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Spirit Week brings glitter and glory

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Among cheering Freshmen, Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors, the winning class of Spirit Week competition was revealed during halftime of the AHS/Logan Varsity football game. The class of 1989 captured the victory, while the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen classes placed second, third, fourth respectively.

Spirit Week, traditionally held in the Ahs rotunda, began with all four classes spending weeks in preparation. By the end of the week of October 24-28 a major transformation had taken place at AHS. The Rotunda had been transformed into a place filled with theme decorations, props, and themes.

On Monday October 24 the Class of 1992 presented "American Bandstand". They transformed their student services into a soda fountain.

On Tuesday, the Sophomores showed their spirit by presenting "Behind the Scenes". Although there were some technical difficulties in their noontime skit the class of 1991 managed to pull things together.

On Wednesday Space Mountain, Star Tours, and Captain Eo captivated the juniors' theme "Juniorland".

Thursday was reserved for the seniors' "Nightmare on 89th Street". Their horror theme included an entrance to Hell, Freddie's hand, and the first place throne, a spider with lit eyes.

The Friday Unity Day rally was a culmination of Spirit Week, which not only honored 1988's homecoming court, but two time Olympic gold-medalist Steve Lewis who graduated from American in 1987.

However, the unusual moment happened after the candidates for Mr. American and Spirit Queen were introduced. For the first time in AHS history, there were two exact ties for the titles of Mr. American and the Underclassmen Princess.

Seniors Mark Bowen and Thomas Mello shared the prestigious title of Mr. American 1988, while Jewly DiPaola and Danielle Black were crowned Underclassmen Princesses.

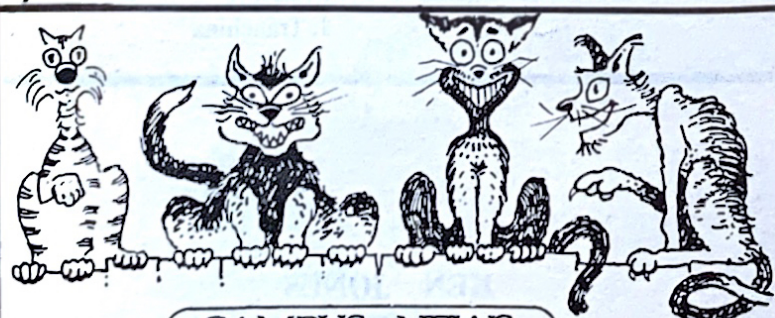
"It was weird, when Tom and I were left out there, we looked at each other and he said to me, 'Do you think there's any such thing as a tie?,' recalls Bowen. The two had been friends since elementary school.

Virginia Baeta will reign as Spirit Queen 1988. "It's so exciting to know that I am recognized by the whole school-it makes you feel appreciated," said Baeta.

The other results of the Spirit Queen/Mr. American voting were Senior Princess Claire Cabal, Junior Princess Gina Rose, Junior Eagleman Nick Wold, Sophomore Eagleman T.J. Lew, and Freshman Eagleman Charlie Cho.



1988/1989 Mr. American Mark Bowen, Homecoming Queen Virginia Baeta, Gold Medalist Steve Lewis, and Mr. American Tom Mello.



CAMPUS NEWS

The end of the first quarter will be on Friday November 4, 1988.

The final yearbook sale is from November 14-18. The cost is \$30 with an ASB sticker and \$38 without an ASB sticker.

Parent conferences will be held on November 21 and 22.

Congratulations to the September Students of the Month: 9th grade-Swalee Jackson and Mai Huynh; 10th grade-Chris Moller and Charisse Ng; 11th grade Scott Delbridge and Angela Whittle; and 12th grade-Laura Rush and Nick Wold.

SPIRIT WEEK SCORE SHEET

	'89	'90	'91	'92
Decorations	24.63	23.75	22.13	18.38
Skit	24.13	23.75	17.38	17.38
Throne	15.00	13.50	12.75	10.88
Rally	9.63	9.63	8.25	6.63
Participation	14.88	14.00	11.00	8.25
Clean-up	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Average	108.65	104.26	90.64	80.40

Hey '89! the *nightmare* is over!!!

EILEEN CHUNG
Editor-in-chief

Dear Seniors-class of '89-SPIRIT WEEK CHAMPS!!!!!!(finally)

AAAAHHHHH!! We did it! We have awoken from our three year nightmare and have turned it into a dream come true. Let there be no mistake that the Spirit Week Champions title belongs to us -at least for now. And now is the time. Our time.

I guess all our hard work and perseverance paid off, huh? It was the greatest feeling to rush onto the field. I felt like we were finishing where the A's left off and-okay, I'll shut-up.

But it was more than that. We really had to believe that we could do it- that our class could do it. Then again, being the underdog since our freshman year took a while to overcome.

Remember the "Back in Time" crew with the hanging records and drive-in theatre? Or how about living in New York for a day and having the sound system flop? (sorry sophomores, it happened to us too!) Guess even "the Big Apple" that day kept us away. Then when we thought we really had it together our junior year, Mr. Haystack just would not cooperate. Coming in first for decorations didn't secure us of the finish we deserved and the class of '89 was crushed once again, but only to resurface next year...

I think we'll all have these smiles stamped on our faces for a while to come. And you'll probably want to wear your sweatshirts every day of the week, (but please don't-pee-ee-ewww).

I won't even have to spell-out for you what happened this Spirit Week, because all of us know that it was undecipherable.

Like Steve Lewis, we were told time and time again that we could not do it, but we just kept silent and then when it was time to spring it on them, we let the spirit of '89 shine!

We will leave AHS something to remember us by (besides our hay imbedded in the carpet), a long, lasting impression.

The class of '89 will always triumph-so let's do the Time Warp Dance again!!!!!!



VICTORY AT LAST!! The AHS band unveils the Spirit Week champions during halftime of the homecoming game. After 4 years of frustration, the Class of '89 has finally triumphed!!!



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In response to Chris Clark's editorial statement in your September 30 issue of the American Express, perhaps some additional research might have been appropriate. Specifically, the school reforms instituted by the State Superintendent of Instruction Bill Honig, an elected State official, not only required enrollment in six classes up through the 7th semester of high school, but, indeed, by California law, expanded the day to a minimum of 360 minutes each day and expanded the school year to 182 days.

The mandate for six periods does not generate additional average daily attendance allocations. It does put us in compliance with the legislation passed by the elected representatives in the California Assembly and Senate under the requirements of Senate Bill 813. In no way does the mandate increase allotment under the average daily attendance that generates to the school district and in turn to American High School. Further, to my knowledge, there is no move either by the State Superintendent or the Fremont Unified School District Board of Education to eliminate the open campus and the lunch hour.

I believe if you had researched a bit further, you would have discovered the "progressive educational methods"-- the disappearance of which you lament-- are still alive and well at American High School. The formats of interdisciplinary instruction, of personal and human regard in the relationship between teachers and students, and indeed, between administrators and students, has never flagged. As a matter of fact, it has been reviewed and rejuvenated by the entire staff in a series of freewheeling and broad-based discussions. The single rule of these relationships remains what it has been for 16 years: All staff, both veterans and rookies alike, has been reminded that our cardinal operational principle is that 95% of our students respond in a humane and responsible fashion if treated humanely and responsibly by all elements of the staff.

I absolutely agree with your closing remarks that it is central to the purpose of our educational stance to enhance creativity, individuality, and diversity for all of our students.

Cordially
J. Tranchina

Wake up and smell

NILS TALBOT
reporter

the *cofski*

On October 4 Giuliana Milanese, a member of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), gave a presentation to the Senior Government and Junior Honors classes. Students attending the lecture in hopes of learning about communism in America were disappointed to find that the speaker shoveled and preached large amounts of propaganda and evaded questions posed by the students. The actual goals and philosophies of the communist party were hardly discussed.

Milanese at first seemed like a Democrat, expressing a desire for massive cuts in defense spending, an end to the homeless crises, and more jobs. Issues that everyone is concerned about. Very little was said about oppression, low work incentive, or stagnation, all problems in countries currently under communist control.

Whenever a question was raised on these topics, Milanese would lapse into rounds of anti-Republican rhetoric, evading the question all together. If she is convinced that communism is the wave of the future, then why can't we get any real answers?

At a time when communist countries are adopting many Western policies such as free enterprise (on a limited basis) an open criticism of government policies to pull themselves up from the pit dug for them by communism, why would free people still care to follow Marxist-Leninist doctrine? Wake up and smell the cofski, comrades! IT HASN'T WORKED!!!

One good point raised by the audience was the fact that the CPUSA is using the American democratic system of free speech and other liberties to gain

power. If they ever did control our country, they would abolish the very same liberties they used to come to power!

The brochures available at the lecture were also filled with communist propaganda. The one titled "What everyone should know about the Communist Party USA" said "our country was born in revolution. To advocate a socialist USA is to follow a great American revolutionary tradition." So since we had a revolution in 1776, we should have another one to be patriotic? The 1776 revolution was a step away from oppression. Why return to it with a communist revolution?

Maybe we do need some changes in our country, but communism is certainly the wrong vehicle to bring them about.

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Bushwacked

CHRIS CLARK
reporter

God sent Moses a sign in his time of doubt, and now he's sent us that same sign—the burning Bush. The smoke that is rising from this flaming foliage is spelling out a warning—"Don't vote for me." Our benevolent lord has shown us in many ways why we shouldn't turn the reins of America over to George Bush, but for those stubborn elephants who refuse to acknowledge George's problems, I will review them.

George would like you to know that he did a great job as Ronnie's back-up. Just don't mention his record as the leader of our "war on drugs."

"I thought I did a fine job."

But George, you have been dealing with Manuel Noriega since the 70's!

"So what, Manny is a great guy!"

But George, Noriega is shipping cocaine into our country daily!

"What? Manuel is dealing drugs? I had no idea!"

OUCH! George, your nose just gave me a black eye, do me a favor and keep quiet!

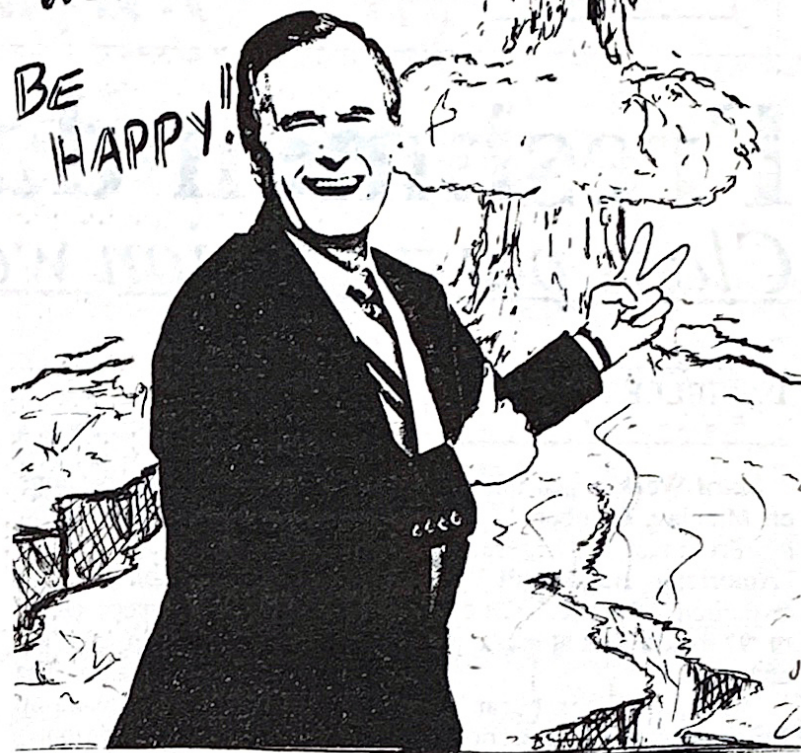
Bush still did not volunteer the information that he had. I would really like to see George explain his morals to the families of the two victims.

It is possible that George would rather explain his complicated ethical philosophy to the families of the Iranian hostages, whose release he and William Casey, (former CIA director) managed to get pushed back until Ronald Reagan was elected.

A few months of your life for the good of the Republican Party, in George's gospel, that is the height of morality!

DON'T
WORRY...

BE
HAPPY!



There is a time and a place

STEPHANIE JAMESON
Viewpoint editor

Pecks on the cheek are great. Small kisses on the lips, are even better. Hugs are pretty high on the list of affection, too. All of us feel the need to be loved, but there is a time and a place for everything!

Don't you hate it when you are in a hurry to get to your next class and a liplocked couple is in your way? Their show of affection is not only gross, but inappropriate. Watching two people in "love" swap saliva is not the best way to start the day--and it does not do wonders for a queasy stomach!

Often during lunch, one can see young couples demonstrating their feelings for one another. They entwine their arms and legs, and contort their lips in the strangest positions!

Try eating your lunch while two people are sucking face a few feet away--Gross-a-Roonie!!!!

Even though classes are only 50 minutes long, some couples act like they are never going to see each other again. Maybe they all suffer from lipophobia--fear of having one's lips to themselves. That would certainly explain why they always seem to be connected at the mouth.

The public display of affection is both offensive and immature. If the students of AHS wanted to see a sex show everyday, they would be working at a porn shop. There comes a time when the affection is just plain tacky. Good judgement is the key and it needs to be used. So, if you are a member of the 24 hour suck face society, save your lips for afterschool and weekends and save the rest of us from the upset stomachs!!

George also wants you to know that he will bring basic values back to America. I am certain these values will be the same wholesome ideals that Bush's CIA case officers brought to Angola from 1975-76, when they gave arms to Jonas Savimbi's army, even though Bush told Congress that all of the CIA's covert activities were stopped (I guess his fingers were crossed).

Maybe George will show us the wholesome, all-American values that kept him from revealing the identities of two Argentinian secret servicemen (whose pictures and passports were sent to his office); who later went on to kill Orlando Letelier and Ronnie Moffit on Embassy Row in Washington D. C. in 1976. Even after Letelier and Moffit had been assassinated,

I will not try to judge the policies of Bush, because I can not comprehend the way he looks at America, but I can judge the man. No country should call an amoral man its leader. If Bush has lied, manipulated, and done much worse in order to get to the top, just think of what he will do to stay there! Michael Dukakis is hardly a warm, fatherly role model for our country, but that is not what the office of the President is about. I don't need my President to tuck me in at night; I need him to set the standards of my nation. At least with Dukakis in the White House, I won't have to worry about how many people are listening to my phone conversations.

Is that you on the line George?
"Click"

I know that everyone thinks that all politicians lie, but for my money, George takes his fibbing just a bit too far.

"I swear I wasn't on the Iran-Contra dealings," was George's first reply to accusations that he was involved in illegal arms deals. When it became obvious that no one believed his first defense, George admitted, "O.K., maybe I just peeked in." Finally, when it was brought up to George that he was present at numerous meetings of the National Security Council, where the Iran-Contra dealings were discussed, George declared, "Yeah, but I swear I didn't hear a thing!"

George, your nose is growing!

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

Do you think Spirit Week really promotes school spirit?



Brian D'Antonio
Freshman

"No, because it's more of a class competition than a school activity."



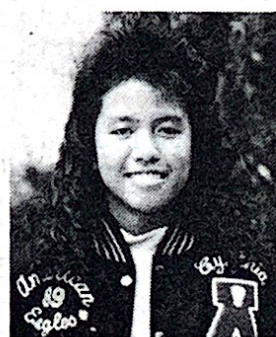
Bryon Young
Sophomore

"Yes, I think spirit week brings out the spirit in all of us-- it brings each class together."



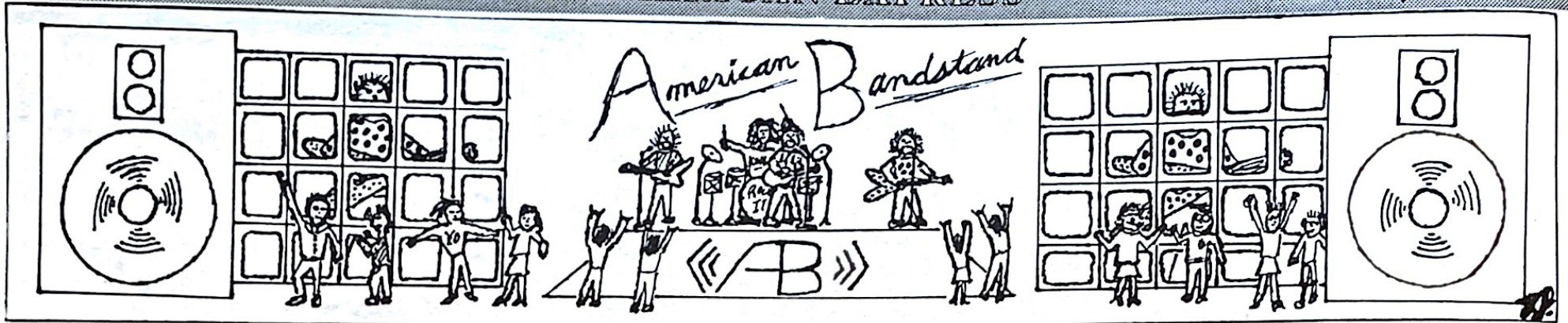
Maisha Cobb
Junior

"Yes, because all the students in each class usually participate in helping their class win. This makes unity and there is a lot of spirit."



Cynthia Feliciano
Senior

"No, because people get into arguments and every class thinks they are the best."



Freshmen dance the day away

Class participation weak

DANIELLE BLACK
Feature editor

Spirit Week began this year on Monday, October 24, with the Freshman class presenting "American Bandstand: The Evolution of music." The class of '92 took a look at music past and present.

As Spirit Week began on Monday morning, a section of the rotunda had been turned into a variety of different musical eras. Music of the 50's, 60's, and 80's were featured.

The Freshmen decorations consisted of band posters, albums and records, music notes, an inspiration point, a beach scene, a park scene, an ice cream soda fountain and the class' throne, a huge radio. The radio consisted of speakers on top and a dial face on the front.

When lunch rolled around, it was time for the Freshman skit. The class of '92 had a few problems with the microphone

at first, but the problem was solved. Their skit's storyline was a look back at all kinds of music. First was the 50s with the "Do Wap Wap", then came the Beach Boys era. Next came the summer of '68: The Summer of Love. In this scene, the freshman dressed like hippies and flower children and danced and lip synced to the old Beatles hit "A Little Help From my Friends." After the tune was

over they passed out flowers to the audience. The last musical era portrayed was the 80s. In the 80s dance, the class of '92 had a synchronized routine to "It Takes 2 To Make a Thing go Right." At the end of the skit, the cast came out chanting '92!

ASB President, Tom Mello, helped the freshman class this year. "This class is very organized. we were done decorating by 8:00 and then

began practicing," said Mello.

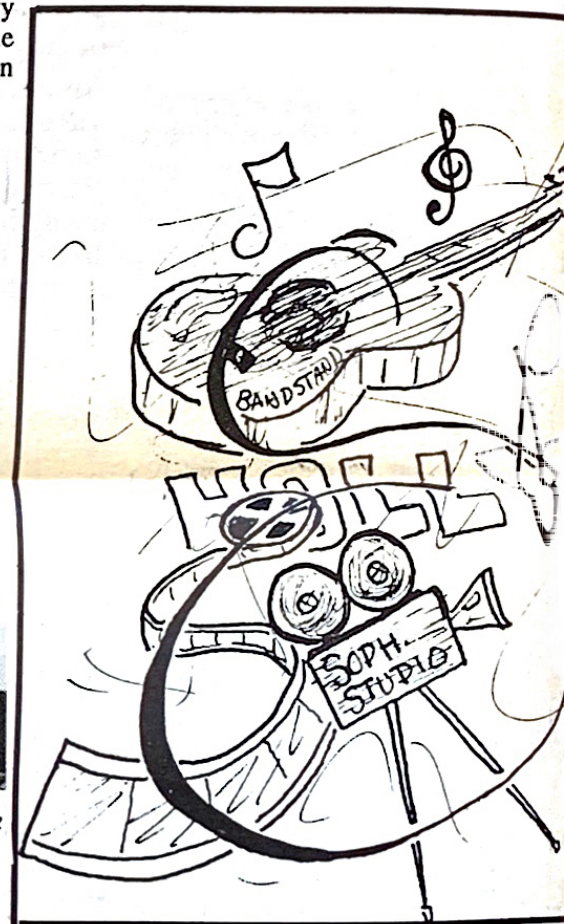
As usual, the level of class participation was lacking, although the members of the Freshman that did participate tried their best, there seemed to be many Freshman who didn't participate in their class activities.



Freshmen sit bored during the Unity Day Rally Festivities.



Mr. Siacotos sits jokingly in the Sophomore throne, two movie theatre seats.



'91 presents "Behind the Scenes: Sophomore Studios"

DANIELLE BLACK
Feature editor

Technical difficulties affect skit

The Sophomore class - the class of '91, presented "Behind the Scenes: Sophomore Studios" on Tuesday of Spirit Week. The theme was a take-off on the Universal Studios in Los Angeles. In creating the studio theme, the sophomores decorated the Rotunda with the shark from Jaws, the hut from Tarzan, movie stunts and a Miami Vice set.

Other decorations included a coke machine hidden by a cardboard popcorn box and the student service office decorated

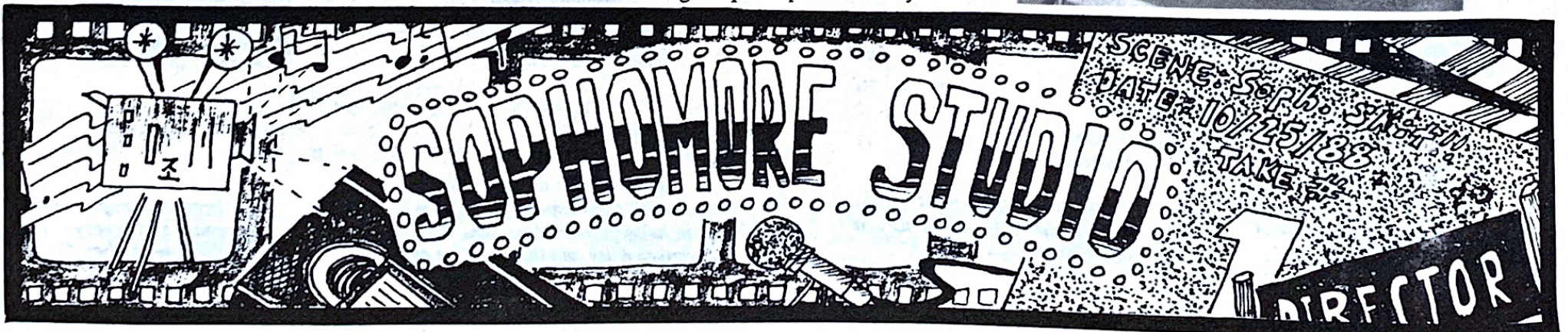
as an entrance to a movie theatre.

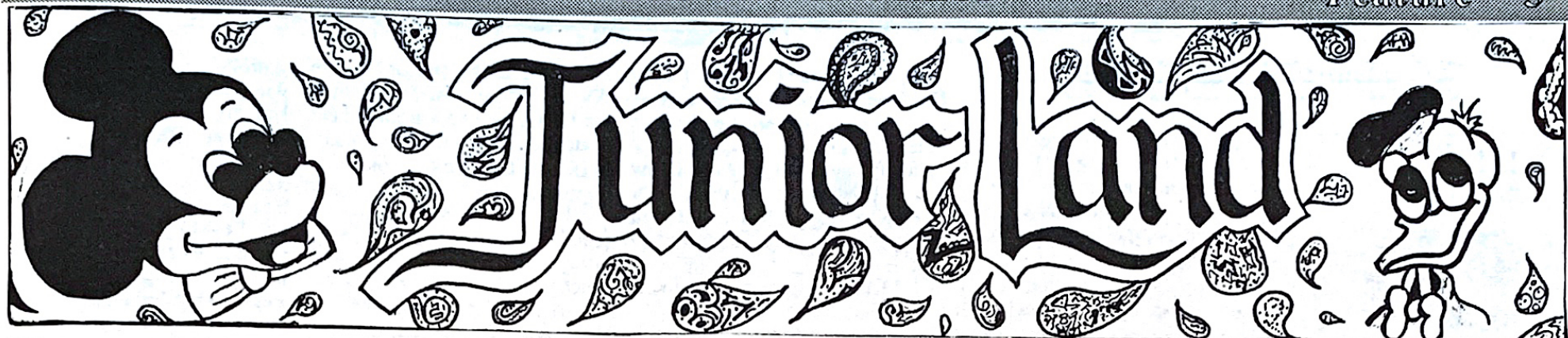
The Sophomore lunch time skit centered around a tour of "Sophomore Studios" led by tour guide Matt Gilcrest. "He sounded just like a real guide," stated Robin Hager, senior. The tour went through various stages of "Sophomore Studios". Two little girls got lost from the rest of the tour group and encountered many strange happenings; a stunt scene with Crockett and Tubbs of Miami Vice making a drug bust, a

group of jungle natives tying up Tarzan's wife, a silent movie in progress, and a scene from the movie Cocktail. The only snag in the skit came when they experienced some technical difficulties with their sound system. The class of '91 could not help the problem, but the audience became impatient and began talking! With the help of junior Jonas Garcia, the technical difficulties were solved and the show continued.

It seems that the class of '91 had great participation - many

sophomores participated with spirit and vigor.





Juniors journey through Disney

MICHELLE DE MESA
reporter

Frontierland, Tomorrowland, and Fantasyland replaced tardy slips, detention notices and counseling services on Wednesday, October 26 when the Junior Class turned their student services office into "Juniorland".

The Junior Class—the class of 1990 tried to capture the theme of Disneyland during their spirit week activities. Juniors were asked to dress up as Disneyland characters or

tourists visiting "Juniorland". Juniorland was filled with many characters such as Mickey Mouse, Snow White, Pirates and Pinocchio.

The Junior student services was decorated as "It's A Small World", "Thunder Mountain", "Cinderella's Castle", and "Tom Sawyer's Island". Their throne was the "Matterhorn".

The Junior lunch time skit began in a classroom at AHS during Spirit Week. The students, dressed as Peter Pan (Greg Hoffman) and Prince

Charming (Stan Cox), fell asleep wishing to be somewhere other than school. A spell was cast on them by the evil chalkboard (Joey Szabo) and they were sent to find four items to beat the Logan Colts. Suddenly they were transported to Disneyland to find the items: Cinderella's slipper, a jungleboy's loin cloth, Captain Hook's hook, and Captain EO's glove. Prince Charming, Peter Pan, and Mickey Mouse (Greg Gutierrez) sang and danced their way into Cinderella's (Julie Duke) heart to receive a slipper. Then it was off to the jungle as natives danced to

"Jungle Love" and "George of the Jungle". A jungleboy's loin cloth was finally captured by Snow White (Kelly Lipps). Captain Hook (Rick Gonzales) and his band of pirates were next. Mickey and Minnie were successful in attaining the hook. The last item needed was Captain EO's glove. A captain's crew performed a dance routine similar to Captain EO's itself. Finally, the glove was retrieved from the evil witch (Rochelle Merrill). For the finale, members of the cast sang "When You Wish Upon A Star".

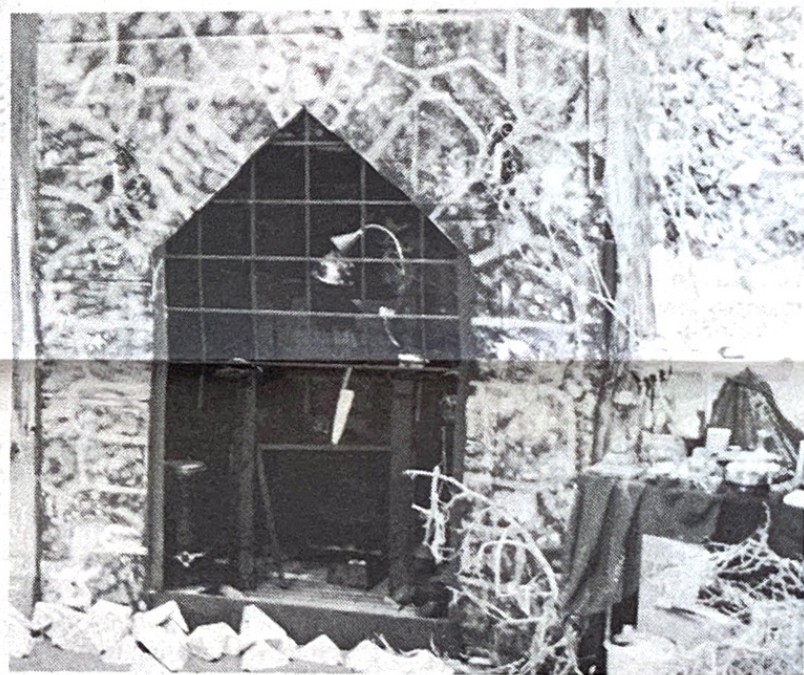
School spirit was

emphasized throughout the skit. Each class was asked to show their spirit by applauding. Students in the audience were encouraged to participate by clapping to songs and cheering for their classes.

The class of 1990's spirit day, ran smoothly with very few problems. They captured the essence of spirit with their hard work, decorations, and skit. As Brandi Galvin summed it up, "We worked hard, and we worked as a class."



The Junior throne, the "Matterhorn" rests in the center of Juniorland.



Senior torture chamber awaits curious underclassmen.

JEANNE ALVES
reporter

Senior Dreammasters

"It's so big!", cried a wide eyed freshman as she passed by the towering house of Freddy "Logan." The house which surrounded the twelfth grade student service was only the beginning of "A Nightmare on 89th Street."

Along with the Freddy house, the senior student service was decorated with several other terrifying props. Frankenstein's castle, a goulsh coffin, the Jason cabin (from Friday the 13th), pumpkins, and two terrifying thrones (a massive blackwidow spider and

Freddy's glove). The class decided to make two and then vote on the one they liked best. The spider was chosen as the throne for the class of 89.

The class of 89 demonstrated great class spirit. Their unity and spirit was shown all week long as they supported the skits of other classes. Senior spirit especially shined on the 27th. "The object was to get as many seniors involved in the skit this year as possible," said Senior class Vice-President Mark Bowen. Seniors dresses up as witches, warlocks, monsters and zombies. Most seniors took

part in the lunch time skit. Either by dancing dead in "Thriller", or being a part of the band, or running the smoke machine or just yelling "Hairspray! Hairspray! Hairspray!" Involvement was strong.

The story line of the senior skit centered around a typical AHS jock, a cheerleader and a furry mascot. As students filed into the gym to see the skit, they were given a program to follow along. The skit involved Ms. Cheerleader (Virginia Baeta) who forgets her hairspray. While the jock and the cheerleader return to get the

faithful Aqua-Net, the Mascot (Michelle Robison) stays behind to rest. She is warned not to fall asleep, but what does she do? She falls asleep. Freddy Logan comes and kidnaps her taking her back down to his boiler room. Meanwhile jock and cheerleader return finding

Michelle gone. So they begin their search for the precious mascot. They are attacked by Michael Jackson (Tim Lew) and friends in "Thriller". Then they have a small conversation with the Adam's family, and they get stuck in the middle of the Monster Mash, being attacked

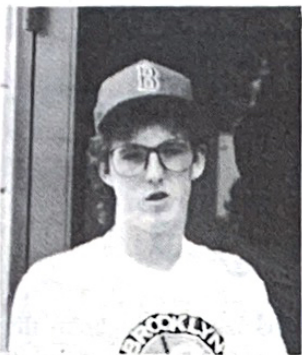
by sexy witches, they kill one witch with the faithful Aqua-Net and then they go to the boiler room where Freddy's got the AHS eagle. They try to kill him with the hairspray, but "Horrors!" the plan backfires and our jock is killed by Freddy.

Elvira comes out and gives advice to our heroine that Logan's victory over AHS could only be a dream.

The class of 1989 deserves a pat on the back for this one. They proved that things can happen when we work together. Which is what they did for Spirit Week 1988. Here's to you seniors!!!!!!



SPORTS LOOK

CHRIS CLARK
reporter

I was watching the news the other night when I witnessed a sight that nauseated me beyond the thought of Dan Quale becoming President. Channel Seven's two

super-cute newscasters, Don Sanchez and Cheryl Jennings, were talking about how great the A's were, and both of them put on those cheap, mesh-back A's hats, and smiled like Cheshire cats. The male newscaster looked like a little league rightfielder, with his hat over his ears, and his razor-strait bill in his eyes, and his female sidekick was an obvious Bobby Sox reject. As I was trying not to puke up my Ho-Ho's, I realized that if these two sports virgins were now A's fans, my worst fears were coming true; everyone in the Bay Area was sitting on the A's bandwagon, and I was being dragged behind with a rope.

I know that everyone loves a winner, but couldn't they show

that love sooner? Lately, I want to attack anyone who is wearing an A's cap. Nobody cared about the A's until they got close to the playoffs, and then, the whole Bay Area "had been an A's fan for years". Everyone had a different story about their life-long love of the A's.

"Man, I went to an A's game in 1978, and I've loved them since."

What they forget to tell you is that they never went to another game.

"I'm a real A's fan. Look, my hat is 10 years old!"

It sure is, and it hasn't been out of their closet since hat day in 1978.

I guess that people with nothing else in their lives feel drawn to a winner. I've never heard the phrase "Die-hard A's fan" in my life. Die-hard fans go to the game to watch their team play,

not to sit in the sun or tailgate. A's fans seem to treat a visit to the Coliseum like a social event. Watching the game is secondary, being at the game is the most important thing.

I am not an A's fan, and I'm proud of it. Bay Area fans are the most spoiled and vindictive sports watchers in the world.

A friend of mine, who is a "Die-hard" A's fan of late, was a "Die-hard" Giants fan last year until the final out of the playoffs.

"The Giants suck."

"But you were just talking about how great they were"

"Yea, but they lost."

It must be something about the California lifestyle that makes these people gavitare from winner to winner. The Chicago Cubs haven't won the pennant in 50 years, but they still have loyal fans. If the A's do a nose dive next

year, I'm betting my World Series winnings that the Coliseum will be a great place to do homework-empty and quiet.

If you are so weak as to feel the need to jump on the A's bandwagon, KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!! I don't want to hear about how "bad" Dave Henderson is! I don't want to do the Monster Bash! What I want to do is hold your head underwater until you admit that you never liked the A's before the playoffs! The law won't let me drown you, so I guess I'll just throw things at everyone who is wearing green and gold (the ugliest colors in the major leagues) until I feel better. I'm angry now, but my anger will fade away, just like all of the Athletics' new fans.

American: a sweet homecoming for local hero

EILEEN CHUNG
Editor-in-chief

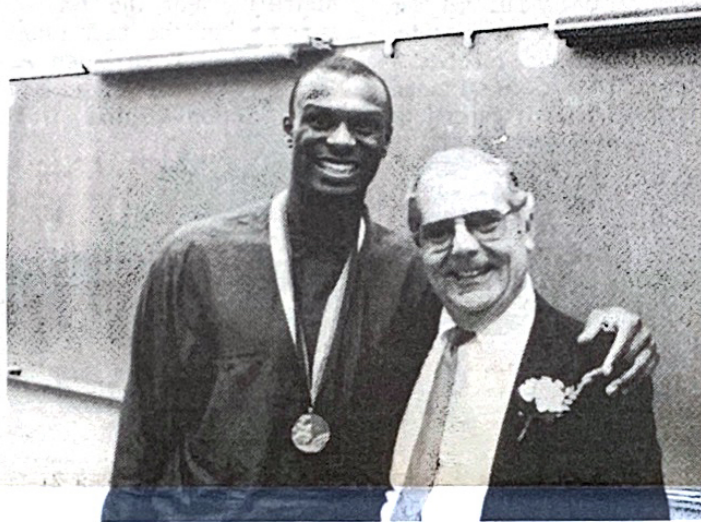
The shrills and screams could already be heard from AHS' gym even before two-time gold-medalist Steve Lewis made his entrance during the Unity Day rally on Oct. 28.

He waved to a frenzied AHS crowd who greeted him with congratulatory banners, applause, and the tune of "One Moment in Time", a song from the Olympic soundtrack playing. A thunderous sound echoed in the gym as the intensity grew higher.

"How do you all feel? I feel good. It feels good to be back," said Lewis. More screams.

The Olympic track star delivered a brief speech, but was interrupted periodically by more cheers. "People put limits on my potential. They said I was too young to do what I was doing," said Lewis. So he went to Seoul and took first in the 400m finals upsetting world record holder Butch Reynolds. The sound continued.

Before Lewis could continue,



AHS principal Joe Tranchina and gold medalist Steve Lewis at press conference following Unity Day Rally.

the students erupted into a chants of "U.S.A." Lewis smiled, thanked the crowd and pulled out the object that everyone was waiting to see. A sparkling gold medal dangled from Olympic ribbon for all to admire. More cheers.

"Everyone in life has dreams and goals. I just accomplished my dream at a young age. Right now this is my dream and what I've lived for," continued Lewis.

"I like being the underdog because that leaves a lasting impression," he said at a press conference on campus following

the rally. He said that he had run his best race ever but was earlier called the "weakling" of the group.

"Actions speak louder than words," concluded Lewis.

"At the rally, I felt all this electricity going through my body while talking to the students," said the 19-year old.

Lewis had attended AHS his junior and senior year and ran track under the coaching of Spanish teacher Jim Creed. "It's just the name, American High. It means a lot more than Washington or Logan-it's American and it means a lot to me," said Lewis.

In his sophomore year at UCLA, Lewis admits that keeping up with schoolwork is difficult. He found himself doing assignments on plane flights. "I haven't come off this high-there's so many things happening now," he said.

Lewis will begin training again in January and it looks as if the underdog has left his impact here by sharing his dream with the AHS community.

SPORTS
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Wash @ AHS Nov. 3
AHS @ NM Nov. 3

CROSS COUNTRY

MVAL Finals Nov. 3

FROSH FOOTBALL

Moreau @ AHS Nov. 3
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JV & VAR FOOTBALL

AHS @ Moreau Nov. 4
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JV GIRLS
BASKETBALL
AHS @ Alameda Nov. 29

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AHS volleyballers
drop in standingsMARTIE PETERS
reporter

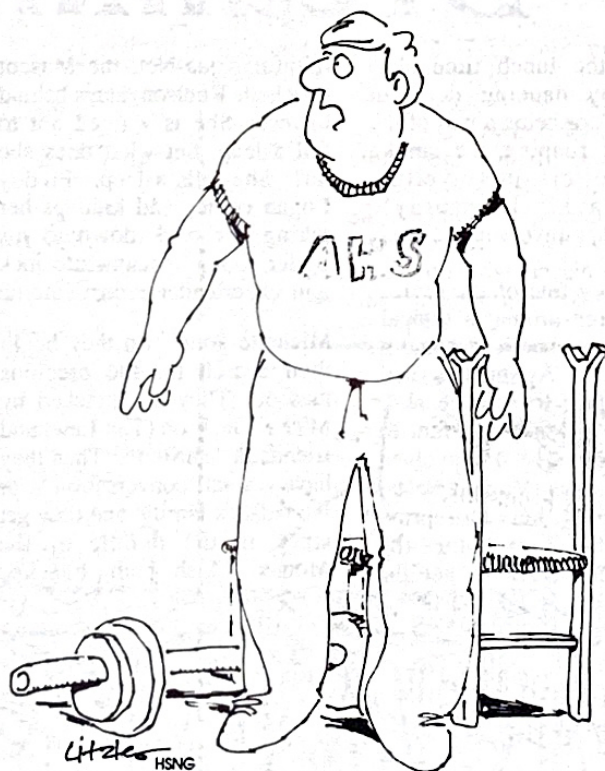
The AHS varsity volleyball team dropped to fourth place in the league standings after suffering a defeat at the hands of the Mission San Jose Warriors.

"They served and we stood around and watched. Volleyball is a game of momentum and that set the mood for the match," said coach Debbie Murray.

The Warriors took control with two convincing victories in the first two sets by the identical scores of 15-2. During the third set the Eagles woke up and began to play up to their

The loss dropped the Eagles record to five wins and six losses, one game behind third place Moreau.

On the other hand, the junior varsity team is striving hard to reach their potential. On Thursday they shut-out Mission's junior varsity two sets to zero.



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Eagles upset undefeated Logan

J.V. football racked up 35 points in Homecoming game

ERIK WILLIS
reporter

The AHS Junior Varsity football team upset the undefeated James Logan Colts 35 to 16 to culminate spirit week activities.

The Eagles offensive line opened large holes for Sophomore running back Bob Pailthorpe who rushed for 238 yards. AHS controled the line of scrimmage and scored 28 of its 35 points before the half.

The Eagles defense shut down the Colts Sophomore running back Charles Cantu while stifling the Logan offense. The Colts were scoreless at the half.

With a 1:59 to play in the third quarter, Junior quarterback Scott Delbridge and an offensive line providing great protection, threw a 23 yard touchdown pass to Junior Eric Stevens to run up the score 35 to 0.

On the first play of the first quarter, Logan put its first points on the scoreboard with a 47-yard run by Cantu. Logan ran a two point conversion to cut the Eagles' lead to 27 points with 11:44 minutes remaining in the game.

Logan's last threat was a scoring drive capped by a 27-yard touchdown run from sophomore running back Robert Scott with 4:07 left on the clock.

The victory over the Colts put the Eagles in second place with two league games remaining. The Eagles must beat the undefeated Washington Huskies and the Moreau Mariners to capture first lace.

Cross country makes history

ERIK WILLIS
reporter

History was made on the Cross Country trail at Kennedy High School on Oct. 20. The American High Cross Country team defeated the Kennedy Titans and the Mission Warriors. The Cross Country victory over Mission was the first in AHS history.

When the results of the top five runners from each team were compiled, the score was a dead tie between AHS and MSJ. The fate of the Eagle hurriers was in the hands of sixth man on the squad, junior Tom Jelmyer. His running time over the three mile course was 17 minutes and 43 seconds, beating out Mission's sixth man by a mere second.

"I knew we could win. The team was fired up," said junior Greg Hoffman who ran the three mile course in 17:13 minutes.

Mission coach Steve Strangio (brother of AHS coach Liz Strangio) was shocked by the AHS victory.

When asked about the defeat the Warrior coach had no comment.

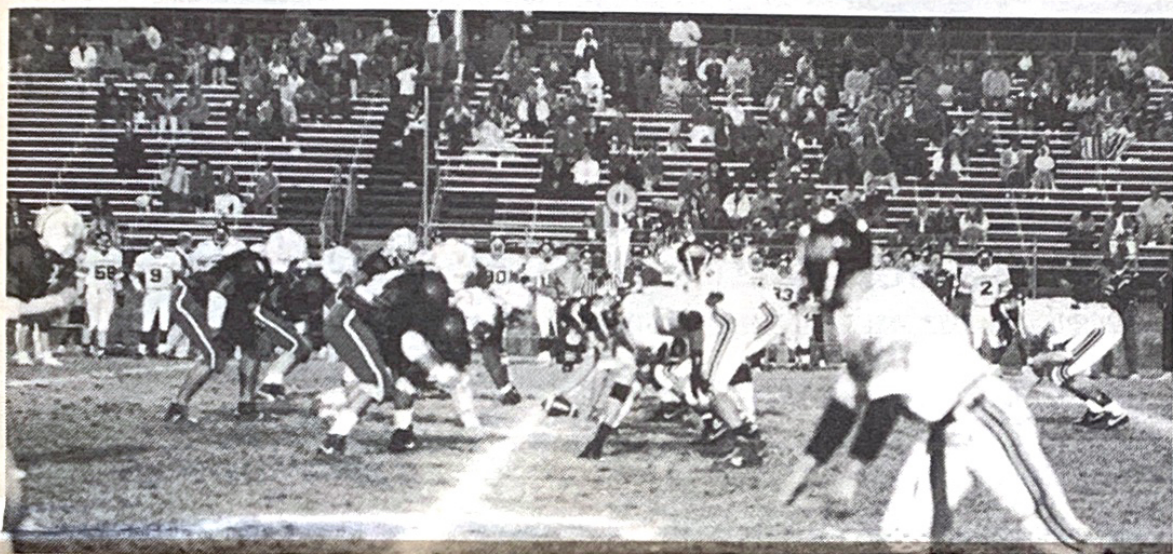
"It was a team effort, we all finished together. The team wanted to win it for coach Strangio," said junior Geno Vicellio.

Individual efforts by freshman Chis "BVD" Benevidos and senior Louis Lee were the keys to the team victory. Benevidos, who has been a pleasant surprise to his coach, ran a strong race with a time of 17:25 minutes while Lee ran his personal best time of 17:01 minutes.

"The win was an inspiration to the team. Now we have the confidence and a shot at North Coast Section," said Lee.



Senior Soraj Prathnadi leads freshman Chris Benevidos and senior Scot Fischer during Cross-Country practice.



The Eagles defense held Logan to 89 yards rushing but lost 21-17.

Girls tennis share third with Washington

EILEEN CHUNG
Editor-in-chief

Riding on a six game win streak, rolling over teams in the MVAL, American's girls tennis team closed the 1988 season on a sour note and a third place tie.

Although Mission San Jose had clinched the MVAL title, their 8th consecutive one, AHS was looking for a second place finish.

The final game of the regular season against Moreau proved to be the deciding factor.

American championed Moreau 4-3 in their last meeting on Oct. 4. This time, a 5-2 loss dropping American to third was the result of two forfeited matches.

The three top players, captain Sarah Jamelo, and doubles team Jocelyn Surla and Claire Cabal arrived late for the game at the Hayward Tanglewood Courts (Moreau's campus has none of their own) forcing their coach, Linda Crane to default two matches.

"I was looking forward to it with great anticipation, but I was let down considering the circumstances," said Crane. She also speculated that Spirit Week was a negative factor. "It hurt us. They were tired and did not fully concentrate on their games," said Crane.

With all that had happened, Cabal focused on the positive

things of the season. "The games we lost (in the first half of the season) we came back and won- except for Mission. We really increased the wins," she said.

"We were disappointed," said senior Ravi Dosanjh, "but there was nothing we could do. We did learn how to support and work with each other better though."

The Eagles three week long stomping of the MVAL teams included wins over Moreau in which senior Diana Wong's 0-6, 6-1, 6-3 comeback decided the

game; stopping Newark Memorial where the girls swept the 3 and 4 singles matches; a revenge game with Washington; a shut-out of Irvington; topping James Logan; and senior Deborah Sim's 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 win to help beat Kennedy.

"It was like someone flicked on a switch and we kept going. It was a lift for the whole team," said Cabal.

The Eagles finished the season with a 9-5 league record. Varsity players will compete in the MVAL tournaments this week.

Varsity football battles Logan to the last minute

EILEEN CHUNG
Editor-in-chief

Even the coffins and tombstones from the seniors' Spirit Week decorations did not help to taunt the Logan Colts. The AHS Varsity football team lost the Homecoming game, but they made undefeated James Logan work hard for their 21-17 victory.

The Eagles fumbled the ball on their first drive of the quarter and 53 yards later, Logan was up 7-0. American came back with Emil Hockaday's 27 yard field goal, following American's 70 yard drive.

Logan proceeded to score again as top rated quarterback Mark Reed threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to lead 14-3.

American's defense held Logan to 89 yards rushing. On a fourth down play, Logan's punt was blocked by linebacker Marvin Liu. As the ball bounced into the endzone,

senior Robert Saltiban jumped on it for an Eagle score.

"We had a good game, but it was when we needed to score, we didn't execute. Big plays lead to wins-we just didn't get that big play," Saltiban said after the loss.

Trailing 21-10 with five minutes remaining, Saltiban ran 38 yards up the middle to the endzone, averting two backs and the Eagles were back in the game.

However, American came up short as the Logan defense closed them down in the winding minutes.

"The kids have nothing to be ashamed of. They played their hearts out and well enough to win. We played them down to the last minute," said Coach Skip Cain.

The Eagles are currently in 4th place with a 3-2 record behind James Logan, Kennedy, and Washington. They will face Moreau and Washington in the remaining two games of the season.

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First Curry/ Eastin debate at AHS

EILEEN CHUNG
Editor-in-chief

California Assemblywoman Delaine Eastin and Republican candidate for Assembly, Tom Curry made American High the site of their first public debate on Thursday, Oct. 13. The entire Senior class gathered for the second period event in Theatre 70.

The two candidates for the 18th Assembly district were received warmly by 350 applauding, cheering, and sign-bearing seniors.

After official introductions of each candidate, Eastin opened the debate by pointing out the decline of California's education in kindergarten through 12 grades. "I hope your role as young people is going to be to bring California back to the preeminence she once enjoyed," Eastin told the crowd.

Curry opened by urging change for the future. "Education is important. I feel very strongly that our children are our future," he said.

When students were allowed to ask questions of the

candidates, education was not their main concern, the issue of abortion was.

When challenged to defend their stands on abortion, Eastin expressed that it should be the "individual's right to choose." Curry indicated that abortion was wrong and when one becomes pregnant, they have an obligation to the life of the fetus.

The majority of the seniors agreed that Eastin won the debate. "She was the better speaker. Tom Curry did bring up some good points, but Ms. Eastin dominated because of her prior experience," said Nick Wold.

When Eastin and Curry agreed that the school year should be extended, the theatre erupted in moans and groans. "We need to spend more time in the classroom and focus on the curriculum that gets back to the basics," said Curry.

According to government instructor Rich Larsen, the students seemed to benefit from the debate. "I think they better understood how the political spectrum works and how difficult it is to be a candidate," said Larsen.

an understanding of the political spectrum, government instructors Trent Barton, Rich Larsen and Rick Marsh decided that they wanted to have a communist speak to their classes.

"To get the speaker, we just looked in the phone book under the American Communist Party," said Larsen.

Milanese is a full-time employee of the "small but active" 20,000 member American Communist Party. She receives a salary and company car for her work. Milanese often talks to high school students about her party and communism in general. Though she sometimes has problems with hecklers, Milanese's visit to AHS was

trouble-free.

During her talk, Milanese reflected her party's strong opposition to Vice-President George Bush. Though she is not a strong supporter of presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, she believes he is the "lesser of two evils".

Milanese told the classes about realistic, short term changes that she and her party would like to see, including, a national health plan, a bill guaranteeing jobs for everyone, and drastic, military spending cuts.

"Eventually, the party wants to see America become a communist nation, but the party wants that change to come peacefully," said Milanese.



Seniors see red

Communist speaker visits government classes

CHRIS CLARK
reporter

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, in Theatre 50, the students of American High's government classes were visited by a member of the Communist Party USA. Guilianna Milanese, a member of the American Communist Party, outlined her party's goals and philosophies in a short speech. She completed her presentation by answering questions from the audience.

"Milanese brought up some very interesting viewpoints, but I disagreed with most of them," said senior Matt Lillard, who reflected the opinion of much of the audience.

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Presidential election will affect teenagers

REBECCA EHSAN
News editor

On Nov. 8 Americans will choose a new president. Vice-President George Bush or Governor Mike Dukakis of Massachusetts will be our new chief-executive. Included among the major issues of the presidential campaign that will affect teens are drug education, college tuition, and abortion.

Governor Dukakis wants to see his state's drug education program go national, using government money to teach teenagers about the devastating effects of drug abuse. Vice-President Bush says he wants to become the "education president", increasing federal spending for schools partly by giving states \$1 million each for curriculum innovations and teachers' salaries.

During the past eight years, the amount of money given to people going to college has decreased. Many high school graduates rely heavily on government loans and grants to pay for their educations. If elected president, Vice-President George Bush would propose a college savings bond plan to help parents pay for their children's education. It would allow families to not be taxed on the interest earned from money set aside for college. Governor Dukakis, on the other hand, has a plan to make it easier for college grads to repay their loans. The Dukakis plan would let students who earn less money make lower monthly payments.

Both presidential candidates have stated their views on abortion strongly. Vice-President Bush is "against abortion, but for adoption." Governor Dukakis is in favour of letting women decide for themselves if they want to terminate a pregnancy.

Many American schools are waging a war against drugs. At least 39 states require schools to teach students about drug prevention. Police departments, national health organizations, and Nancy Reagan all have been involved in getting teenagers to say "no" to drugs.

Under President Reagan, Vice-President Bush led the governments official fight against drug abuse. As governor of Massachusetts, Dukakis formed a Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, which enlisted celebrities to help in educating high school students about the hazards of drug use. Both presidential candidates have vowed to make drug abuse prevention a major part of their administrations.

Although most teens will not vote in this years national election the issues will have an everlasting effect on the lives of young America.

New computers for AHS

JEANNE ALVES
reporter

As a result of a summer fellowship with American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T), science teacher Richard Schneck was able to acquire forty-five used teletype 45C main frame terminals. These computers will be used in the science and business courses.

The computers were donated by AT&T to AHS as a result of Schneck's observation that AT&T was upgrading their own system. Schneck asked if AT&T would donate the excess computers to AHS.

AT&T is planning to help the school install the complicated wiring system to handle the computers. The value of their donation was approximately \$60,000.

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