

# '84 - '85 IN RETROSPECT

## TRANCHINA LOOKS BACK

By Bryan da Silva

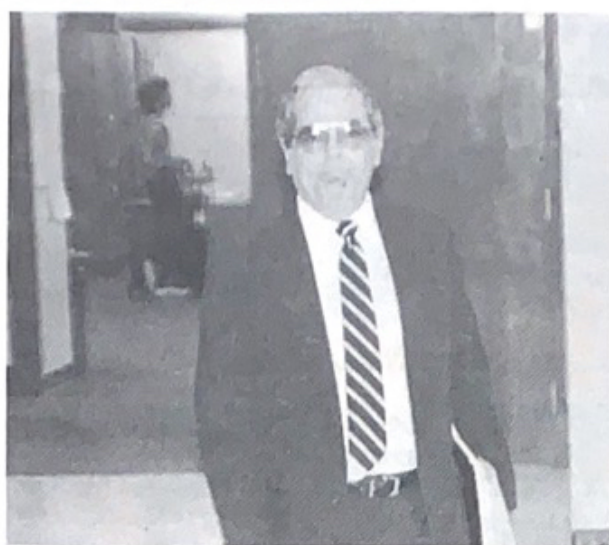
Principal Joe Tranchina was interviewed in early May to talk about the past school year.

REPORTER: What was the highpoint of the school year?

TRANCHINA: If I had to just zero in on one highpoint, I would probably say the performance of the seniors for the so called cash for CAP. It has generated more money than any other school in our ban of competitive schools.

REPORTER: Are there any bad memories of the 84-85 year?

TRANCHINA: Well no, I've been very pleased with the performance of the youngsters who adopted extremely well to the extended school day.



REPORTER: What will you miss from the class of 1985?

TRANCHINA: Their tremendous responsiveness to really performing well on

the CAP, with this tremendous opportunity that they were presented with a class gift of \$31,000 is certainly memorable. I think all of the seniors classes, through my experience, have developed a unique personality by the time of their graduation, and this class has a distinctive

a class gift of \$31,000 is certainly memorable

ty. I think this senior class has a very happy personality. They really have taken the 'crunch' from all the cuts that have been made and I have a high regard for them because of how good they did on the CAP, I mean they really did a great number on

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## cub edition

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## The shaping of a new American Government

By Jennifer Macias

This month the annual ASB elections were held on May 8th. The elections are held in front of student services 11 and students were allowed to vote at brunch, lunch and after school.

Before the elections take place, the candidates must have a grade point average of

2.0 and petitions of a minimum of 50 people must be signed for the support of the candidate. Once the qualifications are met the candidate can proceed with campaign promotions.

There were many participants in the ASB elections. The vote for President ended with a tie between Bob

Mallon (10) and Mike DiPaola (11). The runoff election was held on the following Monday and Mike DiPaola was elected as the new ASB President.

The other newly elected ASB officers include Vice President Anna Faustino, Chief of Justice Brian Balingit and Athletic Commissioner Kim English.

Although there are many elected officials, there are also several appointed positions. These are decided on by the newly elected ASB President.

Elections are held the entire day. The voting booth closes after the end of 7th period. The votes are then tallied and the winners of the election are announced be-

tween 4:00 to 4:30 pm.

The duties of ASB officials are many. Weekly meetings of the American Government are held at a designated time and day, these are held to discuss the forming of a better school environment and discuss improvements.

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## NEW GUIDELINES FOR A.S.B.

By Mike Tornquist

At the end of the first quarter, the Senior Class President was declared ineligible due to his grade point average being below 2.0. The following quarter, in January, the Junior Class President was also declared ineligible because his grades were below the 2.0 grade point average. Because of these changes, the Seniors and Juniors had no Class President. As a result of this, the Judicial Council which consists of Anna Simos - Chief Justice, Anna Moniz - Senior Class Justice, Jennifer Rigor - Soph-

omore Class Justice, Valarie Carash - Freshman Class Justice, and Anne Mallon - A.S.B. Secretary got together to rewrite the constitution to prepare for further problems such as these.

There were some major rewrites, such as the impeachment procedure. Before, not any officer not doing his job correctly was in the office for the year. Now if they are doing a bad job, and another officer recognizes this, he/she can submit a complaint with 5% of their classes' signatures. Another major change was the replacement proce-

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## FINALS SCHEDULE

JUNE 12 - 8:00 - 10:00  
10:00 - 10:15  
10:20 - 12:20

PERIOD 3 FINAL  
BRUNCH  
PERIOD 4 FINAL

JUNE 13 - 8:00 - 10:00  
10:00 - 10:15  
10:20 - 12:20

PERIOD 2 FINAL  
BRUNCH  
PERIOD 5 FINAL

JUNE 14 8:00 - 10:00  
10:00 - 10:15  
10:20 - 12:20

PERIOD 1 FINAL  
BRUNCH  
PERIOD 6 FINAL

\*\*\*JUNE 13, THURSDAY - SENIOR CHECKOUT FORM COMPLETION  
\*\*\*JUNE 14, FRIDAY A.M. - GRADUATION PRACTICE A.H.S. GYM  
\*\*\*JUNE 14, FRIDAY NOON - SENIOR CHECKOUT AND DISTRIBUTION OF CAPS AND GOWNS



# VIEWPOINT

## CUBS TAKE OVER



New Editor-In-Chief, Craig Hintzman discusses the May edition of the American Express with reporter Bryan da Silva.

Right now the Journalism department is going through a great change. The Seniors dropped all responsibility of the May edition into the hands of the underclassmen, so they could work on a special "Senior Edition."

This edition is the first of a new generation. We, the cubs as we are called, consist of the returning reporters and replacement page editors for next year. For this edition, Feature Editor Julie Lanthier has been replaced by Michelle Schaeffer and Viewpoint Editor Julie Vincent has been replaced by her assistant Lisa Sturges. Our (in)famous Sports Editor is being replaced by Ron Martin, and Bryan daSilva is replacing Carlin Dare as News Editor. I, Craig Hintzman, am replacing Mark Howard as Editor-In-Chief.

The staff has had to do double the work its done for previous prints, due to the decrease in personal. This has only caused the staff, who is still learning, to work harder to put out a better issue than the last.

### - CUB EDITORS -

Craig Hintzman- Editor in chief  
Bryan da Silva- News editor  
Lisa Sturges- Viewpoint editor  
Michelle Schaeffer- Feature editor  
Ron Matrin- Sports editor  
Scott Horton- Photo editor

### - CUB REPORTERS -

Mike Tornquist      Lisa Sturges  
Jennifer Macias      Michelle Schaeffer  
Bryan da Silva      Ron Martin  
Craig Hintzman      Scott Horton

ADVISER      Mr. Ken Jones

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

What's happening to our school? No more May Daze, no more Rotunda! ICU! I used to love our school for its freedom and the spirit of the students. Now there is an administrative cloud hovering above us and it's dampened everyone's spirits. What goes next? Spirit Week? I'm sure the Liasion Committee has considered that already. If the administration thinks that these plans are going to inspire me to be interested in school, they are sadly mistaken.

I have been very involved with our school since I started here and now I just want to leave. Now a question for the elite members of the faculty that I like to call "The Rotunda Police". (Does that sound like the title of an overrated, prime time, I.V. action show?) Why do you spend your prep periods making endless circles around the Rotunda, don't you have enough to do? Please, don't take this question offensively. I was just curious.

Sincerely,  
Frustrated Student

Dear Editor,

I am a Junior here at American and I was shocked to read the results of the drug poll. You always hear things on the I.V. or radio about teenagers doing drugs but I've never actually seen any drugs at school. It's scary to think that so many people are frying their brains with that stuff and some of us don't even realize that it's going on. I think that it's really sad that people can't have a good time without getting drunk or stoned. I guess the peer pressure is worse than I thought. I'll just have to keep a clear mind and be careful. I hope that others will to.

Sincerely,  
Staying Sober

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## Eagles Soar

ON MAY 21st AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL HELD ITS ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT. MR. DIPAOLO WAS THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES. WITH A STANDING ROOM ONLY CROWD AWARDS WERE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO HAD DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL AWARD WINNERS FOR THE 1984-1985 SCHOOL YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!.....

### BANK OF AMERICA AWARDS

ART Tanya Benbow  
Drama Denise Dinsdale  
Music Rian Galbreath  
English Ben Caparros  
Foreign Languages Monica Poling  
Social Studies Laura Edge  
Laboratory Science Anna Moniz  
Mathematics Kenny Munechika  
Business Ann Kulp  
Computer Studies Carmen Calara

### Mathematics

Heather Campbell  
Joselito Laudencia  
James Di Persio  
Kenny Munechika

### Scholar-Athletes

Kevin Bolles  
Kent Hintzman  
Janie Ng  
Tina Sato  
Liz Figueroa  
Inderjit Dosanjh  
Tammy Bifano  
William Chau  
John Nelson  
Gary-Kao Hu  
Kim English  
Ann Kulp  
Erica Conway  
Sandy-Chi Liu  
Christine Vega  
Lori Dudgeon  
Chris Davis  
Stephanie Loomis  
Julius Chau  
Laura Edge  
Anne Mallon

### Society of Women Engineers Golden Gate Section

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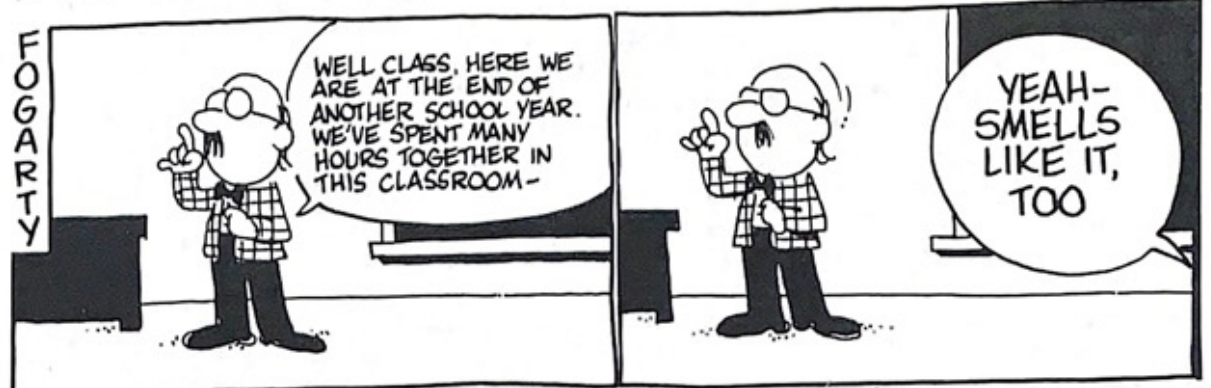
## High School In Europe

Allyson Chinn has been chosen by Educational Foundation for foreign study to participate in the High School Year in Europe Program. Selection for this challenging adventure was based on both academic standing and personal qualifications. After attending a three week language camp, "Allyson will spend ten months living with a British family and studying at the local high school. Allyson is looking forward to her time abroad as a "great learning and growing experience", and a chance to meet new people and discover customs new to her. From sharing high tea with new friends, to visiting ancient castles, and taking walks along the moors, Allyson will be discovering a different style of life from an "insider's" point of view.

Allyson's host family will also be gaining new perspectives and insights into American ways during her ten-month stay. Daily interactions will open their eyes to "new ways of looking at things."

American families also have the chance to discover another culture on a first hand basis. In mid-August European teenagers participating in the EFFS High School Year in Europe program arrive for their ten-month stay, living with families and attending high schools in communities like ours across the United States. The opportunity to host an exchange student is open to residents of the Fremont area. Please call now for more information; Leonard Passafiume at (415) 538-8711. Thank you. TA-ta for now, Allyson. Have a splendid time.

FOGARTY



## Academic Blocks.....

Since 1972, when American High School opened, there has been no award for the straight "A" and "B" student. Now there is; it is known as an Academic Block. Since the inception of the program, 64 students have received their academic blocks. The following is a list of those students.

### Class of '85

Anjana Achar  
Ray Arthur  
Christine Baeta  
John Bowen  
Maria Calara  
Benedict Caparros  
Carlin Dare  
Ryan Davis  
Denise Dinsdale  
Surinder Dosanjh  
Farzana Gardizi  
Robin Gray  
Laura Edge  
Sohail Ehsan  
Karyn Ho  
Edward Kim  
Anna Moniz  
Lily Pao  
Monica Poling  
Maria Rosa  
Dan Samsky  
Jim Sanguinetti  
Sheilah Zarate

### AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC BLOCK

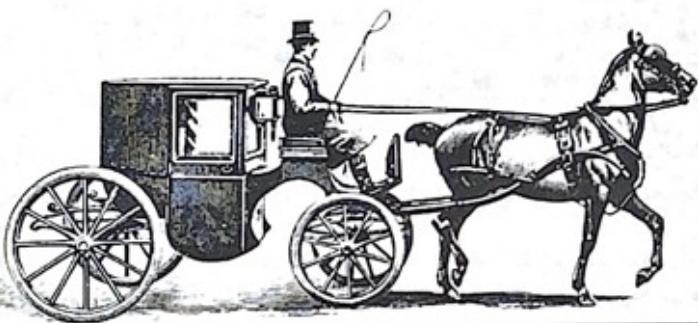
#### Class of '85

Jean Ancheta  
Joann Ang  
Michelle Catingub  
Susan Dusek  
Greg Hailey  
Susan Kries  
April Lampkins  
Julie Lanthier  
James Lucas  
Anne Mallon  
Kenny Munechika  
David Nelson  
Kehau Ronquillio  
Kimberly Underwood  
Donald VanLeeuwan  
Valerie Vibar  
Trisha Walker  
Paul Wong

#### Class of '86

Jennifer Aldridge  
Rachel Bautista  
Clifton Chew  
James Dipersio  
Kim English  
Andrea Foster  
Matthew Hoffman  
Edwin Lau  
Cecilia Laudencia  
James Leong  
Archana Malhotra  
Dinesh Nandan  
Albert S. Robillo  
Sung Su  
Mike Tapia  
Ron Villessis  
Mike DiPaola  
Shelley Greenacre  
Kellie Hearn  
Craig Hintzman  
Karen Perry  
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# NEW AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Class elections were also held this month on May 26th and had many participants. The Freshman, Sophomore and Junior class elections were all held on the same day and voting took place in the front of Junior student services also. Next year's Freshman class officers however, will not be voted in till the 85-86 school year.

In class elections there consists an elected President and Vice President for each class, who run on the same ticket. Two Senators are elected and a Class Justice. A treasurer and Secretary are then appointed by the newly elected President, Vice President and Class Justice.

The election began with each class having only one candidate for the position of President and their running mate for Vice President. Matt Hoffman and Mike Johnson were the victors of the class of 86. The big surprise of the election Bill Cluverius and Jim Shinkel, the write in's for the Class of 87, won the election for President.

The run for Class Justice was close to the same situation with one Junior, one Sophomore and three Freshman running for Class Justice. Jon Grave won the election for the Class of 86's Justice along with Sonia Azizian for the Class of 87 and Valerie Carash for the Class of 88.

The election for Senators was a complete turnaround from the amount of participants in the other three positions. For the Class of 86 there were four candidates for Senator with Kamie Boyce and Troy Medeiros as the new Senators. There were three candidates for the Class of 87 with write-in Jeff Thomas and Janie Ng taking the positions. The Class of 88 had five candidates with Carey Gilchrist and Julie Quinata winning the election.

The new ASB and class officers take their positions within one week of elections and are in office until the next ASB and class elections next year.

## ASB OFFICERS FOR '86

ASB President-  
Mike DiPaola  
Vice-President-  
Anna Faustino  
Chief Justice-  
Brian Balingit  
Athletic Comm.-  
Kim English  
Government of Class '86  
President -  
Matt Hoffman  
Vice-President-  
Mike Johnson  
Senators-  
Kamie Boyce  
Troy Medeiros  
Class Justice-  
Jon Grave  
Government of Class '87  
President-  
Bill Cluverius  
Vice-President  
Jim Shinkel  
Senators-  
Janie Ng  
Jeff Thomas  
Class Justice-  
Sonia Azizian  
Government of Class '88  
President-  
Melanie Marciel  
Vice-President-  
Valerie Teglia  
Senators-  
Carey Gilchrist  
Julie Quinata  
Class Justice-  
Valerie Carash



ASB elected officers: Back row: Valerie Carash, Jeff Thomas, Matt Hoffman, Mike Johnson and Jon Grave Middle row: Mike DiPaola, Bill Cluverius, Jim Shinkel, Troy Medeiros, and Carey Gilchrist. Front row: Julie Quinata, Valerie Teglia, Sonia Azizian, Janie Ng, Kim English and Brian Balingit. Not pictured, Anna Faustino, Melanie Marciel and Kamie Boyce.

# LE CAMP FRANCAIS



From left to right Farzana Gardizi, Cynthia Magyar, Kathy Bagnod, Anke Becker, Joanna Dulude, and Andrea Foster

Along with 115 students from twenty Bay Area high schools, six students from American High spent a weekend at a French Camp in the Saratoga Hills. Accompanying Mrs. Gehrke were, as pictured from left to right, Farzana Gardizi, Cynthia Magyar, Kathy

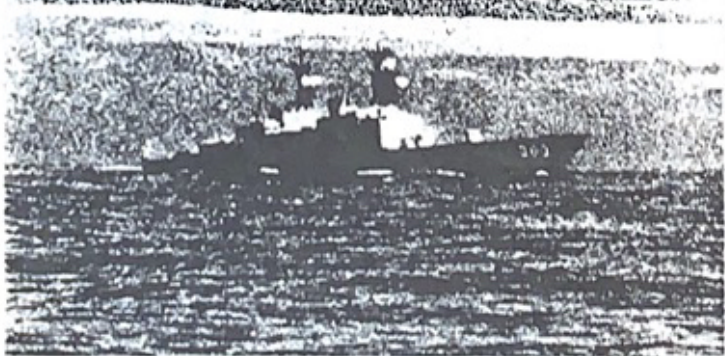
Bagnod, Anke Becker, Joanna Dulude and Andrea Foster.

French was the only language spoken for all three days. Students participated in classes of fashion, foods, fortune telling, trivial pursuit, fencing and hiking. Other activities included

cultural games and sports. The weekend highlight was the Saturday evening performance and sing-along with French singer Hélène Attia. Each participant received a certificate of achievement on Sunday afternoon.

Bon travail, Mademoiselles. Vous êtes formidables!

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Elke Welss	Lance Otani
Dan Miles	Soman Somara
Wali Rahim	Lalena Shirley
Stephanie Loomis	Sarita Shah
Melissa Magyar	Patricia Garcia
Faranza Gardizi	Gretchen Gearhart
Valerie Ieglia	William Feliciano
Josephine Ilesay	Antoinette Laudencia
Melanie Dunn	Teresa Lin
Sung Su	Susan Shank
Jennifer Aldredge	Jeff Thomas
Christine Duda	Carey Gilchrist
Stephanie Loomis	Cecilia Laudencia
Anne Mallon	Michelle Marcajida
James DiPersio	Judy Wong
Ron Villessis	Tammy Bifano
Kevin Dolles	Allyson Chinn
Aurea Ancheta	Maria Liu
David Galbreath	Archana Malhotra
Christine Young	Anthony Pan
Joselito Laudencia	Donald Vanleeuwen
Jim Quilicy	Monica Poling
Jeff Leite	

## S.D.C./I.M.R.

## Outstanding Classroom Achievement

Wayne Younkins

## Study Skills Reading

Lakicia Furr  
Debra Sinkiewicz

## Outstanding Senior Athletes

James Lucas  
Joanne Krahf  
Tammie De Jonghe

## Science

Carey Gilchrist  
Alice Iso  
Dinesh Nandan  
Anna Moniz

## Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Anne Mallon  
Carlin Dare  
Laura Edge  
Ken Munechika  
Lily Pao  
Monica Poling  
Ben Caparros  
Karyn Ho  
Jim Sanguinetti  
Ray Arthur  
Ryan Davis  
James Lucas

Don Vanleeuwen  
Denise Dinsdale  
Valerie Vihar  
Anna Moniz  
Dan Samsky  
Julie Lanthier  
Michelle Catigub  
Christine Baela  
Kim Underwood  
Maura Josefa  
Sammy Soed

## HLI Leadership Award

Archana Malhotra

## Outstanding Work Experience

Denise Basurto

## Newspaper

## Typing

Mark Howard  
Kyle Yamasaki

## Social Studies

Jim Quilicy  
Lorry Keller  
Joselito Laudencia  
James DiPersio  
Jon Grave  
Kim English  
Richard Bates  
Jennifer Aldredge  
Stephanie Loomis  
Faranza Gardizi  
Agnieszka Lesiak  
Monica Poling  
Dan Miles

## Leadership

John Bowen  
Rita DaSilva  
Anne Mallon  
Monica Poling  
Robert Mallon  
Valerie Ieglia  
Kehau Ronquillio  
Rian Galbreath  
Kirsten Poling  
Lina West  
Traci Yamashita  
Valerie Vihar  
Arlene Encarnacion  
Gina Piercall

## Video Club

Jennifer Aldridge  
Wayne Pedranti  
Kevin Wong

## Photography

Sean Beerman  
Brian Hughes  
Christine Gibson  
Steven Beck

## Yearbook

Karyn Ho

## Band

Irene Advincula  
Laura Levy  
Jon Grave  
Kurt Svendsen  
Anne Mallon  
Irene Advincula  
Michael Mandas

## Crafts

Lisa Osanna  
Anthony Padilla

## I.M.R. Art

Denise Basurto  
Cynthia Beard  
Suzette Courson  
Barry DEnnison  
Estella Gomez  
Jason McCurdy  
Eleanor Romero  
Sammy Santisteven  
Deborah Vanzile  
Michelle Yeghiayan  
Wayne Younkins

## Physical Education

Tamie Cox  
Kurt Steadman  
Christine Sato  
Tim Lightfoot  
Mike Tapiu  
Bryan DaSilva  
Mike Duarte  
Maura Josefa

## Drama

Steve Medeiros

## Beginning Art

Greg McDonnell

## Advanced Art

Bobby Dale  
Young Artists

Andrew Chelman  
Mike Duarte  
Greg Franklin  
Glynda Hammett  
Eddie Sutherland  
Debra Swartz  
Tracy Johnston  
Gary Rose  
Lester Nahae  
Walid Totahail  
Anke Becker  
Pam Jensen  
Gabe Vigil  
Roger Allen  
Ruben Amos

# SUMMER FUN / SUMMER JOBS

## You Snooze, You Lose!

By Michelle Schaeffer

For some, having a summer job means having extra spending money. For others, it's just added responsibility. A lot of kids like to spend their summers at the Santa Cruz Boardwalk, or the Manteca Waterslides, while others would rather work to buy the car of their dreams or save to go to college.

There are many places to look for a job. If you're into slave-labor or desperate for money, apply at one of the local fast food places. On the other hand, if you are into more sophisticated work and want a decent paycheck, apply at any of your local clothing stores or malls.

The first step in finding a summer job is deciding where you want to work. Once

you've made that decision, you should start applying for jobs at those businesses.

The following are tips to remember when filling out a job application: it should be filled out in ink, it should be clearly printed, there should be no blank spaces; if you don't have an answer, put a dash in the blank space; all information should be correct, and get per-

mission before references are used. If these steps are followed, you should be successful in filling out your applications.

After applying at those businesses, the process of interviewing begins. Typically after filing an application, you will be called in for a interview.

If you are called for a interview, there are some tips you can follow for a successful interview; dress appropriately, don't wear jeans and a old shirt, arrive early with the appropriate material, introduce yourself with a handshake, keep eye-contact during interview, don't look bored, wait until interviewer is

through speaking, don't interrupt, and when leaving, thank the interviewer for their time with a handshake. If these tips are followed, you should have a successful interview.

Now that you have filled out an application and gone in for your interview, don't sit around and wait for them to call you. If you want the job bad enough, you should keep calling until you receive a yes or no answer.

We've given you a few tips and the jobs are out there, now it is up to you to go out and get them. Happy Hunting!



Pictured above, this years winners of the Golden Globe Award (L/R) Carey Gilchrist, Zack Anthony, Paul Fowlie, and Elke Welss.

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# NEWS/FEATURE

## RETROSPECT

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that. I find them what I call 'California Cool'. Which means that they get a lot done and appear not to be working very hard. They have that talent to do that, they have a veneer in their quality.

REPORTER: What do you hope for next year?

TRANCHINA: Schoolwide, that we get the same kind of leadership from the

class of 1986 that we got from the class of '85. Also the acceptance of the longer school day, longer school year, the six classes and, due to the six classes, we will have to close the rotunda.

REPORTER: What was the biggest thing for you to handle this year?

TRANCHINA: I would have to say the standard school day. Because anytime you make a change institutionally you can expect a certain amount

of reaction, for example practice and rehearsal times after-school had to be changed.

REPORTER: Name one thing that excited you this year?

TRANCHINA: Because I knew the youngster and how bad she wanted it was Anne Mallon being accepted to Stanford University; I was really happy for her. There again is that senior example of 'California Cool'.

## NEW GUIDELINES

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duration of the officers. There wasn't any replacement procedure before the rewrite. Now there is, and if as before a President becomes ineligible for their job, the Vice President takes his/her place and then the new President appoints a new Vice President, to be approved by the Executive Council. The changes are written on page 9, Article IV.

In Article III on page 6 there was a minor change, that being who the General Council may consist of and who the Class Council will consist of.

Some other minor changes were that each Class Secretary and Treasurer must be nominated by the respective Class President, Vice President, Justice and must be approved by 3/4 of the Executive Council. Also, the Class Secretary, Treasurer, and the Vice President have been broken down and their jobs are clearly stated.

Since the Junior and Senior class president were ineligible,

something had to be done to prevent grades from lowering. So Anna Simos, Anne Mallon, and Anna Moniz rewrote the grade requirements. They now read as follows: "all elected Executive Council Officers must have a 2.5 grade point average at the time of the election; this grade point average may not fall below a 2.0 at any time during the year. GPA's will be checked quarterly by the ASB Chief Justice." This is stated on page 5 in article V in the constitution.

Before the Constitution for the associated students of American High School was rewritten, there were typographical errors, misprints, and it was unreadable. Now that Anna Simos and the rest of the Judicial Council have re-typed and re-worded, and added more regulations, the constitution seems to be in better condition. Since it is more explanatory, in the future it will aid if any other associated student body officers become ineligible.

## THE SPIRIT OF '85-'86

By Michelle Schaeffer

As the school year winds down, the chore of picking new spiritleaders becomes a great task. Tryouts were held the week of May 7 - 10th in the American High School gym at the cost of 25¢ per person.

On Monday, May 6th, 10 girls competed to become freshmen cheerleaders and all girls were selected. On Tuesday, the 7th, 13 girls tried out to become lettergirls and nine were chosen. On Wednesday the 8th, 18 girls performed to become song girls and 10 were chosen. On the same evening, three girls were chosen as mascots. The final night was Thursday the 9th, with 26 girls and one boy competing for both Junior Varsity and Varsity spots on the cheerleading squad. By the end of the evening, both squads had been selected, consisting of 8 Junior Varsity and 8 Varsity cheerleaders.

All together, American has a total of 48 spiritleaders.

The following are the names and grades of those girls who made the 1985-86 Varsity Lettergirl squad: Rosanna Ortisi, Senior, Anissa Santiago, Senior, are the two co-heads, Christine Bernstein, Sophomore, Kellie Hearn, Senior, Michelle Hirschman, Senior, Kim Jensen, Sophomore, Cherie Lamb, Sophomore, Melanie Toombes, Senior, and Amy Villegas, a Junior.

The new Varsity song girls for 85-86 are as follows: Zee Zee Guiol, Senior, is the head song girl, Irischa Cabral, Senior, Sue Cullen, Senior, Arlene Encarnation, Junior, Soila Garcia, Sophomore, Dana Godwin, Junior, Tami Haskins, Junior, Gina Pierceall, Junior, Lisa Reynolds, Sophomore, and Kristine Snyder, a Sophomore.

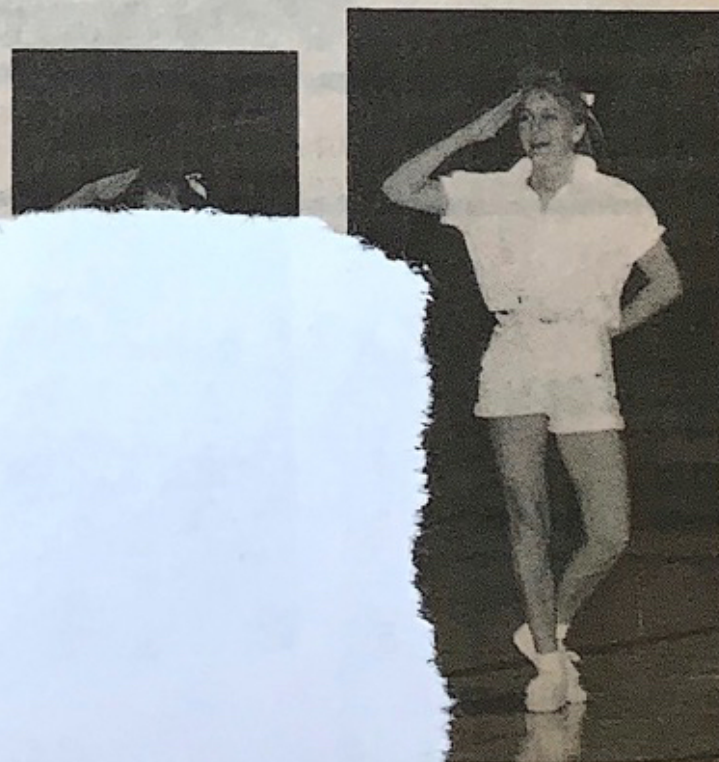
There are three mascots and they are as follows: Irene Advincula, Senior, Kamie Boyce, Senior, and Jenni Macias, a Senior.

The Varsity Cheerleading squad consists of 8 girls, which are as follows: Peggy Nully, Senior, head, Sherrie Armstrong, Junior, Rochelle Eggleston, Junior, Ellen Encarnation, Senior, Eva Fredericsson, Junior, Jane Judd, Sophomore, Melanie Marciel, Sophomore, and Valerie Teglia, a sophomore.

The 1985-86 Junior Varsity cheerleading squad consists of seven girls, and for the first time a boy. They are: Stacie Tarango, Sophomore, head, Kim Donkin, Sophomore, Craig McKiernan, Junior, Tracy Pollard, Sophomore, Darcie Prunetti, Sophomore, Laura Templeton, Junior, Kelly Thomas, and Arlene Vargas, a Sophomore.

Last but not least, the new 1985-86 Freshmen cheerleaders are as follows: Tina Adams, Paige Ajimure, Veronica Cadiz, Renee Eggleston, Julie Harrison, Michella Hopkins, Michelle Lamb, Cindy Ratliff, Gina Rose, who is also the head, and finally Amy Van Ryan.

Eva Fredricsson (right) and Stacie Tarango (left) strut their stuff at Cheerleading tryouts.



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## SPORTS

## SPORTS LOOK

Sports Editor  
Ron Martin

The 1984-1985 sporting season is over as the sports track, baseball, softball, swimming, boys tennis and badminton comes to and end. Along with these sports so goes the reign of Farm Mahdavi as the American Express sports editor. When asked how he felt about being the sports editor he replied, "I really enjoyed it; the controversial articles were very fun, but risky."

There were high points and low points throughout the year. Okay so there were a few more low points. But let's not let them cloud such memories as; the Varsity Football teams victory over Newark Memorial, The Girls Cross Country team advancing to North-Coast, The Varsity wrestling team ending the season with a 6-1 record, The Varsity Girls Basketball teams victory over

Logan in the Shaugnessy play-offs to advance them to NCS, The Girls Varsity Volleyball teams second place season, The Freshman Football team going undefeated in league play, and the Boys J.V. tennis team finishing in second place. Although American High school did not win many championships this year, we remained a competitive force in MVAL athletics.

With all of this behind them young American High School athletes will now look at their next three months as time to train and get ready for opposing MVAL teams next year. But, let's not forget our senior athletes that gave their all on and off the field. A large group of highly talented senior athletes are leaving American and with them memories follow. Players like Tommy Lightfoot, James Lucas, Bob Beck, Joanne Krahll, Iammie Dejonghe, and Kathy Duarte will be missed greatly. We wish them the best, and good luck in the future.



Pictured left, Anne Mallon, who advanced to NCS, mixed doubles with Jeff Liete.

Pictured right, Senior Scott Carstairs watches his doubles partner Jon Grave as he rushes toward the net for the shuttlecock.



## TRACK IS BACK!

By Scott Horton

Ever since 1982 the American Track Team has escalated in people and points. This improvement can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of coach Jim Creed and coach Jacinto. Since these two men have begun coaching, American track team has climbed from a dead last position to fifth place.

On May 7 and 9 Logan High held the 1985 Season Track Finals. Demetrius Carter won the boys varsity 400M in (50.3) beating Rivera by (.2) seconds. Carter also placed fourth in the 200M with a time of (23.6). Mike Tapia, American's distance hopeful, took

first place in the 3200M in (10:07.6). He also placed fourth in the 1600M with a (4:44.5). The American varsity 400M relay placed fourth in (45.5) and fifth in the 1600M with a (3:46.7). On Frosh-soph American's Douglas Bucy came in third (25.3) on the 200M. On the 400M relay American came in third.

The following people were to go to the North Coast Finals: Kanday Malzdorff, Michelle Lowe, Renee Chambliss, Demetrius

Carter, Russ Sass, Mike Tapia, Brian Callman, Jeff Yong, and Mike McIntosh.

In the girls championship Michelle Lowe took first in the 400M girls in a time of (58.8). In the 100M Michelle Lowe took second place with (12.6) one tenth of a second from a tie with Susan Low from Logan, who had a (12.5). In the 300M low hurdles Kanday Matzdorff was third with (53.0), but she won the girls high jump with a height of 5'1". Renee Chambliss placed fourth in the 800m (2:29).

## IT'S ALL BACKWARDS

By Ron Martin

If you would've asked Coach John DiPaola what his Girls Softball teams strengths were at the beginning of the season, he'd of said "Defense, hitting and pitching," in that order. But when DiPaola looked back on this years games he said, "It was all backwards, pitching, hitting and no defense was the correct order."

Ending the first half of the season one game out of first, the eagles were not as fortunate the second. Defensive errors destroyed any hope for an MVAL championship. However; the girls team did manage to

pull out an 11-9 record overall, with a 6-6 record in league.

Pitching ace Iammie DeJonghe enjoyed a successful season with a 2.45 ERA and Joanne Krahll along with Kim English provided the Eagles with hitting strength, both batting above 400.

When asked about next year's expectation Coach DiPaola said it's going to be a definite rebuilding season. "Everyone we are losing are four year players at American," says DiPaola. Seniors Iammie Dejonghe, Kathy Duarte, Emmy Edwards, Joanne Krahll, Anne Kulp, Corey Prindle, and Kelly Talioferro will be missed greatly.

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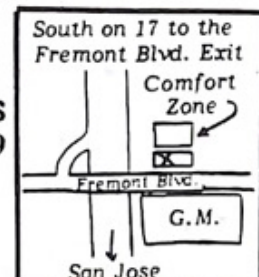
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Pictured left, Junior SamyAnn Andersch does the stroke called "the fly".

By Jennifer Macias

Pictured right, Junior Damian Vega does the All-American stroke, known as "the breath-stroke".



## What's the racket?

By Jennifer Macias

The 1984-85 American High J.V. Tennis team placed second in the MVAL with a 9-3 record. The team fulfilled the expectations of first year coach, Dan Barros.

According to coach Dan Barros the Junior Varsity team, "had a lot of depth, they were a good team from the start on." Coach Barros had no doubt they'd be at least second best in the league.

Although the team lost to the league victors, Mission San Jose, Coach Barros said it was a good experience for the players. The JV team consisted of 1 Juniors 2 Sophomores and 9 Freshman. Rick Scully, Mickey Bifano,

Carey Wheeler and Eric Dahla advanced to Varsity because of a lack of players and a more needed strength in Varsity.

Bad facilities and a undesirable location are what American High has, but needs to lack. Our courts are among the worst in the community and when playing at other schools where the league standing is important, these adjustments are harder than we might expect. The location also phases the community interests. A lack of interest in the sport keeps the sport from an all year run such as Mission. This puts a handicap on the team.

Coach Barros feels that dedication will

pull the team through again next year, "The success of the program is dependant upon the combined efforts of all the people involved. We need a strong dedication from the players and it is up to them to really want to make the program successful."

With the J.V. team placing 2nd in MVAL, they are heading for a strong 1st place position next year. Hard work and determination are the key to winning and with this strong of a J.V. team you can bet we'll be a #1 Varsity team in the future.

The sport of swimming in all the years at A.H.S. has not been popular. A long line of bad records has plagued teams and this year seems to have fallen into that same line, with Girls Varsity 3-4, Girls J.V. 4-3 and Boys J.V. 4-3.

This years team had no Boys Varsity and a minimal J.V. team. Varsity girls seemed to lack their usual strength as some of their strongest swimmers graduated or decided not to participate. The J.V., however, is showing promise, according to Coach Frank Gyax and he hopes to have a #1 Varsity team in the future, both boys and girls.

According to Coach Gyax he got exactly what he expected out of the teams, but felt, "If I would have kept all the 9th and 10th on J.V. the girls would have been undefeated."

The main problem seems to be the lack of a pool on campus. At other schools in the district, pools are on campus and swimming is also a year around sport. American High's team must travel to Oh-

lone college and is allowed only 2 hours of practice a day.

Attendance has also been a problem. Coach Gyax thinks the team members lack dedication and don't have the teams best interests in mind. He feels there are a lot of excuses to miss practice that are not good ones.

There were bright moments, however, the MVAL swimming finals were, "outstanding" according to Coach Gyax, he feels his swimmers had some of their best moments. Swimmers Erica Conway, Julie Winfrey and Ken Miller look very promising, says Coach Gyax.

How does the swim team look in the future? Only time will tell, but with the records slowly increasing, the swim team looks forward to a promising future.

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