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## Seniors Show Political Spirit

By Ken Munechika

On November 11, the class of '85 held their Senior Mock Convention, which was an authentic version of the national conventions held by both the Democratic and Republican parties during every presidential election.

Since late September, all 333 Seniors have been working on this project for their American Studies III class. The senior class pretended to be a major political party preparing to enter a presidential election. Each party candidate represented one of three political stands (Conservative, Moderate, and Liberal) and had to campaign hard to try to win the party's nomination.

The Conservative candidate, Gregory Franklin, started slow but soon came to pace. Posters stressing the American way were placed around the school. Among his conservative views were a larger defense budget and stronger tactics toward the U.S.S.R.

April Lampkins, the Liberal candidate, stressed a nuclear freeze, a lower defense budget, and open negotiations with the U.S.S.R. Her slogan was Synchronicity (unity) of the people and government for a new America of peace.

Between them was the Moderate candidate, John Bowen. He combined parts of both the conservative and the liberal views and used "The Moose is Loose" as his slogan. The term "Moose" became a symbol of John Bowen's moderate views. In his campaign, John Bowen stood for an adequate defense budget and a temporary nuclear freeze.

During the latter portion of the campaign schedule, Monica Poling entered the race as an Independent candidate.

After months of preparation, the Mock Convention was finally held. Theater 70 became a convention hall with red, white, and blue

streamers and balloons; state posters covered the stage. Called to order by the chairperson, Susan Dusek, the convention began with the Keynote speaker, Mrs. Lisa Teria, Deputy District Attorney. The keynote address was one of decision making. Deputy D.A. Teria emphasized the party's responsibility to nominate a candidate by his/her skill and not by popularity.

When the keynote speaker concluded, Assistant Chairperson Don VanLeeuwen read off the party's platform, or views, on the 10 issues mentioned earlier and opened them up for a 15 minute debate. The platform was of the Moderate viewpoint except on the issues of defense spending, education, welfare, and unemployment. The Party had chosen liberal views for these issues. The major focus of the 15 minute open debate was the issue of defense spending. Many wanted to change from the liberal stand of severely reducing the defense budget. Harsh and dogmatic remarks were exchanged but the platform was adopted without change.

Then came the most important time in the convention, the election of a presidential candidate. Each nominated and recorded by party members. Then, votes from the state groups were counted. All 50 states, except Idaho, and the District of Columbia cast one vote for each of their members. None of Idaho's four delegates were present that day. A majority vote of 171 students was needed to win the nomination. After the first count, no one had the 171 votes.

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## Cheating Scandal Uncovered

By Jami Perea  
and Alice Tso

On October 22 a scandal erupted from Mr. Levin's two Junior American Studies classes. It dealt with cheating on a major exam. Mr. Levin's booklet of worksheets and exams had been missing since the beginning of the year. This led to his suspicion that someone had made a copy of the current exam and was selling it to desperate students. Mr. Levin confronted the ten students under suspicion with undeniable evidence. The students all openly admitted that they cheated. The students' parents were contacted and they all received zeros on the exam.

Mr. Levin had an extra copy of the booklet which he was going to use for the test but the night before the test he had a gut feeling that "someone was making money" off of the missing booklet so he made a new exam with completely new answers. The next day when he passed out the new exam in his 3rd period class the room was quiet and there were no comments at all. When he passed the exam out 4th period one solitary student inquired, "Why is the exam all changed around?" Mr. Levin's suspicions deepened.

That night while Mr. Levin was correcting the exams he confirmed his suspicions by finding ten exams where, on the objective part of

the exam, (the other Studies teachers, had part was essay) all but one or two were missed. He then checked the old test's key and the same ten people who flunked the new exam got perfect papers on the old exam.

The next day Mr. Levin informed Mr. DiPiola of the cheating and scheduled a meeting for himself and the ten students between 3rd and 4th period. Mr. Levin informed the students of his findings. Not one denied cheating on the exam, but they all denied stealing the booklet of worksheets. He told them that they were all going to receive zeros and that he felt that it was his duty to inform their parents. He also told them that he felt that unless his booklet of worksheets and exams was returned all of their previous exam scores would be invalidated. The students admitted that they had seen answers from other classes' exams but insisted that they did not steal his booklet. Mr. Levin found out that Mr. Jones and Mr. Dawson, the two other American

Studies teachers, had been allowing the students to keep the booklet's exam as a study guide. With this new information Mr. Levin backed down on his previous threat of invalidating the past exams.

Mr. Levin had a conference with each of the students' parents and found them all to be very helpful. Mr. Levin stressed that he wasn't mad because it was morally wrong, he said, "I was mad those turkeys didn't work or learn anything!"

When asked if the students were doing any better on their exams he replied, "No, but they are working harder."

Mr. Levin says, "I'm not gloating that I caught ten kids cheating. Juniors, in my opinion are the best kids in school. They survived their Freshman paranoia and their Sophomore superiority. They don't have Senioritis like most Seniors do by October. They are the most serious students on campus. They finally hit their stride and they're just wakin' up to the PSAT"

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# Viewpoint

## Why Cheat?

Mark Howard Editor In Chief

Why is it that students cheat? Is it that these students think that they deserve a better grade than they are getting, without working for it? Or do some students think that they must work outside of "The system" to make it? To quote the Liberal Campaign's viewpoint on crime: "He reaches out and takes his just deserves." Liberals believe that everyone has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The only problem is that many people carry on this pursuit illegally. Cheating is a crime. And like most crimes it is committed by the "disadvantaged"; students who think that they cannot pass without cheating. Or students who would rather cheat than spend time studying.

Is it that students that cheat think that they must cheat? Or is it a natural instinct? Almost everyone agrees that cheating is wrong, even if they cheat. It is not a problem that can be solved. People who cheat know the consequences and they take the risks. They usually get away with it. But they pay the price when they can't cheat. When "security" is too tight, or when they get to college. You must have good study habits in order to make it through college and, you won't have good study habits if you cheat.

If you don't cheat and you have good study habits; Good for you! And if you cheat; Good Luck (You'll need it)!

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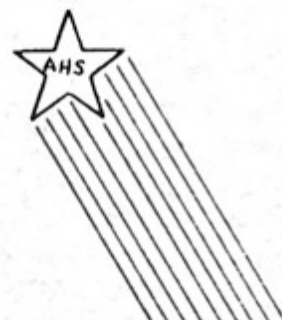
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The Editor

Dear Editor,

I agree in part with the letter by Kristy Ling in your first edition about how great our spirit leaders are at AHS. For the last 5 years this group has taken every Excellence Award summer camps have to offer.

Unfortunately, most young people at AHS don't recognize that the emphasis on spirit leading is on leading not performing as entertainers at Rallies etc. The dull spots at rallies, in my opinion, come from people in the audience who are reluctant to participate in skits or games.

When I finally let the spirit leaders entertain you instead of you entertaining yourselves, don't miss it, or you will be missing some of the best routines performed in the greater Bay Area.

Good health and spirit to all,

W.R. Swift  
Advisor

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## Movie at American?

by: Crystal Garcia

American may not be an up and coming cine-dome, but it did have a showing of a special film, on Tuesday November 27. This "flick" was called DESPERADO, and was brought to the student body by Camfel Productions. As usual, it was sponsored, approved, and financially supported by our A.S.B. Most students were happy to have a few minutes cut off each class. None actually cared if they had to watch a movie in our crowded sports arena, or not. Little did they know, they would be extremely entertained.

This production, was not only a movie, it also included an impressive slide show and a wide array of music. The best thing about the movie, DESPERADO, was that it made you stop and think of your priorities and the people you really care about. I think that the main theme of this movie was, to gain respect, you must give respect.

I found DESPERADO, to be humorous, enjoyable and entertaining. As Leonard Malton would say, on a scale of 1-10 I give it a 10!

# Feature

## FASHION TRENDS MAKE PROMINENT SHOWING AT A.H.S.

By Anna Simos and April Lampkins

September fifth the school year began. Along with the new year in school came a variety of styles of clothing that American High School had never seen before. The students decided to wear whatever they felt like wearing, instead of the more popular clothes. In this month's fashion segment, we have grouped the school into four different styles, letting you decide which one describes your personal style.

### MODERATE

Do you find the "mod look" too extreme for your taste, yet the "conservative" look too boring? Then maybe the "in between" look is for you. Yes, there is a compromise in the world of fashion, and believe it or not, the majority of people are wearing it. This style consists of the trendy yet not flashy fashions.

The moderate woman's wardrobe consists of updated fashions that won't necessarily draw attention to yourself. Current moderate women may wear neon colored accessories, rhinestone jewelry, or longer skirts, yet never in excess. The hairstyles are conservative, and usually shoulder length.



Sweaters, buttondown 501's and Sperry's are all moderate men's wear, along with shirts with snaps and zippers, and leather ties for the more daring moderate.

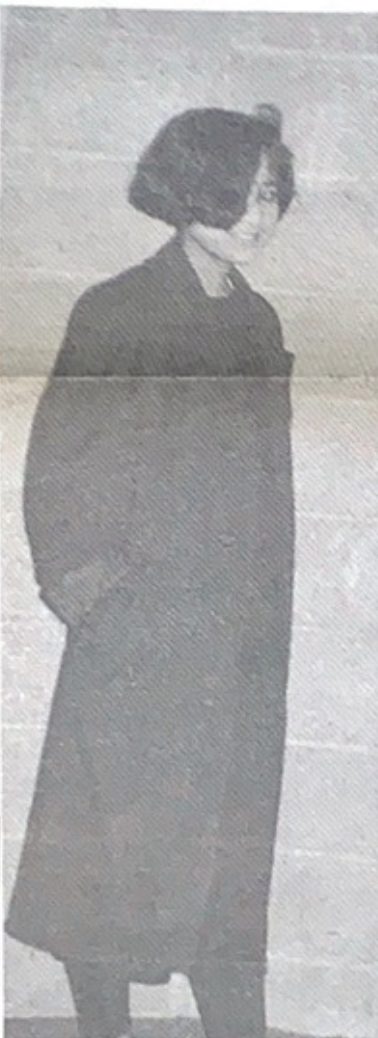
Examples of moderate styles are Trish Walker and John Bowen.

### CONSERVATIVE

Being conservative does not necessarily mean drab color and unfashionable clothing. On the contrary, one can put a variety of combinations together and be conservative yet stylish. For example, an outfit for a conservative girl would be a mid-calf gray skirt, a crisp white blouse with a red sweater vest and red shoes to match.

This outfit is neat in appearance, conservative in colors, yet fashionable in style. A conservative male could wear button down cotton trousers, a crew neck sweater, and penny loafers. Much of men's conservative clothes have a preppy flair to them, which leads to an Ivy League look. Many people have a misconception of the word conservative, generalizing it with a boring person. Conservative is a lifestyle which can be as exciting and interesting as any of the other styles mentioned.

Two examples of this conservative style are Jeff Leite and Anne Mallon.



### MÖTLEY CRÜE

Taken from the very popular heavy metal group of the same name, the Mötley Crüe look is being seen more and more.

There are definite elements to the Mötley look. Hair is worn basically the same by both male and female Crües-long. The "rat-ted" look (tussled and teased to the limit) is very common. A popular article of clothing among males is parachute pants-pants that seem to be scrunched together like an actual parachute-in colors of red and black. These would be worn with a muscle t-shirt of a bright color or animal print.

### MOD

Short for modernist, the Mod look originated in England during the 60's, and has had a revival in recent years. Studied leather wristbands and belts. The difficult to spot a Mod Mötley girl is quite in a crowd-they're usually reminiscent of the ones being girls you might see in stared at the most (but videos on MTV. Popular that's O.K., most Mods among girls are tank-enjoy being looked at tops and leather or as long as there's no Spandex pants, or unpleasantness in the leather, mini-skirts in stare). Most Mods have black or red, mesh nylons, often symmetric lions, and high heels or al haircuts. Preferring boots. Studied wrist-clothes in darker bands, bracelets resembling snakes, the apparel of bling chains, and dang-most Mods will be in colors of black, gray, accessories. Examples or knaki. A typical of American High School outfit for a guy would Mötleys: Chuck Duck and be a buttoned-to the neck, untucked shirt or sweater accompanied by a white undershirt, and dark, rolled-up pants. A Mod girl might wear either baggy, cropped pants with black, rubber boxing-shoe type boots, or a straight, long, narrow skirt, leggings (panty-hose without the feet) and flat shoes. Along with this is worn a simple shirt and a very large sweater or men's blazer, with lots and lots of bracelets (rhinestones are the rage) and lots and lots of earrings (ditto for the rhinestones). Examples of American High School Mods: John Thompson and Jenny Hoban.



## EAGLE EYE

### What do you think about cheating?

Man On The Street Interviews By Alice Tso

John Bowen (12)

"Cheating is as normal in school as a math book is, it goes on.... Everyone has cheated... even I have."

Grey Slavik (11)

"I have the right to remain silent."

Scott Hatfield (9)

"If you want to know how to cheat, I wrote the book on it!"

Patty Warnick (10)

"When you cheat, you cheat yourself and I've gone a lot of cheating!"

Farm Mahdavi (12)

"It's a good way to find new friends."

Kristina Morrison (10)

"It's not honest and it's a bad way to get through school, even though I do it all the time."

Paul Amaral (10)

"It's better to cheat than to study."

Mr. Mattingly (teacher)

"People that cheat may make it through high school, but when they go to college they don't have the skills to be successful. That is why, of the 40% of the Senior class that goes to college, only 10% will graduate."

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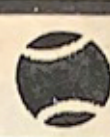
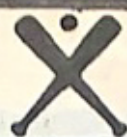
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## Sports



## RETROSPECT

## Varsity Football '84

By Farm Mahdavi

A bunch of young athletes had never been so happy that so many senior football players had graduated. It was time for a new type of football - that which consisted of team work and a lot of heart - a team that had lots of courage and a coaching staff that always believed in them. "Let them think we are young and small!" coach Larsen would say. "We will show those son-of-a-guns what we are made of."

It was almost time for the season to begin, and the journalists were busy writing their predictions: "American: A Big Ques-

tion Mark." Boy, does a writer ever feel so stupid for writing such an article! Well sir: your question has been answered. It seems like the Eagles are going to be one of the Big Boys in town! Nothing could stop the "Eagle Express", and nothing was going to run over "The junk yard dogs".

So much inexperience and so much littleness had never looked so good. There were defenders like Tom Lightfoot and Angelo Bradford, who hit so hard it would give you goose bumps, and the runningbacks like Terry Dixon and Bobby Beck, who could run so sweet, it would make the crowd rise and cheer. We are proud of receivers like

Dee Carter, Howard Batte, and Kevin Campbell, who caught so clean, it would make your eyes pop out, not to mention Linemen Tim Kam, Kevin Fuller, and Gary Briggs who blocked so well, you could run the same play all game.

Though each player was part of his own individual group, they were all part of one team, and they played that way. They were a bunch of guys who cared for each other, and the school they represented.

On behalf of the 1984 Varsity Football Team, we would like to thank you for your support and efforts, and for making this season a season to remember. We couldn't have done it without you.



PREP OF THE WEEK Tom Lightfoot watches offensive action after putting on a superb performance at defensive end.

## SPORTS LOOK

FARM MAHDAVI  
SPORTS EDITOR

In the coming weeks be ready for some exciting basketball. led by guard Mike Lusk #22 and center Ken Hoppe #24, The Eagles will make your hair raise with their speed and talent. Guard Ed Billoups will be quarterbacking the team with his great ball handling, and forward Dee Carter will lead the fast break with his super speed. Freshman phenomenon Corwin Bowers will also contribute a great deal to the team. With his size and power Corwin will definitely be one of the rebound leaders. The return of James Lucas who is now rehabilitating from a football injury is something everyone can look forward to. Luke's height and experience will provide a great deal for the Eagles.

This year's team consists of only one senior, that is James Lucas. Which means that for the time being there are no seniors playing. Although Luke is a big asset to the team, the Eagles have a lot of young enthused

athletes to put them in the thick of the race. It will not be easy however, Logan High School looks very tough to beat. Washington will also be a challenge. As a matter of fact, the entire MVAL is tough. To be #1 it will take a little luck and a lot of hard work.

This league being as tough as it is, our Eagles need the edge to become successful. That edge is you, they need your attendance and voice to cheer. So go to the games and be part of the team by showing your spirit. Believe me, you will not be disappointed.

By the way guys, please beat Washington 62 to 0. For some reason that's core often haunts me. Good luck and break a leg, don't take it literally James.



Coach Garcia

SENIORS SHOW SPIRIT  
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There were 163 Liberal votes, 153 Moderate votes, 8 Conservative votes, and 14 Independent votes. Another vote count was needed.

In the break between ballots, several actions were taken by each candidate. Moderate attempted to downplay the liberal candidate's image for not being present at the convention. The liberal April Lampkins was at a college introductory program. The Liberals counter-charged the moderate with using manipulative tactics. Throughout the convention, moderate representatives made their

way through the voters attempting to sway some of the votes. Then John Bowen announced Gregory Franklin as his running mate. After that liberal representatives countered by announcing that Monica Poling would be April's running mate.

The second ballot was conducted and the number of needed votes was lowered to 169 by the absence of Idaho. After the first half of the voting, the Lampkins/Poling ticket was leading the Bowen/Franklin ticket 87 to 75. The close race continued until Cheri Banks from Wisconsin cast the 8 votes from her state. "Two votes for April and six to John Bowen" John Bowen won the nomination 174 to 164 votes.

Then John went up to the stage amid cheers and gave his acceptance speech with his running mate Gregory Franklin at his side. John looked out among the cheering crowd and proclaimed, "We kicked butt today!"

## Girls Varsity Basketball

By Bob Mallon

Last years Varsity girls' basketball team rode a wave of teamwork and talent to the MVAL championship, demolishing opponents by an average of over 13 points per game. This year's squad hopes to duplicate or better that feat with a strong cast of returning players, and some new talent brought up from the Junior Varsity ranks.

Returning Varsity players like Junior Kim English and Seniors Kathy Duarte and Corrie Prindle will provide the leadership and talent necessary to carry the team.

From last year's successful J.V. squad come Juniors Michelle Lowe, Vicki Foster, and Lisa Bozzo, along with Sophomore sensation Tina Sato who is the only Sophomore to make the team.

The qualities to look for in this year's team are quickness and teamwork, which Coach Art Johnson stresses. Although this year's team will face height disadvantages, hustle and determination will compensate.

The teams likely to give the Eagles problems are Logan, Newark Memorial, and Washington. Along with American, all of these teams are contenders.

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