importantly, an unlimited supply of food.

Preparing for this enormous task took thousands of hours of planning, working, building sets, fundraising, etc. Thanks to the help of parents such as the Leslies, Vallejos, Thompsons, and chairpersons Paul and Sylvia Phillips. They and others have been working on the June event since the start of the school year. Fundraisers such as February's pasta feed, raffle drawings, and last month's car wash, help to reduce the enormous cost. Ticket sales and donations should cover the

remaining bills.

However, everything has not gone smoothly. Things hit a snag when it was discovered last Christmas that the 1989 Spirit Week decorations had all been stolen from their place of storage. There are no clues as to who could have done the deed. The decorations were supposed to have been part of American

Dream's set.

If plans seem a bit too much, it is done to ensure that the graduates have a time they will never forget. If you haven't bought a ticket yet, you can still buy them, at a price of \$25 per ticket. That is your only expense for the evening.

Senior Schedule

- June 11: Senior Checkout
- June 12: Final checkout with Ms. Allred
- June 13: 1-3 p.m. Cap and Gown pickup
- June 14: No school for seniors
- June 15: Graduation rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.
- June 16: Graduation
- June 16: American Dream

FAREWELL SENIORS!

To the Class of 1990:

I am certain that I speak for the entire staff and student body here at American High School in wishing you Godspeed and success in all your future pursuits. On a personal level, I want to thank you directly for having made this a most enjoyable and, in many ways, intriguing year.

Through the challenges, problems, and concerns, you have reminded me once more, and underscored most emphatically for me, my professional reason for being. You have made this a truly memorable and exciting year, for which you have my personal gratitude.

As a great Irish poet once said, "May you always walk with the wind at your back." I wish you every happiness and success.

Cordially,
Mr. Tranchina
Principal

To the Class of 1990:

I first met you in the spring of 1986 when I went to Thornton to Preregister the class for the next school year. I thought you looked like a nice class--small, but nice. Unfortunately, as soon as you arrived at American, I started getting complaints. "This class has no discipline. They stand up in the middle of class and socialize, not paying attention to the teacher. They are not qualified to go into any advanced class because of lack of skill. They will never make their sophomore year." I worried every night. I ate everything in sight to relieve the frustration of having a whole Class retained in their freshman year and went from a size 6 to a size 12 within 12 months. Yet, this Class will attend more colleges and receive more scholarships than any other Class that I have had.

Graduation is a major accomplishment, and you have every right to be proud of yourself. Yet, some of our Class made the choice not to graduate with us, by getting those one legged A's and that's okay. I understand not wanting to leave this architectural dream. However, all of you should take pride in the kind of Class you have become. I am often at a loss for different words that will tell you how much I like you. It gives me great pleasure to simply see you all smile and laugh. I've been touched by your thoughtfulness to me and to each other. I'm brightened by your humor and saddened by your sorrow or disappointment. I'll always feel a special feeling in my heart that will not diminish by time or distance for the Class of 1990.

I think the writer Renee Duvall said it best:

"Dream what you want to dream. Go where you want to go, be who you want to be, but remember to enjoy every step of life's journey. It's easy to become so focused on a goal that the rest of life passes unnoticed, even unappreciated. It's important to remember that the essence of each day is unique and fleeting. Minutes are grains of sand that slip all too quickly through our fingers, leaving only memories. So follow your dream where ever it may lead you and remember to enjoy each and every step along the way."

Remember only you can make your dreams come true. I will remember you forever and wish you all a future filled with blessings, fulfillment and all the happiness you desire.

Love,
Ms. Allred
Counselor

Guiding Us Through the Years

As the year draws to close, the class of 1990 must say good-bye to someone who has been at our side since the first day of freshman year, Ms. Jan Allred.

Ms. Allred has been a guiding force for the class of 1990, always smiling and ready to give the right advice. She has been a counselor here since American opened in 1972. She jokingly says not to try to compute how many classes she's counseled over the years.

Asked how she feels about the seniors, she immediately answers, "The class of 1990 is the best class I've ever had, they're the best group. What I love about them is that they're fun....From the beginning they impressed me...They are very united, they took second place in their first Spirit Week."

The class' success can be attributed to Ms. Allred. She says she loved the students, their clashing personalities and different backgrounds. Perhaps that is why so many find it easy to talk to her. The seniors also love her back. According to Mike Hillstrom, "She's been very helpful and caring through my rough times."

"Memorable moment? All four Spirit Weeks, the Senior picnic, the Junior prom," Ms. Allred recounts, "The four years have gone by so fast hasn't it?" Yes, it has.

Ms. Allred holds tremendous respect for the seniors, in turn the seniors adore her. Alicia Thompson says that Ms. Allred "has been there for us. If you have a problem or a question, she's always willing to take time during lunch or in her free time. She's a second more."

Like a mom seeing her children leave home, Ms. Allred goes through a period of depression. To relieve that, she is planning to go to Hawaii. Whoa! Isn't the majority of the senior class going to Hawaii? "Yes, but I'm going in August," she says with a mysterious smile.

Wherever she goes, she will be missed.



Ms. Jan Allred

The clock strikes 7:41 A.M. Knowing that you're late for school, you run clumsily to Student Service 12 thinking of an excuse for your tardiness. As you breathlessly enter the room, you are greeted by a warm, understanding face. "Um...my pants were in the dryer and I had to wait for them to dry and that's why I'm late," you blurt out. Smiling, she hands you a pass to class and you walk out, thankful for her mercy. You hear giggling behind you but are too embarrassed to turn around.

If this scenario seems all too familiar to you, then you'll know exactly who I'm talking about. If not, the adjectives-- "warm" and "understanding" would remind you of Mrs. Tsurui, better known as "Mrs. T."

Mrs. T started working at American four years ago. A certain closeness exists between Mrs. T and the class of 1990, since we are the first class she has ever had. She remembers how much the senior class has grown over the last four years. "Freshman year-- most were standoffish and quiet, not friendly, but scared. Sophomore year-- they matured over the summer time and felt secure of themselves. Junior year was academically hard for them. They became more like young adults and had more responsibilities for their actions. I liked them a whole lot by the time they were juniors!" And up until the last couple of weeks, "The seniors have been great! They have Senioritis pretty bad," she said.

Mrs. T doesn't feel the monotony of her job. "It's new day every day. There's always a new twist to it." She's basically at American for us, "I love teen-age kids!"

The Senior Class should feel greedy for having such a wonderful secretary. Next year's freshman class doesn't know how lucky they are!



Ms. Karyl Tsurui

Something special awaits you at the Career Center. If you haven't been up there, then you are missing out on a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet the one person who can change your life. That special lady happens to be Career Center Technician, Ms. Lin Datz.

Ms. Datz has been a big help to college bound seniors. She has offered her advice to many seniors who were not sure about their futures. The one quality that makes her special is her ability to understand and relate to your problems. There has been many times that a confused senior would go to the Career Center and ask Ms. Datz to help in their decision concerning college.

With all the whining that she has to put up with, she doesn't even get angry or frustrated. If she does, one can't tell because she keeps it to herself.

As far as she is concerned, Ms. Datz likes her job very much. She enjoys seeing students get into college and is especially excited when some receive scholarships. Even though her jobs keeps her very busy, she is always willing to help.

If you haven't done so already, go up to the Career Center and chat with Ms. Datz.



Ms. Lin Datz

Dear Class of 1990,

I began my career at American High School along with you, and like you I wasn't quite sure what to expect. Most of you were very quiet, lost, and unsure of what to do and how to act. It was fun to watch you pull together and work so hard on Spirit Week that first year.

As Sophomores you were more relaxed and friendly. It was suddenly fun to talk with you. I enjoyed hearing about the fun you were having or listening and trying to help you with your problems.

Your Junior year was exciting. The Junior Prom was indeed a highlight. You all looked so grown up and wonderful. Your academics were difficult during that year. You worked hard and seemed to realize that your success now would have a great affect on your future dreams.

Now you are Seniors. I can't believe the four years have zipped by so quickly. You're young adults, each of you so special in your own way. Soon you will be graduates and moving on toward fulfilling your dreams. I will always remember the Class of 1990. It has been a joy to watch you grow and mature. I look forward to seeing you and hearing about your successes as the years pass. My love and best wishes to each of you.

Love,
Mrs. T
Secretary

Mr. Rich Larsen: Teacher of the Year



Mr. Rich Larsen

Photo by Ms. Mary Roman

As you walk down the 300 wing, you can hear loud and strange laughter coming from one classroom. Did someone just do something to embarrass themselves, or did something really funny just occur? Probably, Mr. Rich Larsen just told one of his famous jokes. "I like his jokes. They help to break the tension you usually feel when you are trying to learn economics," stated senior John Diamonon. Larsen can break the tension in any class, for he teaches economics, government, and geography.

Your first impression of Mr. Larsen is that he is too funny to be a teacher. So then why is this man teaching? Because it is a well-paying job? No, he decided to become a teacher because he saw how much his high school teachers enjoyed their jobs and also, he wanted an opportunity to coach. When talking about his effectiveness as a teacher, Larsen is very modest, "I'd really like to believe, for the most part, that students are getting what I am

trying to teach them. Nobody can get it a 100% of the time, but I think that I'm successful as I could hope to be."

"He makes economics fun to learn. His sense of humor and patience make it easy to learn a basically confusing course," said senior Kevin Enderby. To top that off, disruptive outbursts are rare in his class. Students are actually paying attention and willing to learn. "I'd actually like to think that I earn the respect of my students, and therefore, discipline problems

are minimal." For the most part, Larsen has gained the respect of his students not because of his patience, but because of his understanding of the way high school is.

Along with his sense of understanding, Larsen is also a teacher who is not afraid to admit that he is wrong. What truly separates him from the rest of his colleagues, he feels is his sense of humor. Senior Matteo Tessera agrees, "His jokes aren't that funny, but sometimes you just have to laugh because the

rest of the school day was screwed up and it kind of makes things more fun. He has a way of taking pressure off." This is especially great for seniors who are panicking because of SAT's, ACT's, various placement tests, and acceptances to their dream colleges.

Rich Larsen has been teaching at American since it first opened in 1972. He has taught students who are now in their late twenties/early thirties, and he still likes to teach. But, like everyone else, he has those bad days. "My bad days are the days when I know that I've done a really bad job." Do things really ever get that bad for Mr. Larsen? He seems to think so, but for him there is always that bright light at the end of the tunnel, "I think that every teacher has bad days. There are days, though, when I can't believe I get paid for what I do because I enjoy it so much, and

some days I wish I could just paint houses."

If there is anything more frustrating for a senior it is economics. Many seniors just can not comprehend it. Mr. Larsen should be happy to know that the way he teaches such a hard course helps some people in trying to learn it. "Even though economics is a dumb course, at least Mr. Larsen takes his time to stop and help us if we are confused (which is all the time)," stated senior Brandon Bennett.

If there is anything that Mr. Larsen wants graduating seniors to remember him for is his great jokes and other things, "I guess that I hope they didn't dread coming to my class, and that when they left it was a worthwhile 50 minutes. Also, I hope they'll remember what a great joke teller I was. Arty chokes 3 for a \$1.00."

Thanks for the Help



Ms. Tavia Quaid

"Being a class advisor, makes it more than just a job," says senior class advisor, Ms. Quaid has been teaching here at American high school for two years. She teaches geography and world history.

Quaid taught at Irvington high school and was class advisor for the sophomore class there, so she comes to AHS with experience. When she first entered the gates to AHS, John Dipaola appointed her to become a class advisor because the staff needed more advisors. She taught the majority of this year's seniors as juniors last year and knows them pretty well. She gave the job, some thought and decided to take it. Quaid knew it was an extra chance for teachers to have more contact with students.

"I enjoyed getting involved with the activities," replied Quaid. In the classroom she treats her students like students, but out of the classroom she has close friendly relationships with them. She enjoys being able to counsel students about problems in their personal life. Students favor teachers who are real positive and Quaid is one of those teachers.

Quaid really gets involved with the activities and students. She plans on advising the incoming freshmen for the 90-91 school year. Quaid quietly announced, "It is going to be really hard to see the seniors class go."

Good-Bye Class of 1990!

Dear Seniors,

As June 16, 1990 quickly approaches we constantly look at graduation with the anticipation of leaving high school and making our mark on the world. We're all planning to venture out and discover what is in store for us. At this point, we're looking ahead, not looking back. Remember our class, the experiences we've shared, and our "family" that continued to grow closer over the past four years.

It seems like it was only a while ago that we entered American High School, confused at the way the classrooms were set up and in awe of the upperclassmen. We were laughed at because we were freshmen, but soon we were doing the laughing when we came in third place in our very first spirit week competition.

As sophomores we were a little cocky, predicting a spirit week victory from the very beginning. Our class became closer as lifetime friendships began to form. We were a unified class that had a lot of pride and spirit, and always showed it!

As Junior year came by, the schoolwork became more difficult. We started to worry about the SAT and colleges. Most of us stayed up late reading hefty books such as *The Grapes of Wrath*. We did well in Spirit Week with our Disneyland theme and took second place, although we all felt that the spirit week trophy was rightfully ours. Soon it was prom time and the entire class looked like they were straight out of *Vogue* and *GQ*.

Senior year finally rolled around, and we were all infected with Senioritis. With our rendition of the "Roaring 20's" we took first place in Spirit Week. We had other Senior activities to look forward to such as Senior Drive-Ins, car washes, May Daze, Slave Auction, Grad Nite, and of course the Senior Ball at Parc 55 Hotel in the city. Everyone looked so elegant and sophisticated that it was hard to believe that just four years ago we were a bunch of scrappy looking little kids straight out of junior high school. We had definitely grown up!

Our class has been a success story. One day in the near future we'll find the names of our classmates in the headlines of newspapers. Our class has an abundance of talent with musicians, dancers, athletes, scholars, actors, and more. The Class of 1990 is a class that American High School can justifiably be proud of. After four years of hard work and a lot of fun, it's time to say good-bye to American where we've had good and bad times. Just remember to always reach for the top and eventually we'll all get there.

Always remember that we've been through TOGETHER as the Class of 1990. Good Luck!!! I love You!!!

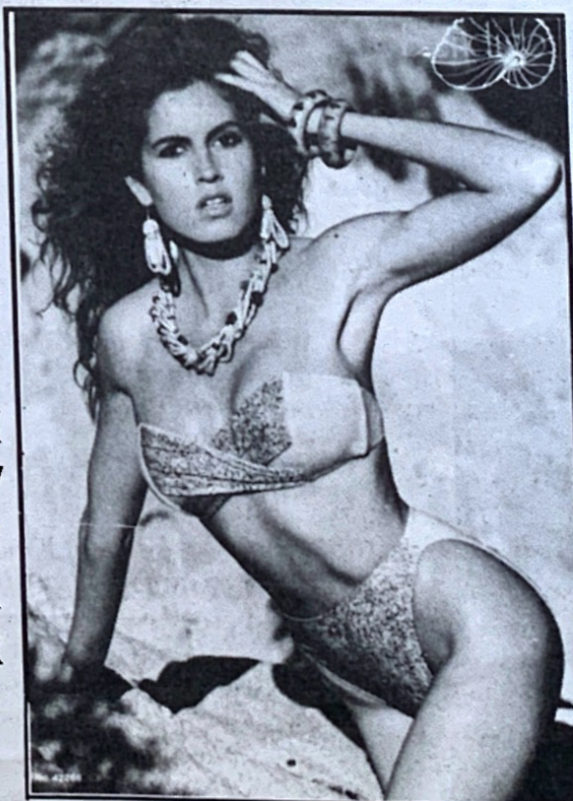


Helen K. Yi

Love always,
Helen K. Yi
ASB President 1989-1990

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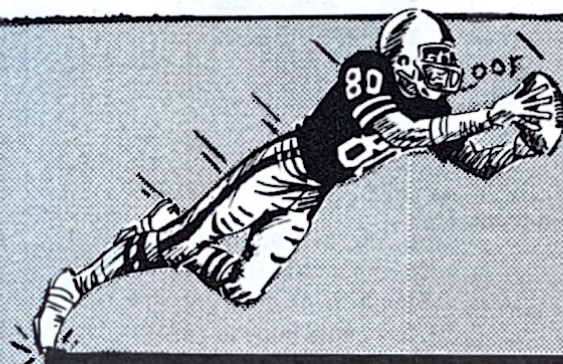
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Useless Things In High School

Carpets
Anything Announced
on the P.A. System
Class Dividers (they
DON'T help)
Paddleball
Wallyball
Student Lockers
(they're way to small
to stuff six binders and
books in)
Health Class
Freshmen
Reading Forum
The Associated Student
Body
Fake Wood Paneling
Students of the Month
Garbage Cans (It's all
on the floor anyway)
Study Carrolls
Paper Dispensers
(They're never full)
The Air Conditioner
Snotty Lists About
Useless Things In
School



Biggest Lies Told At AHS

I turned it in, I swear.

*The swimming pool is
downstairs*

*There is no gas leak.
The situation is under
control.*

*I want to go, but I
don't know who to
ask.*

*I wasn't absent, I was
just late.*

*This class is pretty
easy.*

*I left it in my locker.
Can I go get it?*

*You should work hard
your Freshman year.*

*You know, this will go
on your permanent
record.*

*Cinch notices are on
their way, so you
better shape up.*

*We teachers aren't out
to get you during
conferences.*

*Strike on Tuesday!
Strike on Tuesday!*

*High school is the best
four years of your life.*



Okay, enough sappy letters about how great
years it's been. What will we really remember
with this crucial dilemma, the Viewpoint
presents:

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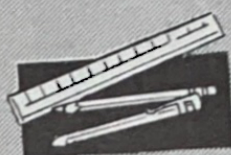
Things Worth Worrying About In High School

Graduating
Killing Yourself
Drinking Capacity
Your Face

Status
Grades
Sex
Clothes

Potentially Useful Things We Never Had

Walls
Swimming Pool
All-Weather Track
Paper Towels
Working Toilets
Parkas for the Science
Wing
Anti-seagull Hats



Best Cheap Lines Used

By AHS Students

Is it hot in here, or is
it just me?

So, are you going to
kiss me or will I have
to lie to my diary?

Are you over 18?

Do you have a date this
Saturday?

-No.

Well do you want one?

I'm buying.

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ber about our years at AHS? To help you
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Amusing Kinds Of People We've Had To Put Up With

Jocks
Nerds
Honors Students
Basic Students
College Prep Students
Double Porkers
Dweebs
Cokeheads
Brainiacs
Anyone in ASB
Stoners
People With Zillion
Wall Car Stereos
Hos
Hair Beans
Teachers
Administrators
Cheerleaders
Dips
Goobs

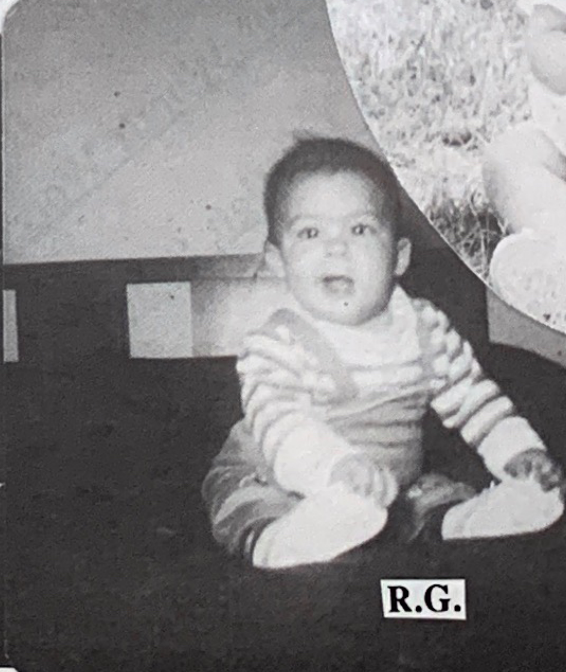
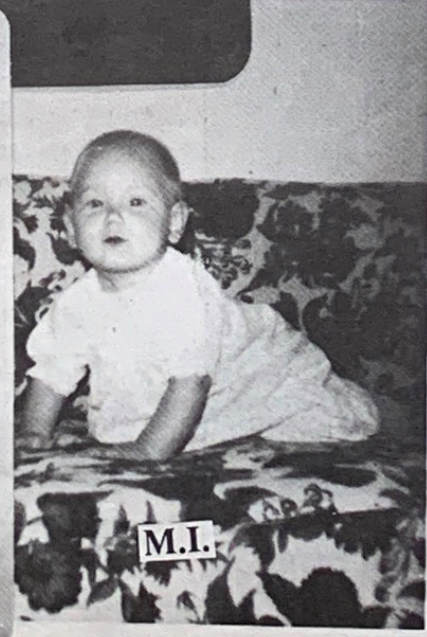
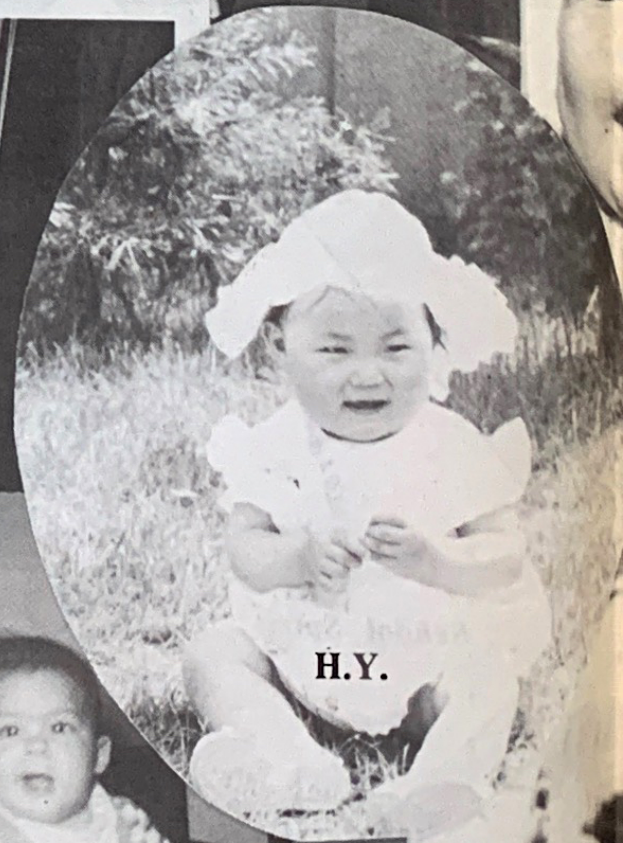
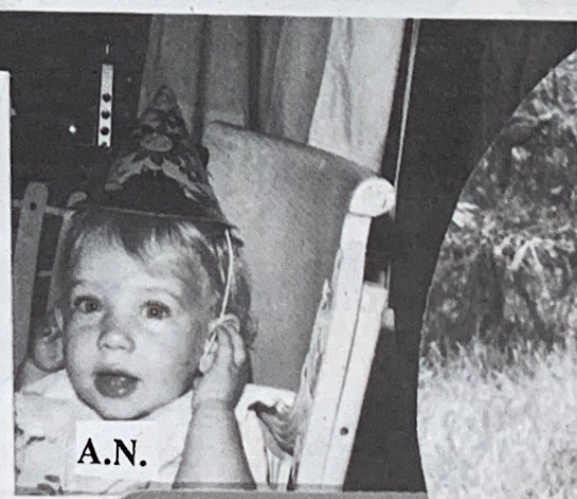
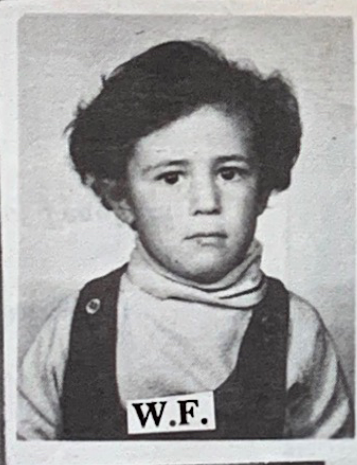
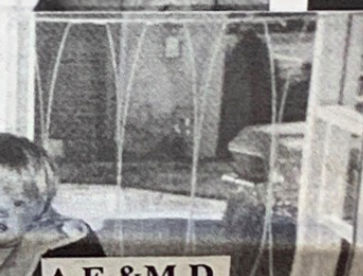
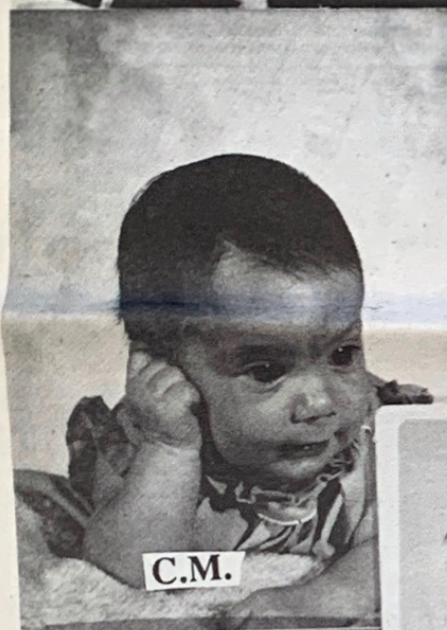
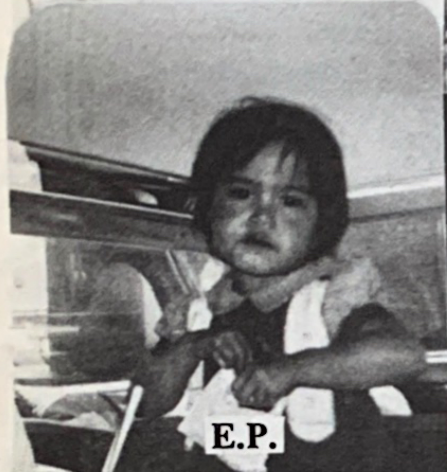
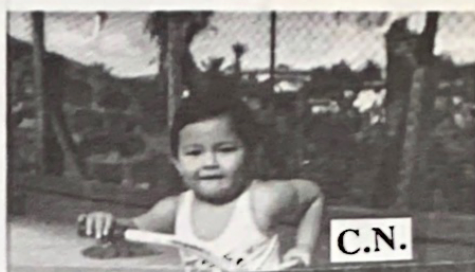
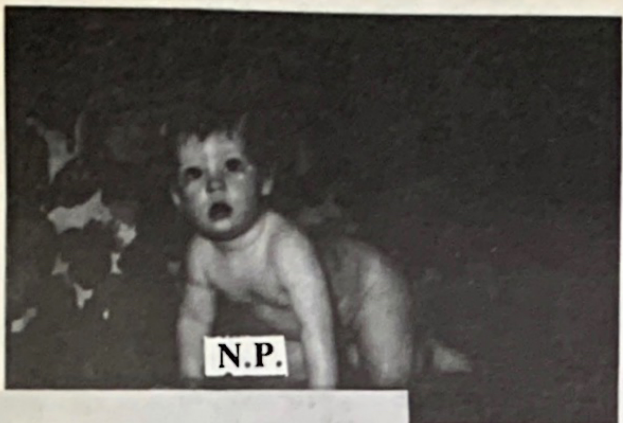


Favorite AHS Pass-times
Lodging Pencils in the
Ceiling
Sleeping
Making Fun of People
Cutting Class
Vandalizing School
Property
Defacing on the
Boy's Bathroom Floor
Concealing Walkmen
From School Officials
Talking About how
Bored You Are
Reading Desk Graffiti
Making Disgusting
Noises While Fat
People Kiss in the Hall
Writing Desk Chain
Letters
Clipping Subway
Coupons
Kissing Up to Teachers

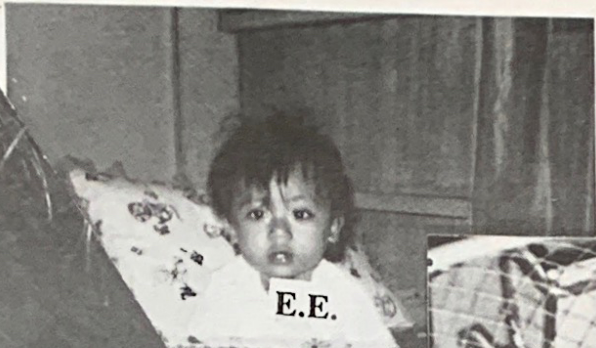
Things Not Worth Worrying About In High School

School Spirit
Any Test Given on
Scantron
Overdue Library Books
School Spirit
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Proms
School Spirit
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Detentions
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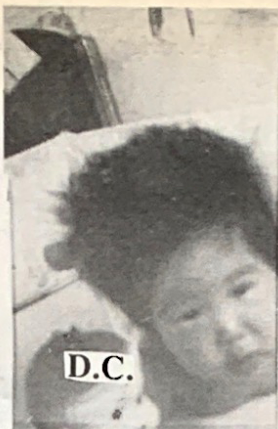
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Cutest Baby?



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J.D.



N.T.



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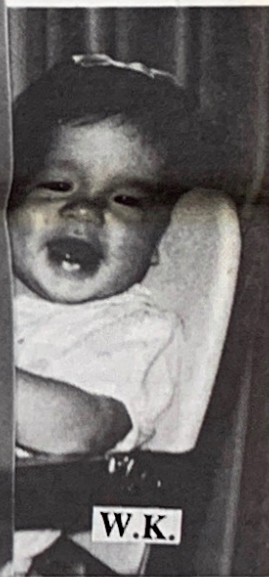
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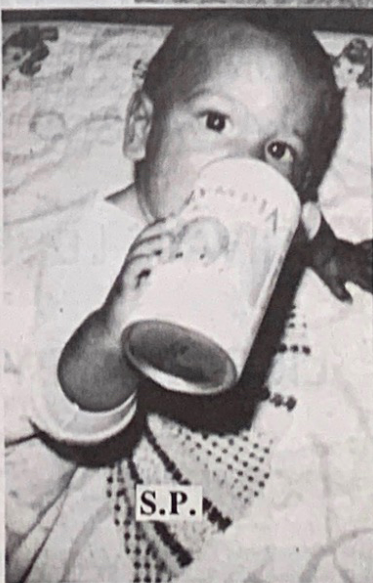
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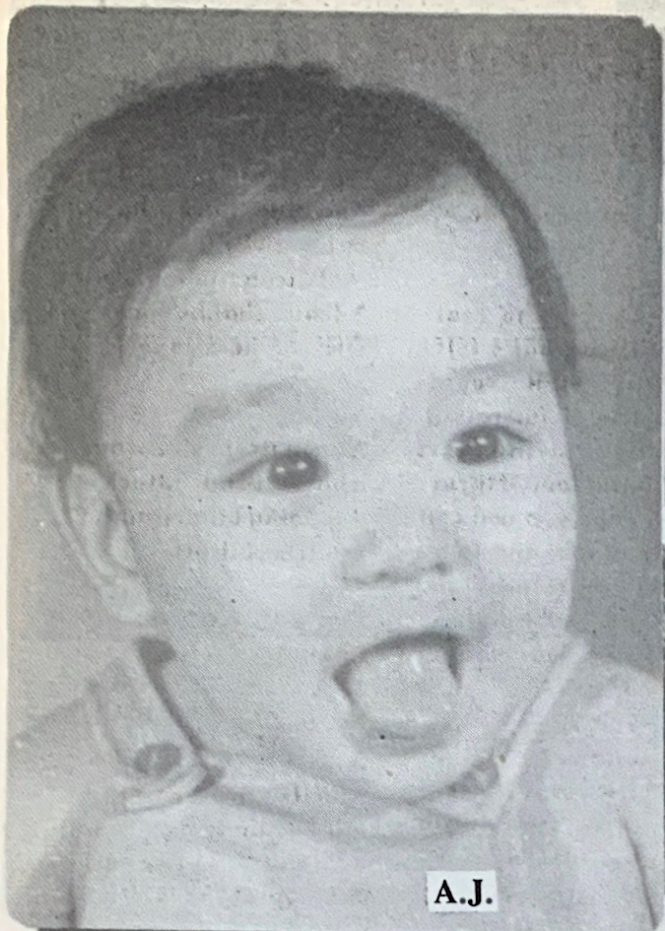
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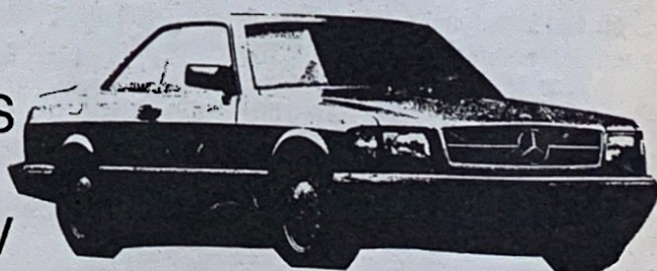
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Eleanor Patacsil: to Misty Bogue all the advice I can possibly give her; about her and Troy Caito. Jason Reynoso my green machine. My sister Leslie who is starting as a freshman next year my folder and books.

Brian Morris: to Jason Bischoff the right to cap on Terence Catindig on how big he is and to cap on Khalid Acheciai about the S.F. Giants and his big nose! See ya later Heavy T. & Camel K!!

Bobby Simmons: to Emily Jose, my love and affection and good luck in the future. Best wishes and hope your dreams come true.

Eric B. Escobar: to anyone who is most credible, my extraordinary style in handwriting. Alisha Nielsen: to my little sister Janelle all of my unfinished homework so she can do it. I leave to my good friend Kari Olson my ability to cut class without getting caught.

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Tonya Stilwell: to my brother, Mark, my talking abilities, so he can just as much fun as I did sitting in the corner of all those classes. And to you Mr. Tari, you get my knee

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Jenni Hubbard: to Brat- your sanity (what's left) and your own room, mom- my soul for raisin' me right, Mark- my heart and undying love, Maria- adoption papers so you can be my sister too, and to all of my other friends- the best of luck and someone to call when you need to talk. I love you.

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Dave Celiste: to you nothing but...

Christina Gendreau: to the younger classes best wishes

and the hope that they enjoy their years here at American; to my teachers, I leave thanks and good-byes. Take care everyone!

Nancy Gee: to Zorana Gee and Diana Stock my Anatomy binder and all of my school debts.

Maria G. Herbert: to my younger brother, Aaron Herbert, all my unfinished homework assignments and my old half used pencils and erasers. To my "younger sis" Jennifer C., I leave my journal with the hopes she'll find the wisdom and strength to get through it all. To my "twin sis" Amy Hubbard, I hope she'll have the dreams to achieve what she wants.

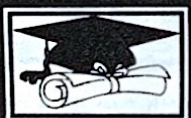
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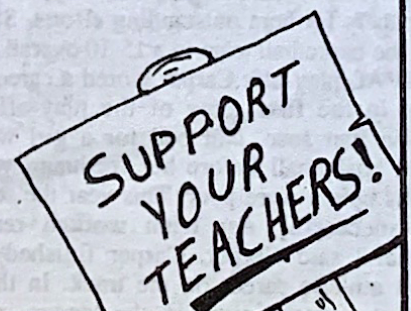
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Male Athletes Of The Year

Erik Willis

Bobby Simmons

Besides being selected as the Male Athletes of the Year, these two athletes share something else in common; they simply enjoy participating in sports.

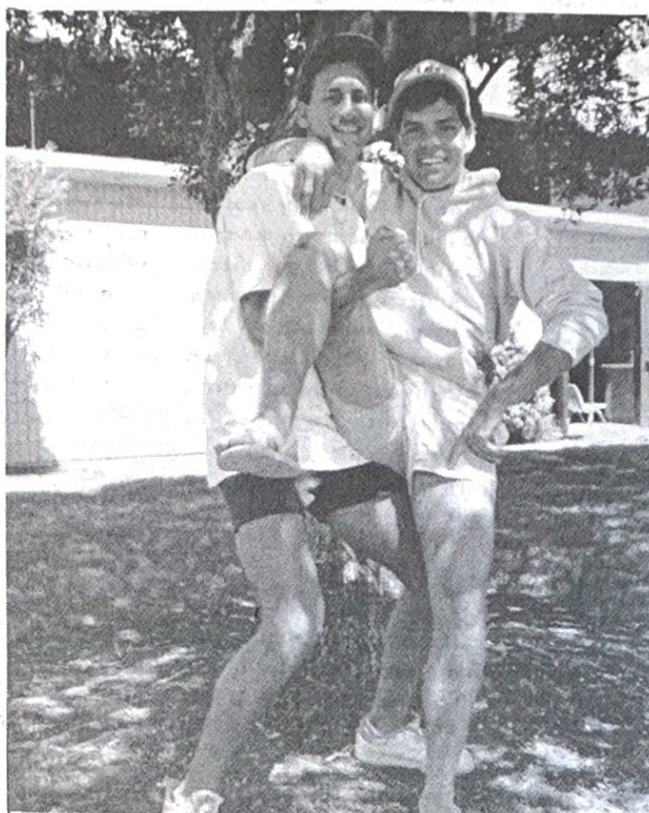
In his four-year athletic career at American High School, Bobby Simmons has played on eleven separate teams. Simmons has found himself participating in sports year-round and making the AHS gym a second home. He ran on the cross country team for three seasons during the fall, played four seasons of basketball and each year found himself on the track as a varsity runner in the spring.

"I am proud of being a part of the basketball team that did so well. I am proud of contributing to the teams that I played with."

This year Simmons wanted to prove to himself and his peers that he was a hard worker and an outstanding athlete. "This year was a time to show that I was good, that I was a hard worker, and I thought that maybe this year would be my last chance to play sports," said Simmons, talking about what drove him to do well this year.

Simmons began his senior year running for the AHS Cross Country team. In the cross country MVAL Finals, Simmons placed in thirteenth among the best runners in the league. From there, he ended his season at the North Coast Section Cross Country meet finishing in the middle of the pack.

From the cross country trail, Simmons found himself playing on basketball courts all over California (and in Hawaii), being a part of the best team AHS has ever had in its history. "During the basketball season, I felt really good. I was proud of how the team played and how far we went," explained Simmons. "There are not many teams out there that did what we did."



Athletes of the year: Bobby Simmons and Jeff Borges.

Simmons helped the AHS basketball team reach the final four in the state division three tournament. Simmons played as the Eagles' forward or guard, averaging 8 points a game. "Probably some of the most memorable moments I'll have of my high school career will be playing in the Oakland Coliseum and the Arco Arena in post season. It's a good feeling to play basketball in a place where professionals play," said Simmons.

Capping off his high school career, Simmons has had an outstanding season on the track team. This year Simmons was a part of a track team that finished with a 6-1 record and a second place finish in the MVAL. Simmons burned up the track in the MVAL finals, qualifying for NCS in the 800-meter and 400-meter

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Jeff Borges

"Strive for goals. An athlete should never give up," stated Jeff Borges concerning his personal philosophy about how to succeed in athletics.

During his high school career, Borges played four years as a varsity soccer player and four years in the AHS baseball program.

This year, Borges succeeded in doing something that not many high school athletes accomplish. Borges earned two MVAL All-League first-team honors, one in soccer and the other in baseball.

"Jeff Borges was a dominating figure on the soccer

"I enjoy playing sports because I like the competition and I am a very competitive person."

field as well as the baseball field," explained senior soccer teammate Steve Polly.

Personally Borges was happy with his soccer season considering the fact that one of his season goals was to make MVAL All-League first team. He spent most of his playing time in the fullback position helping defend the goal. However, he was disappointed that the soccer team won only three games. He had hoped that the team would go to the MVAL play-offs. "We didn't play as a team, and some people seemed to give up," said Borges. One of Borges's best games this year came against Irvington where he helped allow only three shots on the goal.

This spring he finished his high school career at the baseball park playing shortstop.

Borges worked hard, practicing three hours a day on the baseball diamond. "I worked hard on the field during practice and in games," commented Borges. His hard work paid off. Borges finished the season with a .425 batting average, he led the league in runs scored with 23, and he only committed three errors throughout the MVAL season. He fell slightly short of his goal: to achieve a .500 batting average. Being the perfectionist that he is, he also stated that two of the three errors he had all season could have easily

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Female Athletes Of The Year

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Lori Carper

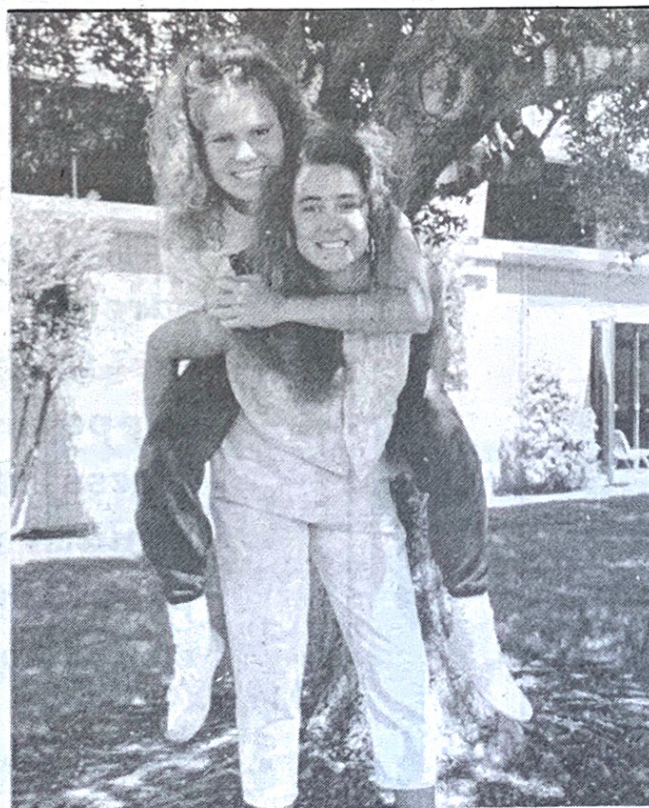
Lori Carper, and Karen Parker have participated in sports together for seven years and have helped each other out in their respectable athletic careers.

"Go out there and work as hard as you can. Don't give up until you've reached your potential," stated Lori Carper to all future high school athletes. "I dedicate this idea to anybody who takes part in sports and especially (Freshman) Heather Jackson who has a lot of potential."

Lori Carper participated in Cross Country her freshman year and played one year of volleyball her sophomore year. She played four years of basketball and was on the varsity track team for four years as well.

"I played with the guys and with my boyfriend. I dedicated myself to playing basketball my senior year."

This year carper had a very successful basketball season. Carper averaged 15 points a game, she was selected on the MVAL All-League first team, during the course of the season Carper was selected as a Prep of the Week for the Argus, Mercury, and Tribune newspapers for her outstanding efforts. She helped guide the basketball team to a 15-10 overall record. In the MVAL play-offs Carper scored a career high 34 points in the first game of the play-offs against Mission San Jose. Not bad for a girl who never played basketball before her freshman year. "The seasons before were poor. This year the season was very successful, our team worked really well together," said Carper. Carper finished her high school athletic career on the track. In the MVAL finals she placed sixth in the league in the 100 hurdles and placed second in the high jump behind her teammate Karen Parker. The second place finish enabled her to participate in the NCS competition.



Athletes of the year: Karen Parker and Lori Carper.

"This track season I did not work as hard. I had just got an after school job during track season and it was hard to practice," said Carper.

The reasons for her overall success in high school see explained, "I've been doing track since I was ten years old and in basketball my boyfriend (Johnny Jones former 89 forward who was on the NCS Eagles basketball team) is a basketball freak, so he made me work hard. It was good to have a boyfriend who was a good basketball player."

Lori Carper had a lot of support through her athletic career ranging from good coaches to teammates. "My basketball coach Ron Ratliff helped me out a lot. I had Karen right on my side

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Karen Parker

She is the yearbook editor, the ASB secretary, works with her church, is a part of the Fremont Youth Advisory Commission, and she is a part of the California Association of Student Council; where does she find the time to play sports? How she juggles her time, nobody will know.

"If you want to be good you have to work for it. You have to motivate yourself and do more than what others expect from you. You need a good attitude."

In her four year career, Parker was on the track team, played basketball her junior and senior years and ran on the Cross Country team her freshman and sophomore year. This year Parker started as a forward for the varsity basketball team. She aided the team to their first MVAL play-off appearance since 1986. "I came out to play basketball my junior year, never played before. I worked over the summer to improve my game, I did not play as well as I wanted to this year, though my defense was sound. I wanted to play better offensively," said Parker. "We wanted to win. During the season coach Ratliff was sick for a couple of weeks but by the end of the season we finally picked up and played well."

Parker really shined when she went out on the track. For the fourth year in a row, she participated in NCS, and for the second consecutive year reached the Meet of Champions in the high jump competition. This year Parker capped her career off by jumping her way to the league championship in the high jump with a five foot jump. "I've been jumping for six or seven years. Lori and I have been on a track team since the fifth grade. I think the reason why she and I have been so successful is that we have had experience before we reached the high school level," explained Parker. Another reason for her success was that she tried to work out every day whether it was jumping or running. "I've been running and jumping

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Hsiao Queen Of The Court

Erik Willis

Recently, senior Wendy Hsiao won her fourth straight singles MVAL badminton championship. She was the first AHS student ever to win four straight titles.

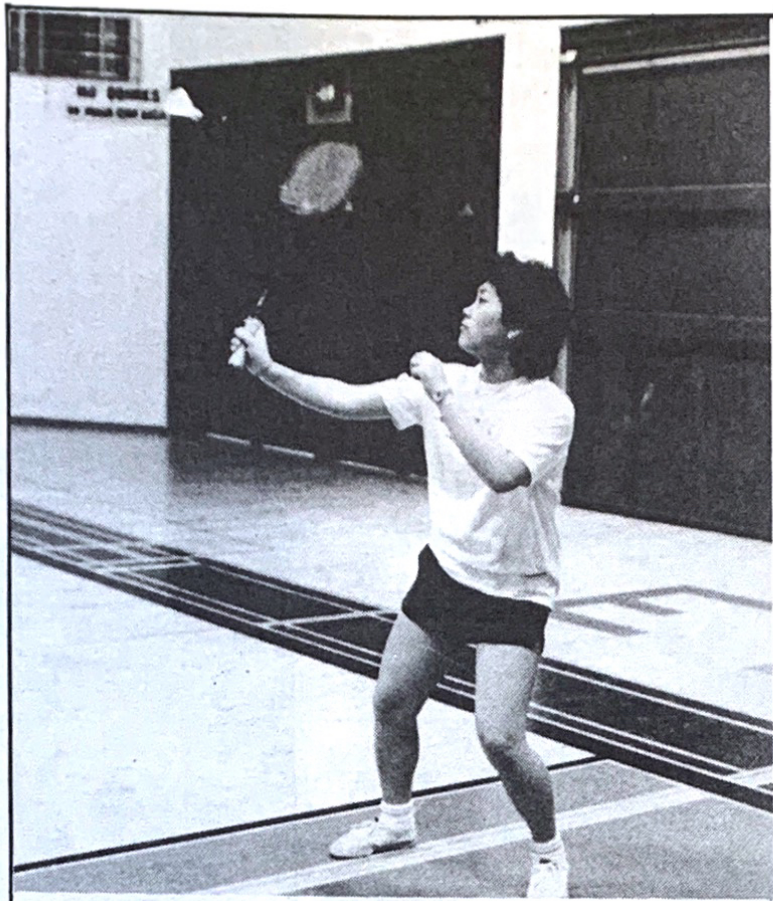
Hsiao started to play badminton her freshman year when some of her friends talked her into trying out for the team. Within a season, Hsiao played her way to her first MVAL singles title by defeating her opponent 11-9. From that point on Hsiao has found nothing but success on the badminton courts.

"My goal was to win the MVAL and NCS titles. I set those goals my freshman year. I wanted to be good. If I do something, I want to be good at it," explained Hsiao.

In her junior year she won her first NCS singles title by beating her close friend and AHS student Sara Jamelo. Jamelo, and 89 graduate, was one of the persons who asked Wendy to be a part of the badminton team. "When I played Sara it was the first time I fell on the court," said Wendy with a grin. "She (Sara) was nervous, I was nervous, but we had no hard feelings."

Wendy finished her high school career defending both her MVAL and NCS singles titles.

"What drives me is the feeling of success, accomplishment, and fulfillment," said Hsiao. "When Sara was on the team, she was the most competitive one who kept me going along with (last years senior teammates) Claire Cabal, Joslyne Surla, and Debra Sim," said Wendy after being



Wendy Hsiao displays perfect form.

asked who helped her achieve her goals.

Outside of high school, Wendy competes in tournaments where she plays against professionals who are ranked nationally. Wendy plays all over California, competing against the best in the sport. In April Wendy competed in the Junior Nationals in Michigan. She finished in fourth place in the singles tournament and fifth place in the doubles competition with ger partner Quyen Dung of San Jose State.

"I don't want to screw around. I want to be successful. It is nice to look at your trophies and think back and remember the fun,"

explained Hsiao.

Wendy practices seven hours every weekend and an occasional weekday for three to four hours. She has no coach, and she practices in Sunnyvale or San Francisco because of the challenging competition. "Badminton helps me slow down, get away from schoolwork, take some time off, and relax," said Wendy.

Hsiao's future goal is to go to the Olympics in 1996. One of her doubles partners Hal Lyden wants her to be his mixed doubles partner in the Olympics tryouts.

Athletes

Bobby Simmons

race.

Simmons attributes his success to hard work, dedication, and the will to do well. He advises younger athletes, "practice in the off-season, work as hard as you can, show people you want to work hard because you may not get to play sports after high school."

Simmons also speaks about being a high school student athlete. "For athletes, school can be more difficult because you have to stay up long hours to do homework. Athletes spend two to three hours a day after school practicing..... you get out of practice at six o'clock, you eat dinner, and by the time you start studying, it is eight thirty at night."

Simmons plans to attend college next year and dreams of participating at the collegiate level. "I hope to keep my track career going at a good college. It takes a lot more work to do well because in college they expect more out of you than in high school," explained Simmons. "Each generation is getting better. It is hard to get into athletics at the college level because of high competition."

Who kept him going his high school career during stressful times? "My parents helped me and when I was down, they supported me."

Jeff Borges

been avoided. Commenting on the team he explained, "early in the season we did not play as a team. We played as a bunch of individuals. Late in the season we came together and worked well with each other winning six of our last seven regular season

games. In that time the team averaged ten runs a game."

The Eagles ended their season with a loss to Kennedy in the MVAL play-offs and with a league record of 9-5.

Following Borges graduation, he will spend the summer playing the elite Union City American Legion team. This experience will keep him in shape for Ohlone, where he will continue his baseball career. In addition, he hopes to be recognized by college scouts.

Lori Carper

through my track seasons, we've been running together since the fifth grade," explained Carper.

Carper plans to play basketball at Ahlone for two year and hopefully she says she will be able to play for a division two school.

"I am satisfied with my three years on the track team. I am very satisfied with this years basketball season, but I am not satisfied with my senior year of track. I got lazy. I never had time to myself. I just got burned on track after my eighth year," concluded Carper.

Karen Parker

on a regular basis but sometimes it got really hard because of of extra curricular activities," said Parker.

Karen concluded by saying, "I like sports. It has given me a good experience, I made a lot of friends and all that after school practice was worth it."

Being a part of the newspaper staff for two year, I made some mistakes. For those unfortunate people who took the blunt of my mistakes, I apologise.

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