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Seniors Gabe Lopez and Sam Castro roll in the sand as the seniors attempt a game of volleyball.

Sun, Fun, and Seniors!

By Jamie Miles

Prepared for the traditional Senior Class picnic, approximately 250 upperclassmen set out for Oakwood Lake Resort on September 28.

The six buses left AHS at approximately 8:30 am. They arrived in Manteca two hours later. Everyone had to remain on the buses for an additional 10-15 minutes while Aileen Hoffman and Sam Castro got the paperwork ready for the tickets.

As soon as the seniors had their beige and white bracelets on, they sought the best spot on the lakeside beach. People laid out in the sun. Some played volleyball or football. Others just sat and talked with friends.

The waterslides opened shortly after 11 am. The picnickers were given a choice of slides, rapids, and tubes. Faculty members who went on the waterslides included Mr. Rob Vares, Mr. Frank Gyax, Mr. LeRoy Gallardo, and Mr. Pete Murchison.

Those who weren't on the slides were busy preparing lunch. According to Mrs. Sonia Koujakian, the hot dog buns, mustard, ketchup, and relish were left behind in school. "Mrs. Sandy Conway, Mrs. Joan Strangio, and I had to buy them from a store in Manteca. Nobody realized we had forgotten them until we reached the park," she said.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks were served before the class returned to the water for "one last ride."

The early bus left Manteca at approximately 1:15 pm. The later buses left at 2:30 pm. "The ride home was considerably quieter than the ride there," said Bill Feliciano.

Many seniors said that they had a fun time. "It was great being able to get away from school," said Sloane Cochran. "We all got along real good, and everyone was in a real good mood," said Aileen Hoffman.

Lalena Shirley summed it up by saying, "It really brought the class together. It's a great start to a great senior year!"

CAMPAIGN KICKS-OFF

By Rosita Ehsan

Members of the Associated Student Body, the AHS faculty, and the Fremont Community have recently united to organize a clean-up campaign.

The American Pride Committee was organized as a result of last year's WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) report.

According to Ms. Mary Lou Schuster, the community (made up of parents, business groups, PTSA, and Booster Club) report of WASC was the only section that dealt with the "unkempt and irresponsibly treated facilities, supplies, and teaching areas."

The organization of the campaign began at the end of last year when Ms. Schuster challenged Principal Joe Tranchina and the staff to develop pride.

Freshmen Elect Class Officers

By Rebecca Ehsan

The Freshman Class elected their officers for the 1987-1988 school year on September 30 and October 1 during brunch, lunch, and after school by Student Service 9.

The outcome of the elections were as follows: Erica Quick, President; Michelle Wagner, Vice-President; Jennifer Guerin, and Josephine Robillo, Senators; and Matt Gilchrist, Class Justice.

Appointed officers were as follows: Cherisse Ng, Treasurer; Christine Iso, Secretary; and Jose Dalit and James Chianese, Senators.

The Committee has many goals. "Its purpose is to develop an awareness among students, administration, custodial staff, parents, and community of the things that need to be addressed," said Ms. Schuster. "The

The American Pride Steering Committee consists of six sub-committees. Mr. Tranchina is head of Administration and Parents. Assistant Principal John DiPaola is head of Community. Mr. Jim Williams is head of Custodial Staff.

Community/Classified is led by Ms. Terry Tinsley, and the student body is led by Ms. Thomson and Ms. Schuster.

"I feel as a taxpayer and as a teacher that we all have a moral obligation to care for the facilities, appearance, and supplies that the commun-

ity has given us in terms of tax dollars," said Ms. Schuster.

"If we show our appreciation for their support by taking care of what we have, not only will our behavior change, but perhaps we will be viewed in a new light. Perhaps, bond issues will pass that will enhance our facility with items such as swimming pools," she continued.

COLLEGE NITE!

By Jamie Miles

College is one of the many important issues faced by high school students, especially juniors and seniors. Where to go and what to study are two of the hardest choices to make. Luckily, help is available.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1987, American High School will be hosting its traditional College Night. Representatives from the U.C. and Cal State campuses as well as those representing out of state and independent colleges and the United States Armed Forces will be assembled in the Rotunda from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. A good time to ask questions and read brochures, there will also be video tours and presentations on such things as financial aid and community colleges.

By attending College Night, students learn more about the possibilities and options available to them. Students of all grades are encouraged to attend with their parents, according to the Career Center.

HOWDY ... FOLKS! Why Not Vares ??

By Rosita Ehsan
Editor-in-Chief

Although school has been in session for several weeks now, I'd still like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to AHS. I encourage all of you to participate in school events. Getting involved in athletics, clubs, and class activities help make school a lot more fun. They're also a great way to meet new people!

If you are a freshman, I hope you find the '87-'88 school year to be a rewarding one. I'm sure you've heard that it is the beginning of four great years. So, make the most of it by getting involved.

And remember...if you ever encounter any difficulties (and you probably will), there are many friendly students and faculty members who can be of

help to you-- once you get to know them.

If things don't work out, or if you just have personal concerns and comments, make sure you write me a letter. BE HEARD!!

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I look forward to hearing from you. So, read AMERICAN EXPRESS, and have a great year!

By Melanie Marciel

The selection process for administrator at A.H.S. should be re-evaluated.

Currently, the process includes the examination of the candidate through a two level interview. The level of the process deals with an interview on campus, and the second at the District Office. Should good interviewing skills be the only criteria on which a person is chosen for a job? The American Express feels that past experience is extremely important and should be looked at more closely when an important position like Assistant principal needs to be filled. Doesn't past experience count for anything? Mr. Robert Vares stepped in on two occasions to substitute for Mr. Ken Shimmin as Assistant Principal and handled everything very smoothly.

What about being familiar with the class and faculty? Mr. Vares knows most of students on a first name basis and was not

only their Assistant Principal but he was also their friend. As far as being familiar with the faculty, Mr. Vares has been on staff at AHS since 1972. That's 15 years of hard work, dedication and responsibility. Shouldn't that

stand for something? What about a person's past performance or doesn't that matter? During the time Mr. Vares was Assistant Principal many important things were accomplished.

The Class of 1988 won Spirit Week as juniors. They had a fun and successful Prom, and they came out of their junior year ready to be seniors.

Obviously, none of this was taken in to consideration when a decision had to be made. If it had been considered, Mr. Vares would be sitting in the 11th grade Student Service, as Assistant Principal instead of the ICU.

Here's one last question AMERICAN EXPRESS would like to ask: Why not Vares?

To BEAT or not to BEAT

By Mark R. Bowen

LL Cool J, The Beastie Boys, Lisa Lisa, The Fat Boys, the list goes on. Is it a list from the new K-Tel 'BEAT' album? Is it a new line of toilet bowl cleaners? No, it's just a list of the only records played at our dances. What's wrong with this picture? Yes, you guessed it-- no variety in the music. Why can't we hear something different? *Something that can be*

considered real music. A song where the melody isn't carried by a loud bass. When you attend a dance at American you'll be sure to hear 'Brass Monkey', 'Point of no Return', and another boring LL Cool J ditty.

The AMERICAN EXPRESS believes that there would be more profits made at dances if there was a wider variety of music. They are losing a lot of potential business to

dance clubs that do play modern or progressive music.

There are two issues against new wave. Supposedly it's hard to dance to and no one wants to hear it. First of all, the only reason it's considered hard to dance to is because you do more than wave your hands and wiggle your muffins. Secondly, there are people who want to hear it, they're just not as loud and obnoxious as those who don't. People who like modern music have learned to grin and bare it instead of whining and pouting when a song they don't like comes on.

In a survey conducted by the AMERICAN EXPRESS only two out of one hundred people didn't want some kind of change in the assortment of music.

Many people are tired of the dances consisting of only 'beat'. How would the 'Beat People' out there feel if they went to every dance and had to listen to mod music the whole time?

Many people have already given up all hope on the dances and others are considering it too. Change is definitely needed and it is about time we hired a dj other than Images, Inc.. Would it really hurt to hear a greater variety of music?

"BURN DOWN THE DISCO. HANG THE BLOODY DJ. BECAUSE THE MUSIC THAT THEY CONSTANTLY PLAY SAYS NOTHING TO ME ABOUT MY LIFE."

-The Smiths

Stars & Stripes Forever ??

Staff Writer

On September 16, 1987, the pledge of allegiance was said during our daily bulletin as part of our celebration of the Constitution. The words were butchered. The botched attempt caused a minor uproar in coves throughout AHS. Students and faculty alike were outraged by the massacre of our pledge.

Remember elementary school? Mrs. Peabody would make you stand, face the flag, put your right hand on your heart and recite the pledge. Did you ever really know what you were saying? Did you ever even care?

The main body of the pledge was written in 1892 for a children's magazine. It was recited first when President Benjamin Harrison called for patriotic exercises in school in celebration of the 400th anniversary of America's discovery.

1892? That was almost a century ago! Let's face the facts; the pledge is completely outdated. Take, for instance, the part that reads "...one nation, under God..." Which God? Maybe that section applied when there were only 13 Protestant colonies, but now we worship Allah, Buddah, Hare Krishna and a whole parade of other synthetic gods. Are we then one nation under God?

The American public doesn't only demonstrate a lack of interest in our pledge; we don't care about our anthem, either. At your typical Giant's baseball game only one-third of the fans acknowledge the fact that "The Star Spangled Banner" is being sung. The rest are too concerned about finding the prize in their Cracker Jack's box or flagging down a vendor to get their vital hot dog and brewski.

The American Express believes that our pledge, our anthem and patriotism in general were all fads of the 1800's...they were all trends that went out with powdered wigs and men's wearing tights.

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New Faces at AHS

By Eileen Chung

The start of the 1987-88 school year has brought with it 10 new teachers to the faculty at AHS. Included among the new faces on the staff are: Mr. Jim Brady, a New York native who previously taught math in Arizona; Mr. Pete Vaz, an elementary school teacher at Oliveira, now a P.E. and health instructor; Ms. Irene O'Byrne, a special education teacher from San Jose; Mr. Brian Rood, a former substitute for AHS who has found a permanent home here as a health instructor; Ms. Linda Aston, a science teacher and volleyball coach from San Rafael; a U.S. history teacher-turned grade counselor from MSJ, Mr. Tony Siacotos; a former math teacher in Sacramento and Vacaville, Ms. Karen Lin; Mr. Bob Bening, who taught social science at WHS and MSJ; a former Fremont Adult School instructor, Ms. Donna Martin who teaches science; and Ms. Liz Strangio, who is a substitute-turned-special education teacher.

Adjusting to a different school is only one of the many problems a new teacher must face. "My goal this year is just to find my way around!" said Ms. O'Byrne.

All of our new instructors reported back to school at the culmination of summer vacation. They were faced with new classrooms, unfamiliar schedules, and hundreds of new names to learn.

Even with these pressures, Mr. Brady said, "I look forward to becoming a part of AHS, getting to know and love the faculty and students."

Each new staff member was provided with a carole for an office, a personal mailbox, and keys. "I'm anxious to make a positive contribution, especially in helping students to develop individual and school wide goals," commented Mr. Siacotos.



ELECTED TO LEAD THE FRESHMEN CLASS, MICHELLE WAGNER AND ERICA QUICK BECAME CLASS VICE-PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT.

The names of the Senators and the Class Justice were revealed after school on September 30.

There was a run-off between Erica Quick/Michelle Wagner, and Christine Iso/Charisse Ng on October 1.

The new officers have many goals for their freshman year. "We plan to get the Freshmen more involved and spirited," said Erica Quick,

"We want to make the Freshman Class the best it can be," added Michelle Wagner.



The newcomers assemble in the Faculty Commons for a quick meeting in front of the copy machine. Those shown are: Mr. Brady, Ms. Aston, Ms. Martin, Ms. O'Byrne, and Ms. Lin.

Travel with SJSU

Compiled by Eileen Chung

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18; Workshop in French Language and Culture, June 29-August 1; Alaska (Inland Passage Cruise), July 3-July 17; Summer School in London, July 9- August 13; Kenya Odyssey (Nairobi, Samburu, Rift Valley and the Lakes, Masai Mara, Amboseli, Tsavo), July 8-July 27; East Africa Safari (Kenya Coast, July 27-August 15; Soviet Union History and Culture (dates permitting); Fall Foliage (Eastern U.S.), September 19- September 26; Hong Kong Bargain Shopping, November 21-November 28 (or extend and visit Bangkok and Singapore too).

For your free schedule of tours, call (408)277-3781 or write: Travel Programs San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192-0135.

Art Carved Essay Contest

Compiled by Rebecca Ehsan

High school students who would like the opportunity to win money for college tuition will be interested in learning about a challenging essay contest. Sponsored by ArtCarved Class Rings, a leading school ring manufacturer, the contest calls for high school students to write an essay in 500 words or less on, "What A Class Ring Means To Me." Eight cash prizes, totaling \$8,500, will be awarded: First Prize, \$3,000; Second Prize, \$2,000; Third Prize, \$1,000, and five Runner-Up Prizes of \$500 each.

The contest is open to all high school students, and entries must be postmarked by November 30, 1987. The essays will be judged on originality, creativity, content of subject matter and sincerity by an independent panel of judges, and the winners will be announced by mid-March, 1988.

Full information on the ArtCarved Class Rings Essay Contest, as well as official entry forms, may be obtained from Don Brusa Associates at 5588-D Central Ave. in Newark, one of the participating jewelers. "With college tuitions rising so drastically," says Don Brusa, "we're delighted to offer our students the opportunity to offset some of these costs."



COLLEGE NEWS

Compiled by Shannon Ellis

Most students take the ACT Assesment during junior year or early in senior year, so their results will be available in time for use in planning for postsecondary education and careers.

The guidance office has information and forms that students need to register for the ACT Assesment.

As the new fall term opens American High School juniors and seniors should give some thought to taking the Act Assessment.

The Act Assessment, which consists of four academic tests that measures educational development, is a detailed questionnaire that collects information relevant to educational and career planning.

The basic registration fee for the Assesment is \$10.50, late registration will be accepted for an additional \$10.00 handling fee.

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Late Registration Deadlines
October 24, 1987	September 25, 1987	October 13, 1987
December 12, 1987	November 13, 1987	December 1, 1987
February 27, 1988	January 29, 1988	February 16, 1988
April 16, 1988	March 18, 1988	April 5, 1988
June 11, 1988	May 13, 1988	May 31, 1988

STYLE OF THE MONTH



Freshman Brandi Horne is this month's choice for STYLE OF THE MONTH. Her originality in appearance and style is what caught our Eagle Eye. Keep up the good looks Brandi!!!

EVERYTHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT AMERICAN BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

By Chris Gunsaulis

O.K. Freshmen, and a few of you totally oblivious upperclassmen, I know that there are lots of little tid bits that you've always wanted to know about American, but were afraid to ask. For example, "Where's the elevator?" (I'm just kidding, I know you all know where the elevator is.) Seriously, there's probably lots of questions that need to be answered, so maybe I can help you out.

- 1) What are carrels? Carrels are the closed in desks found in the rotunda; students usually use them for sitting on, and sometimes studying.
- 2) Where's the student commons? The student commons is the cafeteria. (It's where you're supposed to be if you don't have a class.)
- 3) Where's I.C.U.? I.C.U. is located by the janitors' room and auto shop. To get there, you go through the 700 wing and out the doors. Just keep walking, you can't miss it.

I know that this isn't exactly everything you've always wanted to know about American, but it's a start.

By Rosita Ehsan

Jane Smith, a freshman at Makebelieve High, sits in the library and reads the latest edition of Boredom Magazine. She finds it hard to socialize with the other kids at her new school. Why? Because she has heard horror stories about high school, and is scared, shy, and the new kid on the block.

You don't have to be another Jane Smith. Besides, it's hard to be a loner at American. All you need to do, as a freshman, is be yourself and get involved. "Get invol-

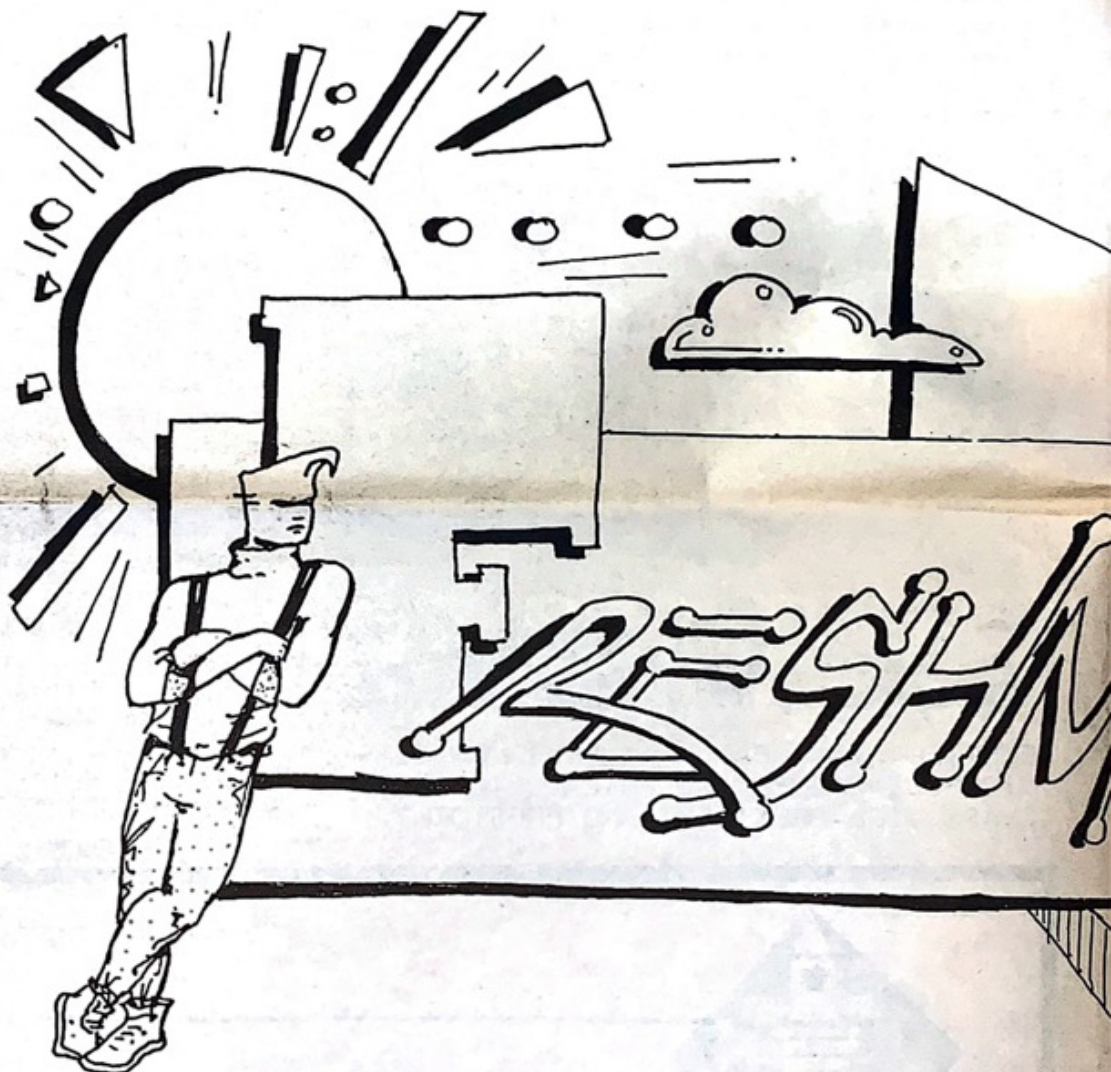
ved in what?" you ask. I'm glad you asked that question because I have a specific answer for you.

For starters, you may want to learn more about our clubs. We have over 15 different clubs at American, and there is at least one club that interests you.

American High clubs include SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) German Club, Spanish Club, French Club, CSF (California Scholarship Fund), Close-up, Golf Club, Youth Hostel Club, Filipino Club, Towncriers, Dra-

ma Club, Concert Band, and Block A. These are all open to everyone with the exception of Drama Club, Towncriers, and Concert Band, which require special skills.

SADD is basically a new club. The organization was started four years ago, and there are SADD chapters around the nation. The main goal of this club is to reduce and possibly stop the teenage abuse of alcohol and other dangerous substances. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Mr.



FRESHMEN ERICA QUICK AND BRIAN JONES STOP BETWEEN CLASSES TO POSE FOR A QUICK PICTURE.

ROUGH INVOLVEMENT

Philip Buehler (advisor) or Rosita Ehsan (President).

The German Club is also a fairly new club. As a matter of fact, this will be its third year. Cultural activities, parties, and fundraising are all part of the fun. Membership fee is \$2, and meetings are always publicized. For further information, see Mr. Clair Lloyd (advisor) or Dan Miles (President).

The Spanish Club is a great way to learn about the Spanish tradition. Field trips, parties, and fundraising are just a few of the club's activities. For more information, contact Ms. Loretta Felice (advisor) or Antoinette Laudencia (President).

The French Club, perhaps our most famous club, enables you to learn more about the French culture. The Mardi Gras dance, scholarships to France and fundraising are all fun aspects of the club. Membership fee is \$2, and the French

flag is hung in front of Student Service 9 whenever there is a meeting. Mrs. Linda Gherke is advisor and Kim Jenson is President.

CSF, a major club, handles many school activities. Among the many events they organize are the "Brain Bowl", the spelling bee, and tutoring. Annual scholarships are also given to the most active senior members. Membership fee is \$2 and you must maintain a B average. For further information, contact Mr. Trent Barton (advisor) or

Jamie Miles (President). Close-up is an organization for those students interested in travelling to Washington, D.C. from February 7 to 13. If you're interested, contact Mr. Pete Murchison.

The Youth Hostel Club is designed for students interested in travel. Biking trips and other activities are often planned. The club's main purpose is to help students travel wisely, and inexpensively.

GENESIS is the official AHS literary magazine. Club members organize, edit, and contribute to the magazine. Interested students should con-

tact Ms. Anderson or Doreen O'Brien.

Block A is open to anyone who possesses an Academic, Athletic, or Activity Block. For more information, contact Deanno Bunn.

These are just a few of the many clubs. However, you can get involved in many other activities, too. You can participate in the clean-up campaign, class activities, ASB activities, and sports.

There are a variety of activities to select from. If you decide to be another Jane Smith, get ready for a "BORING" year. You will not overcome your shyness unless you get involved!!!!

Adjusting To AHS

By Darcie Prunetti

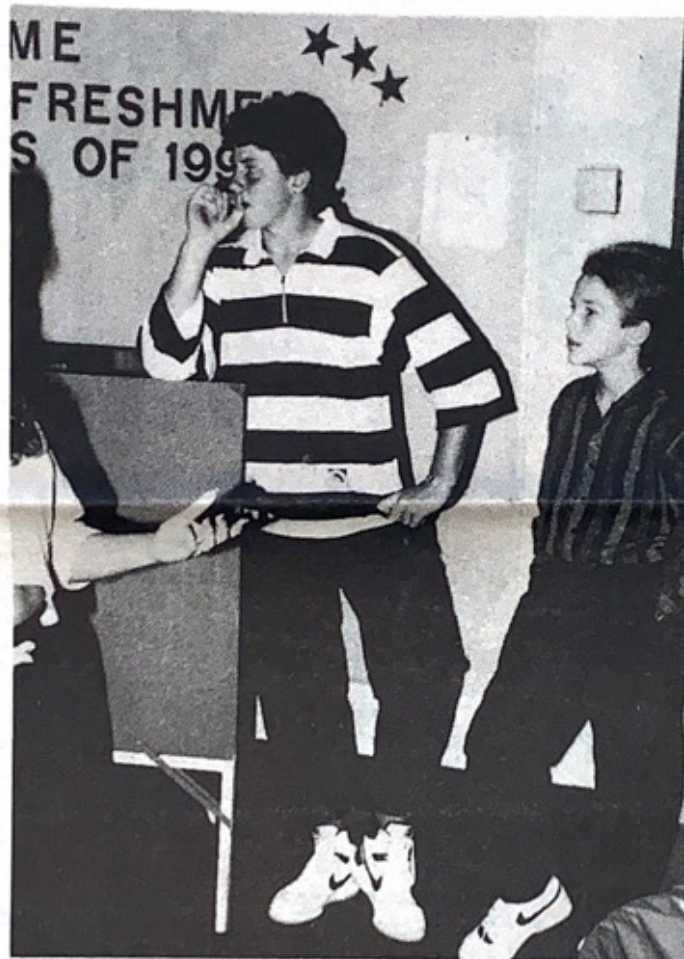
"Could you please show me where the elevator is?" May have been a question asked in the past by an incoming freshman.

Well, not this year. The of 1991 has adjusted to American very well. And no elevator passes were sold. All freshmen are nervous on the first day of high school because they are afraid they will get lost on their way to class and then feel the embarrassment of walking in late. Well, the class of 1991 has done a very good job of remembering their classes and

trying to get there on time.

Freshmen also have to get use to the open classes American has. Sometimes it tends to get a little noisy and students start to pay more attention to the people walking by than to their teachers. But soon they will get use to it and they will feel it's like a regular classroom.

Here's a little advice to you freshmen: If you seem to be overburdened with work, perhaps more effective scheduling of time is the solution. Try to



FRESHMEN CHAD MACALLISTER AND JASON WHITE WATCH A CUTE GIRL WALK PAST THEIR CARREL.

BACK TO CLASS

By Christy Bernstein

Well freshmen it's that time again. Time to get up early, meet new people and start off the school year with all new teachers and classes. Yet being a freshman you have some guidelines to follow in choosing your classes.

This year the required courses for freshmen are English, Physical Science, Physical Education, Geography for 1 semester and Health for 1 semester. Freshmen are allowed two electives. Freshman Counselor, Mr. Ir-

emewan said, "Most of the students chose Math as their first elective and an Art or foreign language as their second."

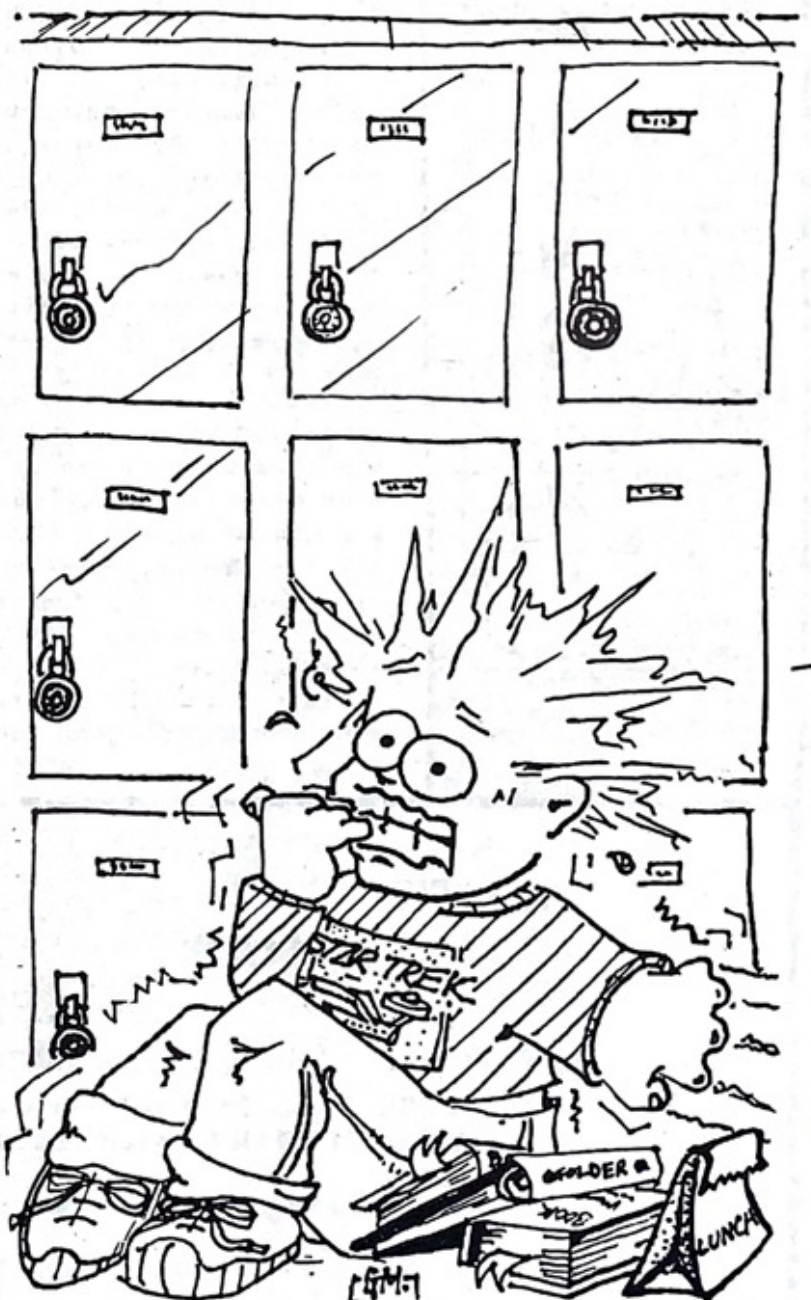
Along with the new freshman students, there also are new Freshman teachers at American High. This year

Ms. Aston teaches Health and Math, Ms. Martin teaches Health and Physical Science and Mr. Bening teaches Geography. When asked

how she felt being a freshman herself, Ms.

Aston replied, "As a freshman myself I find that all of American High is spirited. Everyone, the administration, faculty, staff and students seem to be involved in all aspects of this school. I like that about this place."

So you see freshman don't get discouraged being the new guy on the block. Get involved in sports and other activities, and you will find high school isn't that bad after all.



WHO OR WHAT IS THE GREATEST INFLUENCE BEHIND YOUR STYLE?



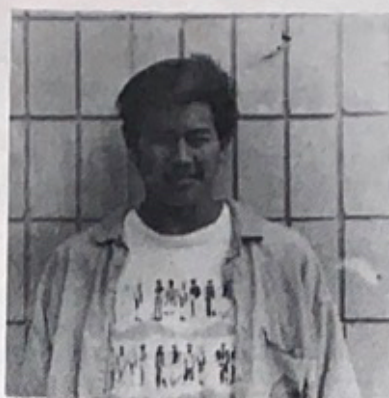
FRESHMAN
Zach Gram

"Robert Smith, of 'The Cure' has mostly influenced me, but I have put different styles together. If it looks good together and not like what everybody is wearing then I'll wear it."



SOPHOMORE
Alicia Thompson

"My greatest influence behind my style is my brother, John."



JUNIOR
T.J. Lew

"My brother, Tommy and Brad Rivas."



SENIOR
Val Carash

"I guess I've adapted styles I've seen in magazines and from other people. I don't think I have a completely original style, but sometimes I like to be different, especially with the color of my hair."

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By Kristin Baker

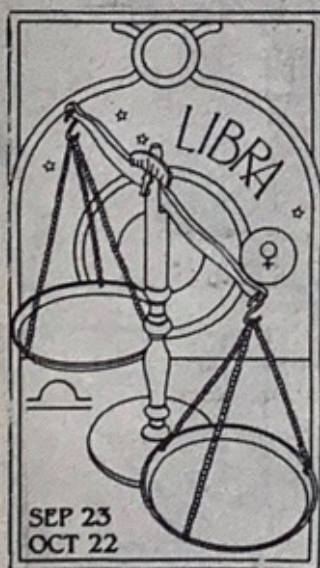
Horoscope

By Darcie Prunetti

Be careful! Being opinionated can be very costly in your relationship with a friend. Weigh what you say before speaking.

Although you may be worried about a situation at home, don't do anything drastic to change it yet. Show your devotion.

Be certain to follow instructions precisely when working on an assignment. Avoid wasting and misusing valuable time.



DON'T DILLY-DALLY TO THE RALLY

By Christy Bernstein

Rallies are an important aspect of any high school. The rally brings together the student body to show their school spirit, along with allowing the individual classes a chance to show their "style." The 87-88 Rally Commissioner, Stacie Tarango brought back the traditional rally by turning the class competition into a series of fun games we all can enjoy.

On September 11, 1987, we experienced one of these rallies. It started off with the Seniors making a late entrance. Their superiority blared, yet their enthusiasm was anything but first place. However, things were lightened when the new spiritleaders were introduced followed by the class games. The Seniors finished first in the "Elephant Game," in which they had to catch small candies through a long tube placed on their noses (a trunk.) The finale consisted of performances by the Songgirls and the Mascot. Both routines were spirit raising and overall fun to watch.

With such an improvement in this year's opening rally, I think we can look forward to a bright future in rallies. Thanks Stacie, you've done a good job. Good rallies are no longer a thing of the past.

NEW ECHO JEAN

By Kristin Baker

On September 19, 1987 hoards of people gathered inside the massive brick walls of the Greek Theater in Berkeley to witness a concert so severe that it would stay in their minds for a thousand eternities. Yes, I am referring to the "New Order, Echo and The Bunnymen, and Gene Loves Jezebel" concert.

Many people wandered hopelessly along trying to find a familiar face in a crowd of a million anxious wavers. The steps were packed body-to-body, people pushing and shoving, awaiting the first performance. Loud screams came rushing toward the stage when the sound of a familiar chord sprang through the ten foot wall of speakers. Suddenly the lights went dim and all went quiet. Then with a rush of excitement two bizarre men dressed in unique apparel entered the stage. "Gene Loves Jezebel" was a definite sight, their original style brought such a tremor through the crowd you couldn't help but dance. The crowd was saddened when they finished their last song but the best was yet to come. After a short intermission the crowd was ready. They moved



quickly down to the floor seeking a spot of unclaimed cement so they could catch the full effect of the pounding music and soft white clouds that made the concert seem extraordinarily different. "Echo and The Bunnymen" not only captivated their audience with their hypnotic music, they overwhelmed them with a giant display of objects projected onto a 30ft. screen. Then came "New Order". What can I say about "New Order" they were so live I can not find the words to describe it. They were let's say "disapiscateing". The concert was!

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EAGLES OFF AND RUNNING

By Mike Lipps

The 1987 Eagle varsity football team is off and running. Yes, running. The reason for this is a newly implemented wishbone uses three running backs instead of two. It is this offense that has been responsible for much of the Eagles success so far this year.

Running the "bone" will be returning senior quarterback Kurt

Steadman. Steadman will have the luxury of handing the ball to seniors Corwin Bowers, Sheldon Forehand, and Rodney Cornist as well as Corey Knox and Doug Bucy. Experience will be a factor with all of these athletes having returned from last year's varsity team. Also seeing action in the backfield will be seniors Keith Philapil Mike Castillo, and Jim Bonilla, as well as juniors Emil Hockaday and Rob Saltaban. The receiving corps will be led by returning senior Mike Lipps on one side and Charlie

Epps and Mickey Bifano seeing equal duty on the other side. Kevin Thorne, Chris Long, and Al Valerio should also be seeing time on the field.

The line, this year affectionately known as "Pig Dogs", will also be senior led. Deano Bunn and Paul Fowlie will anchor the left side. Junior tackle Adam Way will be on the right side along with either Jason Gobel or Ted Simos at the guard position. Dean Deguara or Tom Mello will be doing the snapping.

On the defensive

side AHS will be led by two returning starters. Cornerback Corey Knox and tackle Greg Silvers will lead a defensive group that is eager to prove that they can play. With Knox in the backfield will be Forehand, Philapil, and junior Lee Warner. Bonilla and Chris Clark should also be looked for. Other defensive starters include Bowers, Bucy, Cornist, and Marvin Liu at linebackers and juniors Carlos Herrera and Mike Cranston on the line. Other key players will be Bob Kim, Ron Nelson, Bunn,

Long, and Mello. One name missing is junior Mike Lightfoot who broke his arm in the second game and will be sorely missed. Ed Maroon, kicker, will lead the special teams for the third year in a row while Forehand will do the punting.

Heading into the league season, AHS is 2-0-1 and the only undefeated team in the MVAL. Under the leadership of head coach Rich Larsen and assistant coach Rob Vares, the Eagles are prepared to give everything to make this the year of the EAGLE!

Freshman Coach For Varsity Volleyballers

By Kevin Thorne

On the verge of the 1987 season, the AHS girls varsity volleyball team recieved some good news. Only days before the first practice, the Eagles recieved a new head coach. Ms. Linda Aston who will also teach science at AHS, was hired as the girls varsity coach. Even though this is Ms. Aston's first try at coaching volleyball, she is not new to the coaching scheme. At one time in Ms. Aston's past she was an assistant basketball coach. Coach Aston also has plenty of volleyball experience. During her high school career she starred for Washington High and in 1979, Aston led her team to an NCS berth. For her efforts, Ms. Aston was named to the first team All-League as a defensive player.

One thing that excites the first year coach is the fact that 9 of this year's 12 players are returning seniors. Another senior who will be adding her expertise to the team is Teresa Cheatham who at another school played varsity volleyball. Teresa is noted for her height and jumping ability,

making her a definite defensive threat. Some others to contribute to the team's ability will be Julia Quinata who all in all is one of the best setters on the team. Tina Martino will also be there as one of the Eagles better hitters. One of their best all-around players would have to be Theresa D'Onofrio who recieved the most valuable player award in the College Park tournament. Carin Kulp and Vanessa Storelli a junior and sophomore respectively will also add to the team and are high hopefulls for next years varsity team. The important thing though is that a team needs to be able to serve as Coach Aston said, "You don't win volleyball games without being a good

serving team and we are a good serving team!"

With a new coach and the experience of 10 returning seniors the Eagles' dreams of making it to Shaughnessy may very well become reality.



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Hello sports fans, this is your captain speaking. Please fasten your seatbelts as we are about to travel into the unknown. Try to keep an eye on the watch, you're getting very sleepy. Your drifting, drifting, youryour asleep!

Snap! Hello again sports fans. The night is October 31. It's Halloween(ooooo!) and your boys in blue are playing the Washington Huskies(hiss!) in the annual Homecoming game. Now picture if you can hundreds of shouting maniacs, known as the "Screaming Eagles" in the stands. Confetti is flying, faces are painted, and numerous anti-Husky cheers are being recited. Some of these people are just your normal, shy, innocent people on campus, BUT put them in the stands and they're chanting, "Kill, Mame!, Destroy!"

The Eagles run onto the field, the crowd is delirious! The enthusiasm is spreading, and now even the par-

ents are wishing just awful things on the enemy. Down on the field, brave cheerleaders yell and jump as they stir the crowd like a spoon stirring a violent drink. The game is going now and with all of the excitement in the air, the Eagles can do no wrong. The fans are going wi-

ld as all humiliating Husky errors are greeted by chants of, "You, You, You, You!" The fans have no mercy. It is getting ugly. There might be a riot, but who would know? The big game is almost over now and the score is 49-0 AHS! The fans become uncontrollable, "We've got spirit, yes

we do. We've got points, how about you?!" Sick, but no one cares. Someone please save those poor Huskies. Oh thank God, the gun has sounded! It's all over, but wait! The final, final back breaking cheer. "California, oranges! Arizona, cactus! We play your team just for practice!!!"

Oh how terrible! Snap! you're awake now. Speaking as a member of both the varsity football and basketball teams, I can tell you that vocal fan support does make a difference. Nothing can pump you up more than the roar of an enthusiastic crowd. It sends chills up your spine. I think AHS is blessed with these zany leaders, but why wait until homecoming? Let's show that school spirit at every game, for all sports. Sounds like alot of fun and excitement could be had. This is your captain, signing off.

BLIND ENTHUSIASM

ONE CRAZY BIRD!



By Kelly Thomas

American High has a new mascot. Senior, Lisa Krathwohl has brought a new meaning to school spirit. Although Lisa has not participated in spirit-leading activities in the past she was chosen as our new eagle mascot last spring.

During the 86-87 school year the spirit

squad, through fund-raisers purchased a new mascot costume. When asked how it felt to wear the costume, Krathwohl said, "It's hot and sweaty, like being rolled up in a carpet."

This last summer, Lisa attended a 4 day camp at Stanford University for mascots. She learned how to generate spirit and how to do funny skits. She performed one of those skits at our first spirit rally held on September 11th.

Lisa is a natural. Making people laugh is what she does best. Her goals for the year were best expressed when she said, "It's going to be the best year as far as crowd involvement and getting the spirit of our school going. I hope when I leave the spirit will go on."



sports shorts

TENNIS



On Tuesday, September 29, the Varsity Girls Tennis team lost to Newark Memorial 5-2. Bright spots included Wendy Hsia who won 6-3, 6-0, and the doubles team of Pili Airth-Ravinda Dosanjh who were victorious 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. The exciting match of the day was played by Chrissy Malcomsen despite her loss by a score of 3-6, 7-6(7-3) 7-6(11-9), in a marathon match that took over three hours to complete. Also playing good for the Eagle team were Evonne Tsou, Veronica Islaya and Julie Wu. The American loss dropped the team to 6th place with a 1-4 record.

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