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Mr. Roy Gehrke

## GEHRKE IS HONORED

By Kelley Olivo

Mr. Ray Gehrke, husband of our very own French instructor Linda Gehrke, was recently chosen as teacher of the year of the Fremont Unified School District. He is currently a physical education teacher at Centerville Junior High School. This is the first time a P.E. instructor has won the award.

During the 86-87 school year Gehrke was chosen as teacher of the month for January. He was then given an application which served to nominate him for teacher of the year.

Mr. Steve Dellanini, principal of Centerville, notified him that he was named top teacher of the district of Fremont on September 21.

His wife and two children are very proud of him. "He has worked really hard for many years," said Mrs. Gehrke.

## MISUNDERSTANDING LEADS TO CONTROVERSY

### HATCHET Editor Responsible for Article

By Rosita Ehsan

A misunderstanding and lack of verification of facts led The Hatchet, the student newspaper at Washington High School, to publish a false statement, concerning the Spirit Week theme at AHS. The article stated that "AHS is playing their homecoming football game against the Huskies...and have chosen the theme of 'Huck the Fuskies'."

According to Editor in-Chief Ansley LaFar,

the information was obtained at a WHS Student Council meeting. "I got my information from an ASB meeting. It wasn't something I made up," said LaFar. She did not verify it because the source was the ASB President.

ASB President Heidi Anderson said that she acquired the information from an Inter-League Council meeting. "The supposed theme was loosely stated in one of our ASB

meetings," said Anderson. "I also remember it being mentioned at an ILC meeting by a Student Council member from American."

Greg McDonnell, ASB President at American, said that the statement was not mentioned

at an ILC meeting. "The statement was not mentioned at the meeting by anyone, unless it came up in a private conversation," said McDonnell.

Responding to the Hatchet article, AHS Principal Joe Tranchi-

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## AHS Lots Lack Spots

By Jamie Miles

Everyday, students circle the parking lot hoping to find a place, any place, to park their cars.

The parking problem at American High School has compounded over the years. The recent problem is attributed to the increased number of students driving and the subsequent shortage of parking spaces.

"If you get here too late, you don't get a spot, so you park illegally," said senior Chris Rivera. Students resort to parking in red zones, faculty parking spots, or along Alder Boulevard in front of private driveways. These are illegal and the Fremont Police Department issues many tickets for such offenses daily. "I received a ticket for parking in front of the school," said junior Andrea Adams. "The only reason I did that was because there was no space in the back lot. We definitely need more space for student parking."

The ASB has begun searching for a solution to this problem although they have had no luck so far. An answer is needed soon because, "it will keep getting worse, especially on rainy days," said Kyra Short, senior.

Late students and ROP classes are the ones who experience the problem to its fullest. Once school starts, the spots are gone and the students are forced to park several blocks away. "I recommend carpooling. It's the best alternative," advised senior Barbara Mattos.



Mr. James Creed in "Mark Twain Speaks": more than just a fundraiser.

## CREED TAKES A CLOSE-UP OF TWAIN

By Eileen Chung

A literature-hungry crowd of approximately 400 gathered in Theatre 70 of AHS to witness "Mark Twain Speaks". The authenticity of one of America's favorite authors, Mark Twain, was portrayed by Spanish instructor Mr. James Creed on October 6.

The event was organized to raise funds for the Close-Up club,

who will venture to our nation's capital in Washington D.C. next February. Club advisor Mr. Pete Murchison said that Creed had volunteered his services. "It was an interesting show, bringing culture and raising money at the same time," Murchison said.

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CONGRATULATIONS  
VARSITY FOOTBALL  
UNDISPUTED MVAL CHAMPS

FREEDOM FOR A WEEK!  
NOVEMBER 23-27  
PARENT CONFERENCES  
AND  
THANKSGIVING VACATION

COME ONE! COME ALL!  
TO THE  
CSF CHRISTMAS BALL  
December 18, 8-11 p.m.

Support our team  
in the NCS playoffs.  
The Eagles will be  
playing Foothill High  
of Pleasanton at  
Logan High School-  
7:30 TONIGHT-----  
BE THERE!

The administration  
and staff of AHS re-  
quest the presence of  
both parents and stu-  
dents at parent tea-  
cher conferences, Nov.  
23 and 24. BE SURE TO  
ATTEND!

Tickets can be pur-  
chased at the door, or  
after Dec. 9, from CSF  
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\$3 with ASB  
\$4 without ASB  
COUPLES  
\$5 with ASB  
\$7 without ASB

CAMPUS NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

MR. KEN SHIMMIN





In deciding who the next Chief Justice will be, it is important to consider his personal background. The American Express believes an individual's personal life plays a major role in any government position, especially in the legislative branch.

A justice of the Supreme Court will make important decisions regarding the laws of our country.

## GET A LIFE!

By Mark R. Bowen

When the seniors graduate each year there are many tears shed for them because they are leaving American High School to enter the real world. Well there's no need to worry about these people for too long because once the next school year rolls around some of these people can be seen aimlessly wandering the school hallways, attending the dances, and cheering at the football games. Don't these people have homes, jobs, or maybe even a family picnic to go to?

It's understood that school was a big part of their lives, and some of their friends still go to it, but it's about time to take that big step out of the past and realize that it's time to get a life.

Is it possible that these people don't realize that life goes on? Maybe they feel a loss of security, like Linus without his blanket. They have to realize that a whole new world exists out there. It's time to meet new friends and experience different things.

I am not implying that these people are completely unwanted, but someone needs to tell them that they need to get on with their lives. Even though they are American alumni, they must have something better to do than hang out at the local high school. It's time for them to pack up their high school memories and open up their eyes to see the rest of their lives ahead of them.

## A TIME FOR GIVING

By Mike Lipps

It is my belief that man is good. I think that the history of man proves this.

The history of man shows that, for the most part, man is good. In recent history, you can point to such events as Farm-Aid, Comic Relief, and the concert held for the starving people in Ethiopia (Live Aid).

Many thousands of people have given either their time or their money to try to help other less fortunate people. No one forced them to donate, they did it out of the goodness of their hearts.

On a personal level the proof is even more persuasive. At AHS, we have canned food and paper drives that help the needy. Just

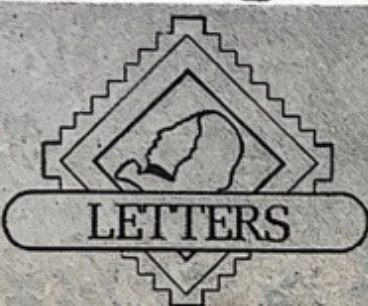
## Setting An Example

He/She should be a responsible and honest individual, who has not broken any laws. One who has performed "inappropriate" activities during his adult life does not deserve to be a government official.

An example of such a person is Ginsburg. As a young law student, he smoked marijuana more than once. Marijuana and other substances are illegal in America. If he had realized that he had made a mistake, he should have learned

from it. He should not have repeated the same mistake as an adult. What kind of an example does he set for the young generation, the future leaders, the future law-makers of America?

An individual who is not loyal to America and to its laws does not deserve to be a justice in the Supreme Court, no matter how qualified he is. It takes more than pure political knowledge to be a government official. One must have lots of common sense and the ability to obey laws. Supreme Court justices should be model citizens and they should set examples for the rest of us!



Dear Editor,

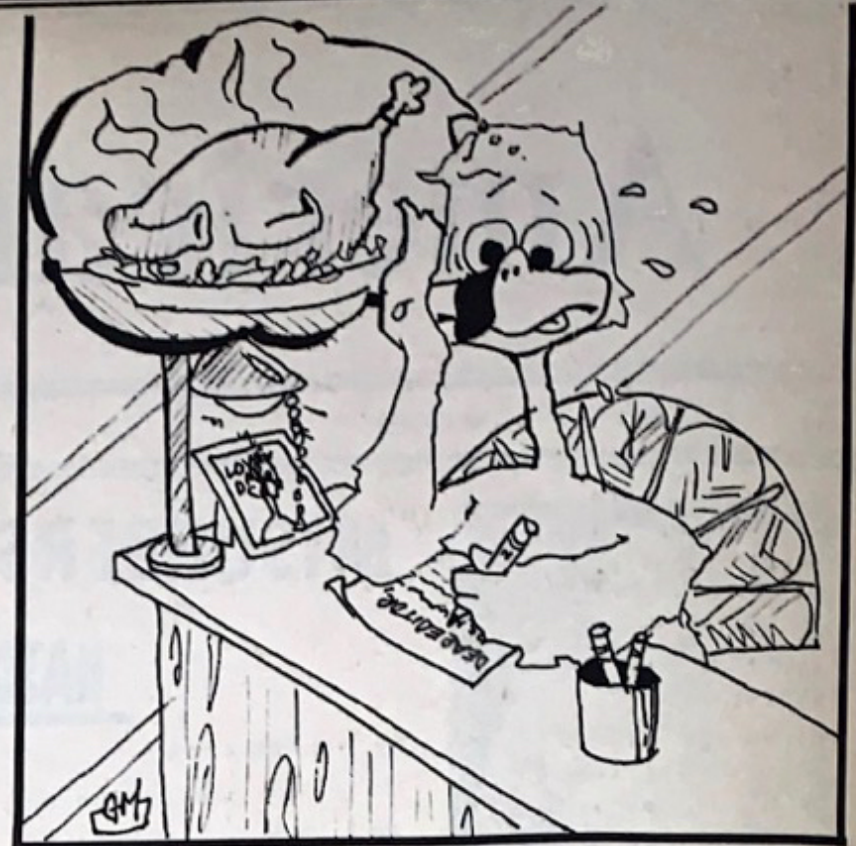
I was displeased about your Spirit Week article on the sophomores. It stated that the Sophomores were unorganized. Well, let me tell you, we were as much organized as the rest of the classes. If this wasn't true, we wouldn't have come in 2nd place. Am I not right? Also, I would like to point out that in your September issue, a whole centerfold on Freshmen was done. I don't think that it was fair to give them so much attention. It makes the other classes feel nobodies.

Sincerely,  
Concerned Sophomore

Dear Editor,

In your last issue of AMERICAN EXPRESS, you spoke of how the student body "just did not care" about American High's drama program. Well, as an involved member of the student body and a member of many drama productions, I wish to tell you that you're wrong! Perhaps, it is not the students who do not show interest but our CHEAP administration!

Sincerely,  
DRAMATIC STUDENT



## Turkey Talk

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you to convey my deep distress about a certain tradition of these holidays, this being the main course of the Thanksgiving feast, the (ugh!) turkey.

We...I mean, this bird is, first of all, very poor tasting, and you can never figure out what type of wine to have with it. Secondly, white is such a boring color, and the only two choices in a turkey is white or dark meat. Who wants to look at such retarded hues? Now, on the other hand, HAM is a excellent choice for a feast's entree. Pink is the most exquisite color, and ham has such a fine "party time" taste to it. Besides, I'm not very good friends with any pigs.

Anyway, back to me ...I mean, the turkey. Have you heard about the...um,uh...disease

(yeah!) that's been going around among turkeys? It just uh..started a while ago. It's kind of like the chicken pox, but it's called the (uh...)turkey pox. It just completely poisons our...I mean...TURKEY meat. It makes it completely inedible. Now, you wouldn't want to subject your family and friends to such a horrendous fate as barfing out lungs and other vital organs just because you have to stick with some stupid and senseless tradition, would you? Nah! Of course not!

Think it over, dear editor. As a consumer, you must protect your right to a good looking Thanksgiving table and your right to survive the holidays. Remember...the neck you save (not including mine!) may be yours!

Sincerely,  
Butterball

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## Controversy

na sent a letter to WHS. He stated that he expected a retraction in print and in the newspaper as well as a public apology by the reporter. "I want a retraction and an apology. I think it's irresponsible," said Mr. Franchina. "If one of our reporters did that, I would expect the same."

Ms. Wanda Wilson, advisor of *The Hatchet*, said that she resents the fact that Mr. Franchina stated, in his letter, that the article was "malicious". "It wasn't done deliberately to hurt AHS. I resent the fact that he publicized the mistake by sending copies of the letter to members of the district office," she said.

## CREED

staff members in attendance, Creed occupied center stage as the young, literary artist, Mark Twain. In the monologue, the influential background and childhood memories of the famous author were told in retro-

spect. Creed's witty humor caused the audience to laugh at stories of "Huckleberry Finn" and "Tom Sawyer" were recited.

"Mr. Creed speaks as if he were within Mark Twain. The pleas-

Mr. Franchina said that he sent copies of the letter because he thought WHS had sent copies of their newspaper to the district office, as required. "It is required that all schools send copies of their student publications to the district office," he said.

According to district sources, a copy of the October 30 issue of *The Hatchet* was not sent to the district office.

LaFar and Anderson agreed that the issue has been made bigger than it really is. "I think it was a mistake on Washington's part, but the adults at American are blowing it out of proportion," said LaFar.

ure of listening to his performance arises out of his understanding of the man, Samuel Clemens," said English teacher Mrs. Anita Dark.

At the conclusion of the performance, Creed stepped out of character and acknowledged the Close-Up members for their profound interest in American history and politics. Creed encouraged students to read more and added, "Ideas and love make the world go round, not money, power, and materialism."

"It was irresponsible journalistic behavior. I wouldn't expect to hear that from journalism students," said Mr. Franchina, referring to LaFar's comment.

Anderson said that the incident was all a series of misunderstandings. "I don't think it can be pinpointed at any one person," she ended.

## Student Advisement Days

By Rebecca Ehsan

The halls of the 300 wing will be bustling with students and parents, on November 23 and 24, as Student Advisement Days (Parent Conferences) will be held.

During the two day conferencing, students will be able to pick up their report cards, while their parents talk with their teachers.

"These days will provide a unique opportunity for students and parents to meet and talk with teachers," said Principal Joe Franchina.

Franchina also encourages parents of students with good grades to attend Advisement Days.

## Exchange Programs Offer The World

Compiled by Rebecca Ehsan

Teenagers from the Northern California area can now begin preparing for life in an exciting yet constantly changing world by exploring international student exchange opportunities.

As high school students meet the challenge of living in another part of the world, they have the opportunity to develop interpersonal skills, self-confidence and personal and civic responsibility, and gain a sense of independence. The experience is also an asset when applying to college or in future career plans.

Nearly 2,500 American high school students will participate in this year's YFU program, which includes year, semester, summer and sports programs. Students 14-18 can choose from among 25 YFU countries, depending on the type of program selected.

Youth for Understanding International Exchange is a private, nonprofit, educational organization based in more than two dozen countries with 13 regional offices in the United States. For more information on becoming an American overseas program participant, please call 1-800-USA-0200.

## Illness Strikes AHS

By Shannon Ellis

Spirit Week is a time set aside for the sole purpose of uniting students. In past years skits were performed to gain points for each class but, this year it was a time to remember three people: Assistant Principal Ken Shimmin, and students Jason Manuel and Angela Vassallo. Mr. Shimmin has been battling with a liver condition for 18 months, while Sophomore Jason Manuel has been hospitalized since early September with leukemia. Angela Vassallo has also been hospitalized with a ruptured spleen.

Senior class President Aileen Hoffman dedicated the Senior skit to Mr. Shimmin with a brief speech at the end of the Senior lunch time skit. Lisa Krathwohl delivered a message from the Sophomores over the public address system dedicating their skit to Jason Manuel. Hanging above students heads was a dedication to Angela Vassallo from the Junior class.



## COLLEGE NEWS

Compiled by Jamie Miles

### Achievement Test Dates 1987-88

Test	Nov. 7, 1987	Dec. 5, 1987	Jan. 23, 1988	May 7, 1988	June 4, 1988
English Composition (ECT)					
All-multiple-choice ECT	•		•	•	•
ECT with Essay		•			
Literature	•	•	•	•	•
American History and Social Studies	•	•	•	•	•
European History and World Cultures		•			•
Mathematics Level I	•	•	•	•	•
Mathematics Level II	•	•	•	•	•
French	•	•	•	•	•
German		•			•
Hebrew		•			•
Latin		•			•
Spanish	•	•	•	•	•
Biology	•	•	•	•	•
Chemistry	•	•	•	•	•
Physics	•	•	•	•	•



All the Achievement Tests take one hour of testing time, and all consist entirely of multiple-choice questions except the English Composition Test with essay, which consists of a twenty minute essay and forty minutes of multiple-choice questions. Some colleges require Achievement Tests for admission. They know that although your high school record is one measure of how well you will do in your college courses a combination of your high school record and your scores on relevant standardized tests is a better measure. Because past academic achievement is generally a good predictor of future performance, scores on the Achievement Tests can help in assessing how well prepared you are for different programs of college study. The scores are particularly appropriate for use in admissions because they are independent of specific textbooks, grading procedures, and methods of instruction. This independence allows comparison of students whose course preparation and backgrounds vary widely. In addition to using the scores for predicting whether or not applicants are ready for different kinds of college study, some institutions use the Achievement Tests for placement and guidance.

To decide when to take the Achievement Tests, find out the requirements of the colleges to which you may apply. Colleges that use the Achievement Test results as a part of their admissions process often require that you take the test no later than December or January of your Senior year. If colleges you're interested in use the results only to help with placement decisions, you might be able to take them as late as May or June.

Many colleges that don't require Achievement Tests will nevertheless look at these results to help them learn more about your academic background as they are making admissions and placement decisions.



# The Day the Dinner came to Life!

By Christy Bernstein

Danny ran down the stairs as quickly as possible as the enticing smell of Thanksgiving turkey penetrated his nostrils. He skipped into the kitchen only to view his mother and grandmother whipping up the best Thanksgiving dinner yet. Danny, sucked into this food fantasy personally took on the responsibility of being the official taste tester. He was just about to dip his fork into the succulent smelling stuffing when "Whack", Danny got out of the kitchen, NOWW!" yelled Mother.

His hand in intense pain after being slapped with a large spoon Mother was using, Danny exited into the living room. He turned on the large television screen and became engrossed in the day's various football games. He sat there for which seemed like eternity until Mother's sharp voice echoed throughout the house. "Danny...it's TURKEY time," she yelled.

As Danny entered the dining room he noticed something different. There was a strange aura about the room. Something didn't look just quite right. Mom brought out the huge, delicious looking turkey. All of Danny's worries were soon gone

when the aroma once again entered his nostrils and awoke each and every taste bud. "Danny, you carve the turkey," said Mother. Danny quickly reached for the large carving knife and fork on the table in front of him. But, as he went to place the fork in the turkey, it let out a hideous scream. "How dare you stab me...you you murderer!"

Danny jumped back in horror as the turkey continued to speak to him. The rest of the family was oblivious to the whole affair. Suddenly, the stuffing arose from its dish and ran for the end of the table.

The food ran directly towards the utensils. They picked up the silverware and charged at Danny. The food jabbed, stabbed, and poked Danny. "How do you like this?" they shouted. "No one is ever thankful for

food anymore and see what we go through for you!" Danny tried to run, but the food pinned him down. "Stop, stop, stop!" desperately came from Danny's mouth.

"Danny... Danny... Danny...Wake up!" came a voice from the distance. Danny sat up and realized he was in bed. He wiped the sweat from his brow and thought it was all just a nightmare, a horrible nightmare. Just then a piece of stuffing rolled out from under the bed. "That's what you think!"

This Thanksgiving, be thankful for your food. Don't forget what this holiday is really about, for you could end up like Danny!

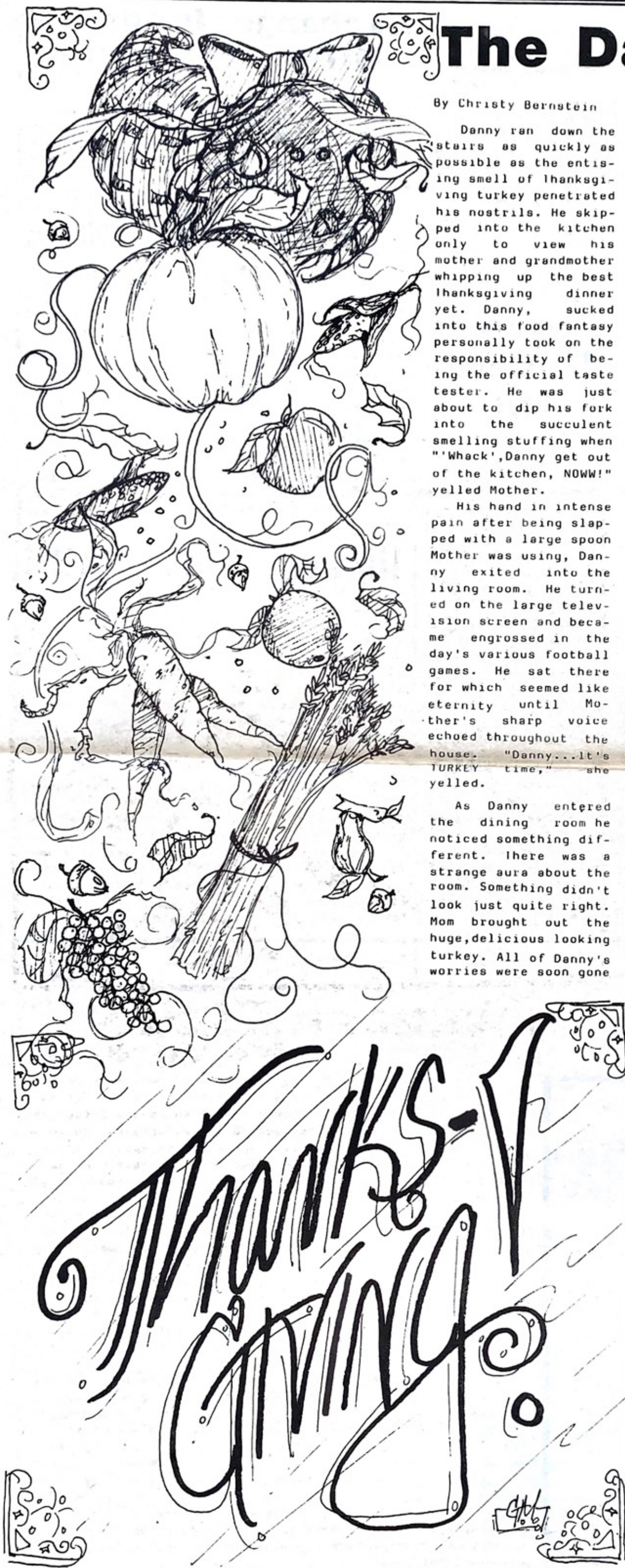
## Turkey of the Month

By Chris Gunsaulis



"Gobble gobble gobble" Well, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, the moment you've all been waiting for has come. I know you've been just dying for the November edition of the AMERICAN EXPRESS to come out so you can find out just who has won the prestigious award of "Turkey of the Month". Drum roll please... and the winner is... Jamie Brown.

Yes Jamie, you are the Turkey of the month. Not only do your extremely hilarious daily announcements enhance us all and give us that extra little shove we need to make it through the day, but your all around "happy-day" attitude can make a smile appear on anyone's face. Congratulations Jamie!!





# WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THANKSGIVING?



FRESHMAN  
Pat Finley

I like the gathering of the family and the big dinner that we get. I'm so thankful for that.



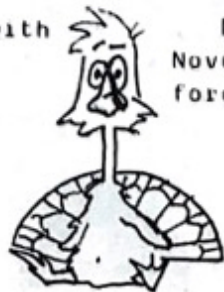
SOPHOMORE  
Marika Low  
Probably being with everyone I love.



JUNIOR  
Martie Peters  
My birthday, it's on November 28th, don't forget!



SENIOR  
Gabe Lopez  
Being with the "Pride of 88" on Thanksgiving.



## TURKEY

## EYE

By Kristin Baker

## THANKSGIVING ACTIVITIES

By Darcie Prunetti

It's 2:30 in the afternoon on Friday November 20. The final bell of the day has rung at American High School. Students begin to fill the rotunda after they've retrieved their books needed for homework over Thanksgiving vacation. The big conversation around campus all day has been "What are you going to do during break?"

Rather than sleeping in all day or watching soaps while wolfing down a six-pack of cola, I suggest the following:

- Go to see the movies "Less than Zero" or "Hiding Out"
- Go dancing at Mothers, Club Attakk or Vortex
- Go miniature golfing (weather permitting)
- Go to some hap'n parties
- Go to San Francisco
- Go to the park
- Go on a 76 ball run
- Go skiing
- Go out with your boyfriend or girlfriend
- Travel or visit relatives
- Spend the night at a friend's house.
- Go to Santa Cruz
- Cruise around Fremont all night
- Go bowling

If all else fails, maybe you can use those books you retrieved late in the school day on November 20 and STUDY!



## NOVEMBER BLUES

By Kristin Baker

For many years Thanksgiving has been celebrated with the traditional turkey and cranberry sauce. It has been a day when all of your relatives, some of whom never visit any other time, all come to eat the food your mom has been slaving over for two days. It is a boring holiday because your mom wants you to stay home with the family and none of your favorite morning shows are on TV because of the stupid parade and the football games.

Everyone sits around for hours waiting for the stuffed bird to get a good tan while your mom tries

to get the lumps out of the mashed potatoes. While waiting, your relatives sit there zoning or telling stories of no interest to you. Sometimes you find it so boring you start picking the salt off the pretzels your mom has set out for the guests. By the time dinner rolls around, you're not very hungry because you have polished off the pretzels and half a bowl of chips and dip.

You go to sit down and end up sitting in-between two of your least favorite relatives. The food starts getting passed around the table but somehow the good stuff always gets to you last and the peas keep getting

sent back to you. You eat so much your stomach feels like it is going to explode, so you lay on the couch upside-down hoping to eat the pumpkin pie.

The football game finally ends, all the pumpkin pie is gone, and all those "boring" people have left your house. Waiting in the kitchen is a pile of dishes three stories high. Looking around for a place to hide, you hear the familiar voice of your mother asking if you will please wash them.

After you wash the dishes, you go to your room and collapse on your bed. You swear that next year you'll go to the Bahamas and eat coconuts instead.



# FALL IN SPORTS REVIEW

## VOLLEYBALL

## TENNIS

On Thursday, November 5, American's Varsity Volleyball team played their final game of the season against the Washington Huskies. In the second and third games, AHS creamed Washington forcing them into a fine game match. The scores of the day were 15-6, 7-15, 4-15, 15-11, and 15-10.

The players that seemed to shine above the rest were Theresa Cheatham, with her great all-around playing, and Tina Martinho with 13 service points. American's loss drop-

ped them to 4-10 and put them in sixth place in the MVAL race.

The girls on the AHS Varsity Volleyball team had a great season. They may not have been number one, but they pulled together and learned to work as a team.

Coach Linda Aston best summed up the end of the season when she stated, "We almost had the opportunity to spoil everyone's records. We ended really strongly and I'm happy with that."



Tina Martinho



Anissa Lazzeri

On Tuesday, November 3, the second day of the MVAL girls tennis tournament was held.

The singles players that day from AHS were Anissa Lazzeri, Diana Wong, and Marika Low. Lazzeri, a senior, was defeated by one of the top-seeded players, Leilani Ruiz, from Moreau 6-2, 6-0. This match ended a fine prep career for Lazzeri. Junior, Diana Wong, played against Moreau's Nola Macapagal and lost 6-0, 6-0. Marika Low played her final match against

Washington's Stacy Vylasek and was defeated 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles players for AHS were Wendy Hsiao and Cynthia Feleciano who were defeated by Moreau 6-0, 6-2. Another doubles team for the Eagles was made up of Evonne Isou and Julie Wu who lost 6-0, 6-1 to a team from Mission San Jose.

Although none of our tennis players made it to the Quarter finals, we would like to congratulate them on a job well done!

## FOOTBALL

On Saturday, November 7, American outscored Irvington 22-13, as they went on to improve their MVAL record to 5-1. Leading the Eagles in rushing was Rodney Cornist but the real help came from two key defensive plays. An interception from Lee Warner and an interception by Keith Philapil which was returned for a touchdown, to help the Eagles with a win.

In their final MVAL game of the season the Eagles beat Newark 10-8. The win gave AHS a league championship and a berth in the NCS play-offs. Leading the rushing again was Rodney Cornist who went for 93 yards. Teammate Sheldon Forehand had 83 yards, with two of those for a touchdown at the end of an impressive 70 yard drive put on by the Eagles.



Rodney Cornist



Maria Liu

## X-COUNTRY

On Thursday, November 5, the cross-country season came to a close as the MVAL Championships were held at Garin Park. The race was 3.1 miles of tough terrain. The Eagle boys were led by Bobby Simmons, who placed eleventh with a time of 18 minutes and 25 seconds. This helped lead the team to a fifth place finish with 117 points. Moreau won the overall

championship thanks to the help of a 1-2 finish. On the girls side, no one finished in the top 20, but the Eagles used consistency to take sixth place overall. Senior Maria Liu went out in style by being the first Eagle across the finish line. Also contributing were Tiffany Hand and Marlena Chambliss. For the year the boys finished with a record of 3-4, while the girls were 3-3-1.

## FINAL STANDINGS fall sports

FOOTBALL			
American	6	1	0
Mission	4	1	2
New. Memorial	4	2	1
James Logan	4	2	1
Washington	4	2	1
Moreau	2	4	1
Irvington	1	6	0
Kennedy	0	7	0

TENNIS			
Mission	14	0	
Moreau	12	2	
Washington	9	5	
New. Memorial	7	7	
American	6	8	
James Logan	6	8	
Kennedy	2	12	
Irvington	0	14	

VOLLEYBALL			
James Logan	14	0	
Mission	10	4	
Moreau	10	4	
Washington	9	5	
New. Memorial	6	8	
American	4	10	
Irvington	3	11	
Kennedy	0	14	

BOYS X-COUNTRY			
Moreau	7	0	
Mission	6	1	
Irvington	5	2	
Logan	4	3	
American	3	4	
Kennedy	2	5	
New. Memorial	1	6	
Washington	0	7	

GIRLS X-COUNTRY			
Moreau	7	0	0
Mission	6	1	0
James Logan	5	2	0
American	3	3	1
Washington	3	4	0
New. Memorial	2	5	0
Irvington	1	6	0
Kennedy	0	6	1



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# NCS HERE WE COME!!

By Mike Lipps

"NCS! NCS! NCS!" The clock ticked down as Newark placekicker Danny Mata tried to put his team on top with a last second field goal, but failed. As the gun sounded, the new scoreboard in Cougar Country read American 10, Newark 8. The Eagles had done it! This victory gave them the undisputed league championship, and along with it, a trip to the North

Coast Section play-off.

AHS played an outstanding game both offensively and defensively. Throughout the season there has always been a question mark placed beside the Eagle defense, and last Friday night it was erased. AHS limited the Cougars to just 67 yards total in the first half and only 216 for the game. The offensive heroes of the day were Ed Maroon and Sheldon Fore-

hand. Maroon booted a 29 yard field goal and provided the PAT on Forehand's two yard scoring jaunt. Rodney Cornist led the team in rushing with 93 hard earned yards.

The victory earned the Eagles a NCS play-off spot. The Eagles will now take on Football High tonight at James Logan High. A victory here would earn them the right to play the winner of the Monte Vista-Piner match-up. Go Eagles!!

## EAGLES READY TO FLY

By Mike Lipps

Ready, willing, and now able. As the 1987-88 Boys Basketball season gets underway, the Eagles find themselves in an unusual situation. For the first time in four years, AHS is looking to challenge for the MVAL title. The reason for this is mainly due to the return of 6 varsity players, all of them seniors.

Leading the charge will be senior Lance Otani. Otani was last year's leading scorer with 322 points and main assist man with

123 hand-outs. Also in the backcourt will be senior Steve Kline, junior John Jones, and Sophomores Jeff Garcia and Chris Soto. Both Kline and Jones will also see time at the small forward spot. Gone from the frontcourt will be senior Mike Lipps, who was last year's leading rebounder with 175 and second leading scorer with 250 points. Lipps suffered a broken wrist during the football season and hopes to be back by league. The Eagles have ample talent in the 6'7" "Twin

towers", Mike and Robert Andrade. These two combined for 132 rebounds last year. Joining them will be seniors Derrick Bryant and Fred Gray as well as junior Pat Travers.

Head Coach Dave Garcia is very excited about this season. "I think we are as good as any team in the league," said Garcia.

With the experience of the returning seniors, there is no doubt that the Eagles have all the ingredients of a fine basketball team. With a little hard work, AHS could very well be soaring to the top!!

## AHS SOCCER: A

## REBUILDING YEAR

By Kelly Thomas

This year the soccer teams at American High, both boys and girls, are optimistic.

Arend Beye, coach of the boys team, says they have many outstanding players that are returning. Among them are Andrew Beye, Brian Lunt, Emil Hockaday, Ed Maroon, Mike Bellew and Rodney Cornist. The majority of whom are seniors. The girls soccer coach, Ron Dahl, says that it is too early to tell who will stand out on their team. Returning seniors are Jamie Cox, Tracie Wirgler and Janice Ramos.

Coach Dahl has high hopes for the girls. He feels that there is much more talent on the team this year in comparison to last year. The team to beat this season, ac-

cording to Dahl, is Mission San Jose. He hopes to place in the top four in the MVAL. When asked about the other schools he said, "I think we'll do well against the rest and give Mission a tough game."

As for the boys team, Coach Beye just wants to keep the team away from last place. He says, "All I hope for is that we get away from the bottom." He is disappointed that there aren't as many returning players as there could be. He feels that, because of their previous losing season, many boys are reluctant to come back.

Despite Coach Beye's qualms about their future, the boys, as well as the girls, look as though a lot of hard work will give them a satisfactory record. The upcoming soccer season appears to be an optimistic one. GOOD LUCK!!!

## Where's the Coach?

By Kevin Thorne

They have the talent and the experience but where's the coach? That's what American's Varsity Wrestling team is wondering. As of November 17, even the athletic director Hank Sekoch didn't know.

Craig Priesendorf a teacher at American and a former Eagle wrestling coach was asked to take Coach Brent Jacinto's place, who is no longer teaching at AHS. Mr. Priesendorf declined though, due to the fact that he will be coaching

wrestling at Castro Valley High. Another choice is Coach Flores from Mission but that was still undecided at press time.

You would think that finding a coach would be easy considering the talent coming from AHS this season. All weight divisions are filled and the Eagles are especially strong in the heavyweight division with Deano Bunn, Rick Kane, and Tom Mello. Other returners will be Bob Kim, Jim Quintana and Toby Orner.

The team is showing the will to win by

holding practices after school with only former wrestlers Bruce Ronquillio and Brian King to coach them. The players are also conditioning by themselves if not involved in any sports right now.

The Eagles have many athletes on this year's wrestling team that could take MVAL titles, but without a coach this will be impossible. For the sake of the wrestlers let's hope that a coach is found soon because these athletes deserve their chance to wrestle for an MVAL title.



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# Lipps Picks



## -SPORTS LOOK-

SPORTS EDITOR:

MIKE LIPPS

Hello again sports fans! This is the great Swamii speaking. Welcome to the home of the crystal ball. I have the power to answer questions before they are even asked.

The first answer is American! The envelope opens, and the question is...Who had a big opening night in Cougar Country? The second answer is...Ed Maroon, Kurt Steadman, and the Newark Memorial announcer. The big question is...can't

wait, huh?)...Name a boater, a scooter, and a tooter!

But enough of the past, let's get on with the future. With the winter sports on the horizon, all of the big sportswriters are sure to get their predictions in soon. I, being both brave and naive, shall dare to make mine known early so you can tell everyone where you heard it first. I shall make my predictions on behalf of the crystal ball (because I need something to blame them on.) For this issue I shall choose boys basketball

as my area of expertise. Keep in mind while you read this that I don't get paid for making predictions (as far as you know!) so if they aren't perfect please forgive me. Well, here it goes. The following are listed in the order I predict that they will finish:

1) American-Believe me, this is completely unbiased. The Eagles are blessed with speed, height, and finally, experience. I look for an impressive year from these guys.

2) Logan-A perennial league power. Always a threat to take it all. The Colts will definitely challenge for the top spot.

3) Moreau-Had a very impressive debut in

the MVAL last year and looks to be as good this year.

4) Washington-The Huskies will have their share of good times and of bad. This is also an unbiased opinion.

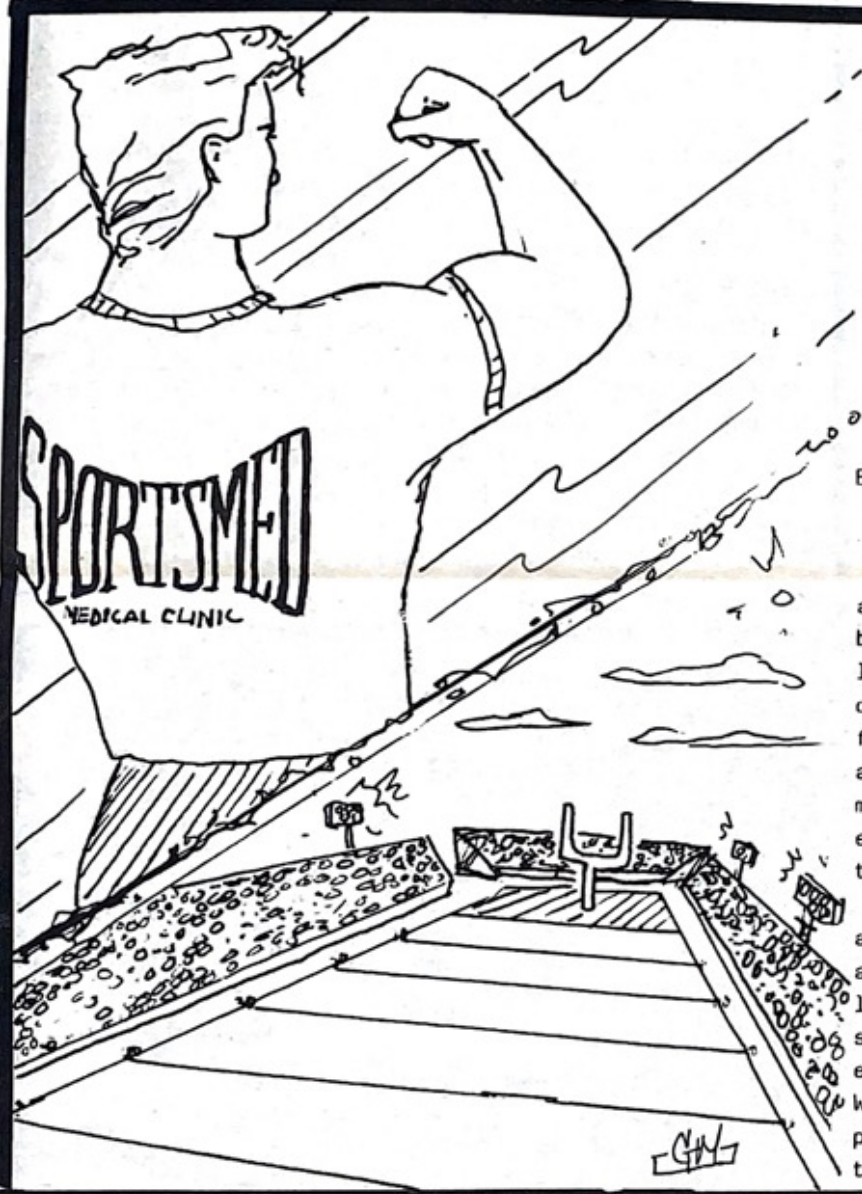
5) Mission-A sleeper team this year. Could be good or bad.(?)

6) Irvington-Some speed is gone, but some more is on the way.

7) Newark-If they can find some height, they may prove me wrong.

8) Kennedy-Some years are good, some years are bad. You choose.

Well, there they are. Tune in (same bat time, same bat channel) next March and we'll see how I did. Anyone wanna wish me luck? Anyone??



## SportsMed to the Rescue!

By Kevin Thorne

Since 1984 coaches and parents alike have been able to relax a little more while watching their sons play football. This relaxation is due to the men in the blue jackets. It's SportsMed to the rescue!

The center was started for neurological and orthopedic rehabilitation. Included are sports injuries both external and internal. What sets SportsMed apart from the rest is the fact that they are

at the football games. They can catch a minor injury before it becomes a major one. As Rodney Silveira, a registered physical therapist from SportsMed, said, "We provide the finest orthopedic-sports rehabilitation because we are on the field, we see the injury occur, and so we are able to react faster and help the injury immediately."

SportsMed also has a special Sunday Clinic. Players that have been injured can go to have their injury checked out and either immediately helped or referred to another

doctor. This clinic is totally free. SportsMed has one more wish though, they want to start training athletes. By training them, they hope to reduce injuries and make sports, especially football, much safer, in turn making it more fun.

On the AHS campus SportsMed has been helping players with their injuries for three years. Without SportsMed many AHS players would not be able to continue their sports careers. So on behalf of the athletes of American High, we would like to thank SportsMed.

## TRIVIA

### Match trophies with sports achievements

Trophies are often awarded to athletes who excel in a particular sport.

In the quiz below, match the correct trophy with the sports achievement.

- Best pitcher in major leagues
  - Pitcher's Trophy
  - Clemente Award
  - Cy Young Award
- Top college football player in the United States
  - Heisman Trophy
  - Lombardi Award
  - Avco World Trophy
- Team that wins Super Bowl
  - Super Bowl Trophy
  - Lastman Trophy
  - Vince Lombardi Trophy
- For international 12-meter yacht racing
  - America's Cup
  - World Cup
  - International Cup
- Team that wins National Hockey League play-offs
  - Stanley Cup
  - Avco World Trophy
  - World Cup

- Canadian football championships
  - Gold Cup
  - Gray Cup
  - Silver Cup
- Most valuable National Football League player
  - Jim Thorpe Trophy
  - Joe Namath Trophy
  - George Blanda Trophy
- Most tournament victories in men's golf
  - Sam Snead Award
  - Mickey Wright Award
  - Bryon Nelson Award
- Most valuable player in National Basketball Association
  - Wilson Award
  - Podoloff Trophy
  - Walt Frazier Trophy
- Winner of world team tennis for women
  - Women's Cup
  - Ladies' Cup
  - Federation Cup

ANSWERS  
1.C, 2.A, 3.C, 4.A, 5.A, 6.B, 7.A,  
8.C, 9.B, 10.C.



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