

Teachers work with no Contract

By Laura Templeton

Teachers of the Fremont Unified School District are working without a contract. Negotiations have been stalled because the mediator's proposal was rejected by a 95% vote of the Fremont Unified District Teachers Association. The

(FUDTA) meeting was held September 2, 1986 at Kennedy High School.

Negotiations are presently in a fact-finding stage in which the state provides a team of people to research all facts of the issues. At the end of a forty-five day fact finding period, a published report

may be made available. At that point, the teachers are legally allowed to strike.

Negotiations began March 1986 for a new contract. The previous contract expired June 30, 1986.

Issues that the Fremont teachers and School District are negotiating include; salary increase, class

sizes, a 7 period day for the senior highs, a daily prep period for elementary school teachers, and the new state law which has lengthened the school day by thirty minutes. This produces fifty to fifty-five minute periods; a longer day, with no extra pay for the teachers.

The teachers propo-

sal concerning the lengthened day was to implement a seven period schedule. Mr. Rich Schneck, AHS representative to the FUDTA board explained, "A seven period day would not make the school day longer, but the class periods would be 45 minutes long, leaving time for students

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CHRONIC CLASS CUTTING TO BE ELIMINATED

By Rosita Ehsan

In order to help reduce class absences, American High School's new method of recording attendance through the use of the Cognitronics computer went into effect on September 16.

Although the excused full day absence rate was lower than any other school in the district last year Principal Joe Tranchina said that the

computer is necessary to notice the chronic class cuts and tardies. "I think the impact of the new system will be on specific periods since it zeroes in on each period reported and on that period's cuts or chronic tardies," said Mr. Tranchina.

With the new system, attendance information will be entered directly into the computer. If an absence is not cleared by the

end of the day, the student's parents will automatically receive an evening phone call whether the student misses one class or all classes.

According to Mr. John DiPaola, assistant principal, there are many advantages with the new computer attendance system. "I think there will be tremendous advantages to teachers, adminis-

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War on Drugs

By Lisa Ullis

There is a major crisis facing the nation's high schools: teenage drug abuse.

There's a drug war going on, and the main users of narcotics are in fact, high school students.

According to the 1986 Gallup Poll on education, (for the first time in eighteen years) drug abuse was ranked the number one problem in today's high schools.

Statistics prove that drug abuse among high school students has dropped one third to one fourth percent

since the late 1960's and late 1970's. However, the Gallup Poll indicates that one out of every twenty Seniors uses marijuana on a daily basis, and most teenagers have admitted to using illicit drugs.

How is the war on drugs affecting American High School? Principal, Joe Tranchina has indicated the drug problem at AHS was much worse 5 to 10 years ago.

The Association of Secondary School Principals agree. When a recent poll was taken seventy-five percent voted that drugs was not a major problem.

News Brief...

players injured

Juniors, Corwin Bowers and Sheldon Forehand were both listed in fair condition at Washington Hospital after colliding with a Cadillac Fleetwood in their Dodge Colt on Nicolet Avenue.

Forehand, starting quarterback for the varsity football team is expected to be out for the year with a broken left arm. Bowers sustained neck and back injuries and is also expected to be out for the season.

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

By Bill Cluverius

Well it's that time once again. Time to dust off those old binders and scrounge up last year's pens. Time to wake up at the crack of dawn and suck up some good ol' java. Time to (oh, how I dread it), think.

Oh you've been expecting it since the second week of summer, but now it's finally here. That's right, school's back in session. It kind of has a nice ring to it doesn't it? Kind of like the "Gong" in the "Gong Show." Only problem is, were not all J.P. Morgan's. We can't just gong it if we don't like it.

But seriously, school isn't all that bad (did I say that?). We're given the chance to get re-acquainted with our old friends, and the opportunity to make some new ones. And hey, we get to buy new clothes! Now if that's not fun, I don't know what is (wait a minute, yes I do).

By now I'm sure your all asking, "So what is there to look

forward to this year?"

Well, I'm glad you asked that question, because there's a lot to look forward to. Not only do we have a potentially exciting football team, spirit week and Homecoming are only a month away. And let's not forget the newly added dimension of "Extended Passing". Changing the name of brunch has to be the wisest idea for an eye opener since Folger's Coffee.

And then of course there's the return of American's only student news publication, the American Express. As Editor, I find myself in a difficult, yet exciting situation. No more am I allowed to just report the strait facts. I'm now forced with taking a side on each issue. Although I may "ruffle some feathers" and "tick some people off", if I inspire a greater response from you, the student body, then I know I've succeeded.

Remember, you set the tone for the year, so why not set it as loud as it can go!



The P.M.R.C. Is Going Too Far!

By Staff Writer

"Turn that music down!" Sound familiar? It might to most teens, who "blast" their stereos to max volume when in need of some music to relax. These days, most teens love to listen to their favorite singers ranging from Motley Crue, Howard Jones, Phil Collins, to even RUN DMC.

To some of us our parents don't say turn it down, they say turn it off!!!

Many parents think the music their children listen to is too explicit. There is a

new group called the PMRC (Parents Music Resource Center) who are trying to control the music their children listen to. The PMRC would like the Record Industry to label all the album covers with a warning if explicit lyrics are used in the recording.

What's the "PMRC" trying to do? Put singers out of business and let them change their style by singing nothing but "gospel" or "hymns?" No way! I think this group is going too far! They say that some songs which do contain violence and sex-

ually explicit lyrics, are influencing their siblings. Hey, this world isn't all full of good faith in the common man, and good morals throughout the world. If the PMRC is trying to prevent their children from buying "these kinds" of albums-I really think the teens aren't going to avoid it. Instead I think their going to be more curious about the albums with such warnings on them. Don't you think? They're not going to avoid them. Teens- so next time when mom or dad tells you to turn your music down, don't listen, just turn it up!!!

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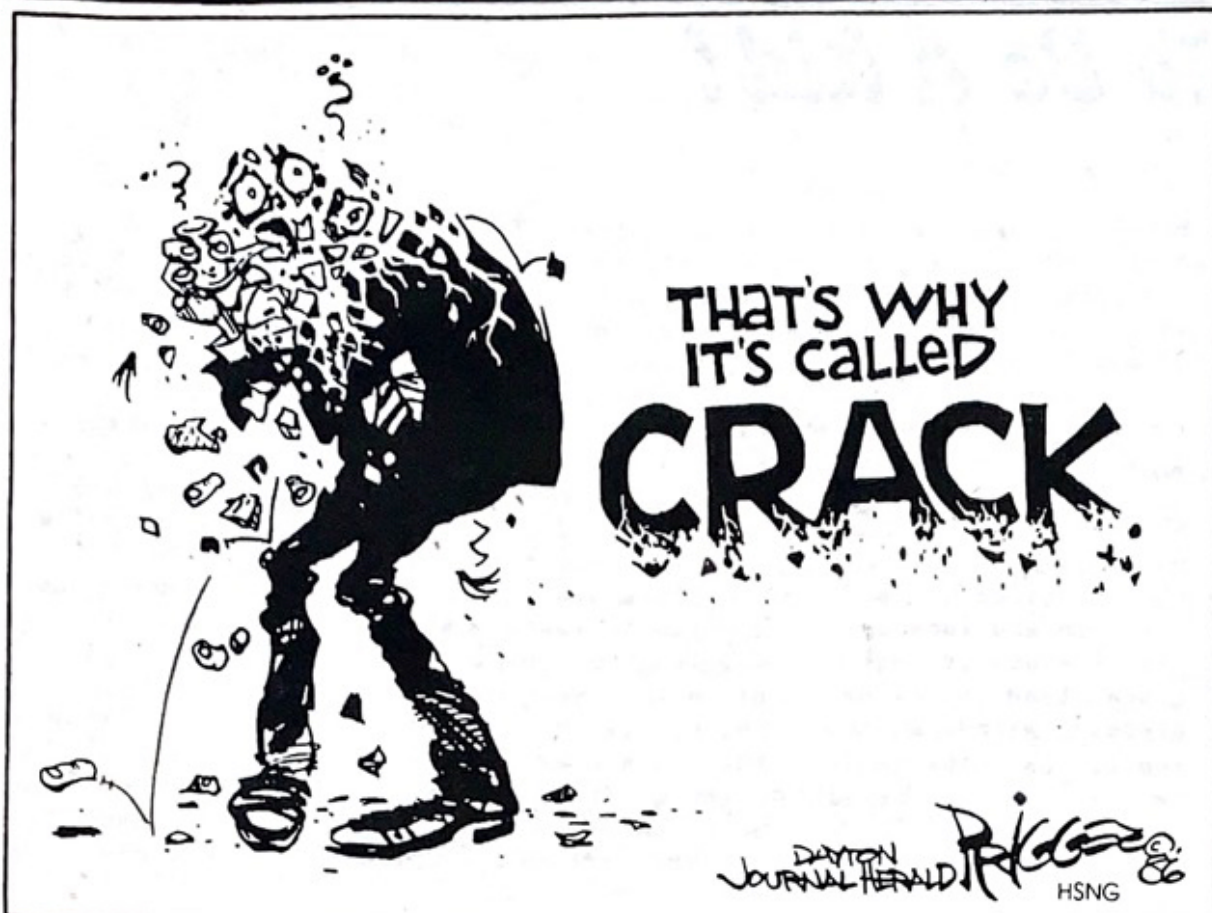
"AND NOW A MOMENT OF SILENCE"

By Jim Schinkel

"O.K. students, quiet down now. Jeff, take your eyes off Kristy and listen to me. Let's stop all of the talking and have a moment of silence." Does this sound familiar to you? Probably not, not unless you're from some other school that operates under the moment of silence law. The moment of silence law requires schools to allow students a "moment of silence" while in class. The regulation was intended primarily to promote religion in the schools. This ruling has not been passed here in California; however it has been recognized primarily in the southern states. In fact, Alabama operates under the same rule, but under the title of "A period of quiet and private contemplation or introspection." Many feel that the decrees are unconstitutional and tend to promote religion. As a result of these feelings,

there have been many heated court cases.

Now, the only grievance I have with this issue, is that school only takes up 7 hours of a 16 hour day. Why does the "moment of silence" have to come during school hours? Why not during the other 9 hours of the day? Even better, those people who feel they need the time, could use their own lunch hour. Furthermore if this time was made available, how many students would actually take advantage of the time? In my opinion the time would largely be spent writing a letter to a loved one, or quickly trying to finish the homework that is due. Another problem to consider is where is it going to stop? Are we to incorporate this law into our work forces? In this writers opinion, I feel laws such as these are absurd and a waste of educational time of both the student and faculty



YOUR FRIENDS

or

YOUR LIFE

By Tammy Bifano

Picture the scenario: It's brunch and you just realized you haven't washed your hands since first period. That's nothing to worry about, except that you have Biology first period and you dissected frogs today. You're dying to get to the bathroom to wash off that awful formaldehyde smell and that slimy "frog" feeling on your hands. You head for the bathroom, push open the door, and... surprise! There it is. That mass of puffing, choking girls encircled in a huge cloud of smoke. Of course you can barely get through the door, the bathroom is so crowded. You push and shove your way to the sink and quickly wash your hands. Forget drying them; it'll take five minutes just to get to the towel dispenser. Getting sicker by the minute, you push your way back to the door and gratefully leave the "chimney" behind you. But the "chimney" hasn't left you. Aside from any cigarette burns you may have on your clothes, you now get to carry around the stale stench of smoke with you for the rest of the day. What a gift! Does this sound familiar? Some of it should to at least the

female population of this school, and in similar ways to the guys.

Smoking at school affects all of us in some way, and we shouldn't have to put up with it. For one thing, smoking is illegal for those under the age of 18, it infringes on our individual rights, and most important of all, it can kill you.

It is understandable that the teachers, janitors and administrators have no time to patrol the bathrooms and lockerrooms for smokers. Yet, should they really have to? Studies have proven that cigarette smoking is a direct link to lung cancer, and is one of the leading causes of death in America today. This alone should be incentive enough to quit smoking, but obviously it isn't. Teenagers feel that smoking will make them a more popular person. They think they'll fit in better with a certain crowd if they smoke.

Hanging out in the bathrooms at brunch and lunch may seem like no big deal, but it is a great inconvenience to many people. It's almost impossible to do anything you usually do in a bathroom because

of all the people. Not only is the actual smoke annoying, but the cigarettes themselves cause physical damage. People carelessly toss the butts into the toilets, clogging them up, and also burn things in the bathroom with them. This creates a huge mess for the janitors to clean in the evening, or not at all if they don't have time.

Smoking is an extremely distasteful habit that has only negative effects. It can get you in trouble with the law, if only in the form of a warning or a fine, it can lead to lung and other types of cancer, and it's very unpleasant to people around you. If you consider yourself a smoker, especially for social reasons, you need to ask yourself this question: What's more important to me, my health or what my friends think of me? It's up to you!

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New School Year Challenges

By: Kristy Tobeck

"I can't believe it's September already! Another school year is underway. Where did the summer go?"

Millions of teenagers all over the world are making similar statements. The new school year has arrived and it's up to each individual to make the most of it. This year promises to be a very interesting and exciting one.

High school gives students the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. Activities which include athletics, clubs and government. High school

means more than waking up early and doing homework. All extra-curricular activities at school are offered for the student body, so use them to their fullest.

Take an interest in school by participating, supporting and encouraging school activities. It's up to you! Go out there, get involved and enjoy yourself! After all, these four years are the best years of your life. As advisor of the American Express, Mr. Jones always says, "Take pride in whatever you do." Good luck and have a great year!!!

CLIPS OF CLUBS

By: Monica Serresseque

School is back in session and it's time to get involved. This is your year! American High has many extra-curricular activities for the student body. The easiest way to get involved is to join a club.

The two major clubs at AHS are the French Club and the Spanish Club. The French Club with Mrs. Gehrke as advisor, is becoming more and more popular. Alice Iso, president of the French Club, said, "It isn't just a French Club, it's a Culture Club, a Social Club." The Club plans many exciting trips to show French culture. Two years ago, the French Club began awarding scholarships to selected members for a trip to France. All Club members are invited to compete for this scholarship. Mrs. Gehrke stated, "The French Club is not only for French taking students, anyone can

join." The Spanish Club is also fulfilling. With an advisor like Mrs. Filice, the Spanish culture learning becomes fun. She plans activities for the club members to experience the Spanish culture in a variety of ways.

Other clubs that interest many students are the Filipino Club, CSF and SADD. A new club that offers a great opportunity for students is the Close Up Foundation. The members of Close Up go to Washington D.C. for one week. While there they attend seminars and tours learning all about how our government runs.

There is also talk of the start of a Drama Club or a Debate Team, so keep your ears open for further information.

Remember students, don't wait until next year to get involved at AHS. Do it now and see how much fun you can have this year.

It Shouldn't Hurt To Be A Kid!

By Christine Young

When most people think back to their childhood days, they remember things such as selling lemonade on the street corner or learning how to ride a bicycle. Unfortunately, there are many people whose childhood memories do not reflect such joy and simplicity. They only remember the pain and the sadness. These people were once victims of child abuse.

Child abuse is any act of omission which endangers or impairs a

child's physical or emotional health and development. It comes in many forms, mainly under the categories of emotional, physical or sexual abuse. Each form, however, is just as painful as the other. Whether the child is beaten up or ignored, the impact and the scar will be just as deep.

Fortunately, in some cases, the indicators of child abuse are obvious. In cases of physical abuse, the child may have bruises,

burns, cuts or a series of unexplained injuries. Victims of sexual abuse may have bloody underclothing or a tearing of the mouth, anus or genitals. These victims also tend to show attitudes of sexual awareness, or an avoidance of close contact. Children who face emotional abuse or negligence tend to be depressed, withdrawn or rebellious. The indicators of emotional abuse may be more subtle, but they are

still detectable, especially to those who are close to the child.

Once any sign or suspicion of child abuse is present, it should be reported. Even if you are doubtful about the signs, it's always safer to notify authorities. Educators are now under law to report any knowledge or suspicion of child abuse within thirty-six hours of the discovery. Reports are made to law enforcement or county welfare. If the edu-

cator fails to do so, he/she could be fined.

Child abuse is a serious, painful crime. Traditionally, child rearing has been a private family matter. With child abuse and other violent crimes occurring more and more today, child rearing is now a matter of concern for us all. A child has the right to enjoy a healthy, satisfying life. We must work together to protect our children. It shouldn't hurt to be a kid.



New teachers are a part of every new school year, and this year is of no exception. Pictured above are Cinthia Wilson, Lori Cole, Maxine Freitas, Leo O'Neill and Nancy Payton. Not pictured are D. Harder, T. Miller, A. Selander and S. Wasserman.

HOROSCOPE OF THE MONTH

— LIBRA september 24 to october 23

By Rochelle Holley

Libras are made of love. They hate to be rude. Libras love people but hate large crowds. They are known for matchmaking and patching up quarrels between others but they still enjoy a good argument themselves. Libras are extremely intelligent and don't like to take orders from others. All in all, Libras are good people.

Libra.. Your social life is in the upswing. You may run into an old acquaintance who will bring you good news. Avoid quarrels with family and friends. It may cause you trouble.

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FACULTY'S SUMMER SIZZLES

By Carolyn Gordon

You know what your friends did over the summer, but have you ever wondered how the faculty keeps themselves busy? I asked several of them: "What was the most excitement you had over the summer?"

Here's how they responded:

Mr. Rodriguez- "Beating Mr. Larsen in a game of golf."

Mr. Creed- "I bought a house in the Sierra."

Mrs. Purcell- "I spent five days in Paris."

Mr. Smith- "Doing mathematical modeling at University of Santa Clara."

Mrs. Strangio- "My daughter blew my car up."

Mr. Boegel- "Going to Maui and watching the Tahitian dancers shake their booties."

Mr. Swift- "I went up to the North Coast Indian Country."

Mr. DiPaola- "When my girls softball team won a big tournament in San Ramon."

Mrs. Stockton- "I went to my nephew's wedding in Lake Tahoe."

Mr. Iranchina- "I visited my grandchildren and daughter in Newport Beach."

Summer vacation is a time to relax and get away from school and job activities. As you can see, our faculty here at AHS had an exciting and fun-filled summer!

The easiest puzzle you'll ever solve.

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1 & 4 What 18-year-old guys have to register with (2 words)
7 Initials of 1 and 4 across
9 _____ as a flag; _____ like Selective Service registration.
11 Selective Service is _____ a draft.
12 You must register within a month of your birthday



DOWN
2 Which 18-year-old guys have to register?
3 What you broke if you're in prison—as in Selective Service registration is _____ (2 words)
5 _____ with Selective Service!
6 Not difficult—like Selective Service registration
8 Where you register—the _____ office
10 How long registration takes—_____ minutes

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SHADES OF SUMMER

By Jim Schinkel



WELCOME CLASS OF 1990

By Kathi Libke

Well Freshmen, you have finally made it! American High School would like to welcome you and wish you luck. With a class of 463, you have the potential to have a good time and make the Class of 1990 a great success.

Most freshmen are already looking into activities which could make their class successful. "I'm most looking forward to Spirit Week," says, freshman Anna Fredricsson. Jennifer Morrison, also a freshman, comments, "I'm looking forward to making new friends, getting involved in school acti-

vities and my senior year." Some freshmen are looking even further ahead. "I'm kinda looking forward to graduating," says, freshman Bruce Templeton.

We, as seniors look back on our past years of highschool as being a great success and have many memories that will last forever. Senior Erin Gaffaney says, "My best times have been cheerleading, Spirit Week and especially my friends." Jeff Thomas, also a senior, looks back on "when the varsity football team humiliated and dest-

royed the Washington Huskies last year" as being a great memory. Anita Abuyuan, senior, looks back on "when we won first place for our throne during our junior year spirit week."

High school only comes around once and it goes by faster than you think. So go for it! Don't pass up the opportunity to get involved. Do the best that you can do. It's only the beginning Freshmen. So good luck, hang in there and have a great time. 1990 will be here before you know it!

AS THE ROTUNDA TURNS DID YOU HEAR....

By Kristina Morrison

-Kevin Pierce wanted to wear a royal blue fur for his senior picture but they wouldn't let him?

-Our school is the only one that still has those great chocolate chip cookies? Thanks!

-John Walsh uses Dimension shampoo and a fine tooth comb to make his mohawk look so good?

-Mr. Barton has to kick Sherri Armstrong's desk to get her to pay attention in class?

-Laura Templeton calls her boyfriend Jeff Kleven "Squishy"?

-Mr. Smith tried his "You, I pay" joke another year and again not a single student laughed?

-Kelly Thomas can belch the alphabet?

-Bruce Ronquillio fit 14 people in the back of his truck at the drive-ins?...and Brian Balingit "Broke Wind" on Kathi Libke's leg. It vibrated throughout the whole truck!!!!

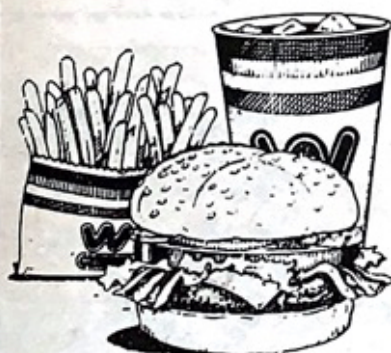


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-SPORTS LOOK-**REBUILDING YEAR****FOR****FORMER CHAMPS**

By Patty Gallegos

Sports Editor

Can the girls varsity volleyball team pulloff another great season like the one they had last year? So far there've been no signs about that. Their pre-season record was 1-6. League play began for the Eagles against the Washington Huskies whom they had consistently beaten four times last year. Logan beat the Eagles in their second league game.

So what's the pro-

blem?, you might ask. Sure, the Eagles lost four of their starting and key players to graduation last year but they still have lots of talented athletes. The varsity volleyball team has only three returning varsity players from last year. It's a very young team and has little experience working together. This is evident on the court when two players just stand there thinking the other will get the ball. They need to practice setting the ball to their hitters so they can do something offensively. As

Coach Debbie Murray put it, "We have the ability to win but we're in the process of learning to put that into action."

It all boils down to practice and they are doing that. There's nothing tougher for a team than to be compared to the way they were the year before with other players. The Eagles are out trying their best and believe they've got it in control. So how about it? Lets give the girls varsity volleyball team a chance and a break from comparisons.



Pictured above center: Patty Gallegos, senior, prays that the Eagles win the rest of their games. The Eagles are currently 0-2 in league play. Despite this slow start, they still remain very optimistic. With improved play, they hope to participate in the Shaughnessy tournament.

INTELLIGENCE AND DISCIPLINE**LEAD TO****CROSS-COUNTRY SUCCESS**

By Jerry Henderson and Steve Lewis

The Cross-Country program at American High School looks to have a bright future this season. Head coach, Mr. Jed Morrow, has stated that the girl's team in particular has a chance to be league champions. Members of this year's girl's Varsity Cross-Country team are Tina Sato (senior), Tracie Elm (senior), Maria Liu (junior), Kyra Short (junior), Karen Parker (freshman) and Marlene Chambliss (freshman).

According to coach Morrow this year's boy's Cross-Country will be well disciplined. Coach Morrow has remarked that he expects the boy's team

to place a strong second or third in league. Members of this year's boy's Cross-Country team include John Uhren (senior), Bob Dodgien (senior), Mark DiPaola (senior), Steve Parker (senior), Kevin Pierce (senior), Wayne Pedranti (senior), Tony Engels (junior), Dan Miles (junior), Tom Wygal (junior), and Derek Marshall (junior).

Coach Morrow also added that the toughest competition in both the girl's and boy's Cross-Country season will come from the Colts of Logan High and the Moreau Mariners.

Coach Morrow concludes by saying, "Intelligence and discipline lead to Cross-Country success."

BRIGHT OUTLOOK for GIRLS' TENNIS

By Tammy Bifano

With a recent win over John F. Kennedy in their season opener the 1986 Girls Varsity Tennis team is off to a good start. The team has seven returning varsity players; the three other spots being filled by junior Anissa Lazzeri in doubles and freshmen Wendy Hsiao and Marika Low in singles. When asked about her out-

look for this season, Coach Linda Crane replied, "Tremendous. I think we have a great group of girls this year with a really strong nucleus. The team has a lot of spunk this year, and I expect great things from them." With the advantages of experience, talent and energy, the team expects to finish among the top four schools this season.

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Varsity Looking Toward N.C.S.

By Tim Lightfoot

The players and the coaches feel very optimistic about the 1986 varsity football season. With the return of fifteen letterman, ten of which started on last year's squad, and a host of good athletes coming up from last years junior varsity, they are looking toward a first place league finish and a berth in the North Coast Section playoffs. Local sports writers agree, ranking them third in the East Bay polls, and picking them to win the Mission Valley Athletic League title.

Leading the Eagles' offense will be junior quarterback Sheldon Forehand. Forehand was moved to quarterback after playing running-back on last years JV team. Joining Forehand in the backfield will be junior fullback Corwin Bowers, senior fullback Dan Carvalho, and senior tailback Terry Dixon. Dixon led American in rushing last season. Rod Cor-

nist, junior fullback, and Russell Sass, senior tailback, will also see action in the back field.

Forehand's fine receiving corp will be led by seniors Marcus Operin and Tim Lightfoot. Seniors Al Carpaneto and Steve Lewis, along with junior Mike Lipps will also see action at the flanker position.

Leading the offensive line, which the coaches feel could be one of the best ever at American High, will be senior center Eric Anderson senior guards John Walsh and Jeff Kleven and senior tackles Andy Andrews and Brad Kime.

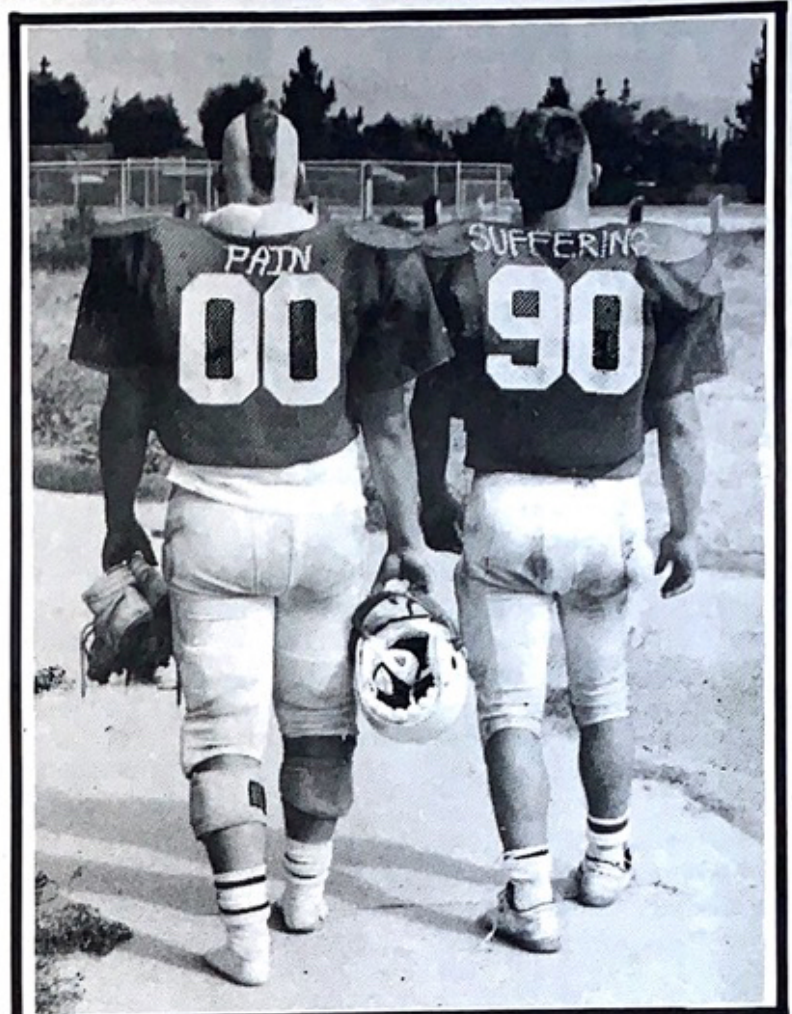
American is just as talented defensively as they are offensively. With hard-hitting linebackers Operin and Andrews making up the middle and Bowers and Kime on the outside, opposing teams should find it hard to run against the Eagles.

Returning noseguard Victor Velasquez, who should be one of the

league's best defensive lineman will be joined in the trenches by sophomore tackle Adam Way and senior tackle Marty Schoonover.

Passing against the Eagles should be as difficult a task as running. Second team all MVAL choices Lightfoot and Carpaneto, are returning to a secondary which boasted the second fewest passing yards in MVAL history last season. Joining them in pass coverage will be hard-hitting junior Corey Knox and Sass. Juniors Rodney Cornist and Kurt Steadman should also see action in the secondary.

Last year's team was the first to advance to the NCS playoffs in the schools history, and with most of the key players returning, look for the Eagles to be near the top again this season. Coach Rich Larsen stated, "If we are not one of the best teams in the area, I'll be very disappointed."



Pictured above left to right: John Walsh, senior, and Paul Fowle, junior, show us the agony of football, as they walk away from a tough practice. The Eagles this year have been predicted, by many professional sports writers, to take first place in the MVAL.



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FOOTBALL

On Friday September 12, at Granada High school, the American High varsity football team opened their season with a devastating victory over Granada Senior tailback Terry Dixon gained 201 yards rushing and scored four touchdowns in the 41-0 thrashing of the Matadors.

On Friday Sept. 12 at Granada High school the American High junior varsity football team opened their season on a down note, losing to the Matadors 24-0. Coach Skip Cain stated, "The game was a learning experience for us. We had too many mental mistakes which led to big plays for Granada."

On Friday September 19 at Lak Fudenna Stadium, the varsity football team continued on their winning ways by

crushing the Arroyo Dons 34-6. Fullback Corwin Bowers gained 54 yards on the ground and scored one touchdown on only two carries.

On Friday Sept. 19 at Lak Fudenna Stadium, the American High junior varsity football team evened their record at 1-1 against a young Arroyo team. Sophomore Mike Lightfoot, fullback, led the Eagles offensively with two touchdowns.

VOLLEYBALL

The girls varsity volleyball team began their pre-season play on September 3, 1986 at California. They were defeated in three straight games. Missed serves were the deciding margin.

On Sept. 10, 1986, the Eagles played Granada at home. They lost by scores of 0-15, 15-10, 4-15 and 3-15. Standouts for the team included Julia Quinata with her excellent setting.

On Sept. 16, 1986, American lost to Castro Valley at Castro Valley in four games by scores of 16-14, 9-15, 8-15 and 15-8.

On Sept. 17 the varsity volleyball team lost to San Leandro High by scores of 14-16, 2-15, and 8-15. Michele Vasquez was a standout at the setter position.

On September 23, 1986 the volleyball team played against Washington High school in their first league game and lost in straight games by scores of 3-15, 11-15 and 2-15. Theresa D'onofrio was excellent at the net for the Eagles.

On Sept. 25, American played host to the Logan Colts and lost by scores of 4-15, 8-15, and 15-17. Standouts include Julia Quinata with no missed serves and 8 points. Patty Gallegos had several blocks at the net.

TENNIS

American's Girl's Varsity Tennis team lost a 5-2 match against Washington on Sept. 23, 1986. Jocelyn Surla and Claire Cabal held out to win a two and a half hour doubles match.

On Sept. 25, the Eagles hosted James Logan at American. The Colts came away the winners in a tight 4-3 match.



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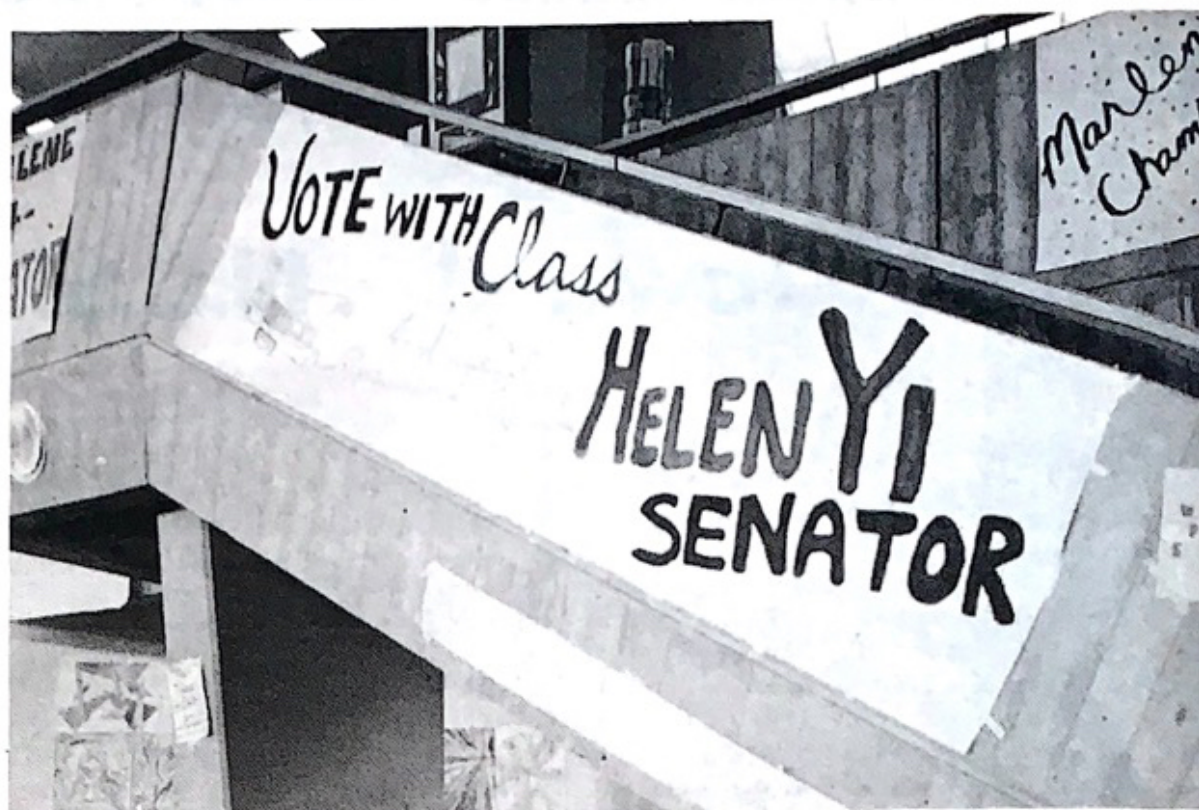
The class of 1990 elected their officers for 1986-1987 on September 24 in front of student services 9. Students were allowed to vote at brunch, lunch and after school.

Candidates were required to submit petitions with a minimum of 50 signatures of people who supported them. Once this qualification was met, the candidates proceeded with campaign promotions.

Among the many students who ran for office were Anna Fredricsson and Stacey Operin, who ran for President and Vice-

President respectively. They hoped to encourage greater academic achievement. "We also ran because we wanted to make the freshman year easy for our fellow classmates," said Anna.

The newly elected officers for this year are Chris Noriega (President), John Diamonon (Vice-President), Maritza Quintanilla (Secretary) and Marlene Chambliss and Helen Yi (Senators). They are already preparing activities for next year. "Our main goal is to motivate our class to be more spirited and hopefully unite the Freshman Class," said John.



Recently, the class of 1990 held their first class elections. The winners were John Diamonon (VICE PRESIDENT) and Chris Noriega (PRESIDENT).

cutting ...

trators, parents, and even students because it will allow us to recognize the reasons for the absences very quickly," said Mr. DiPaola.

Faculty members already had preliminary training on the computer and most of them don't mind the extra work involved. "It's a lot more work for us but I don't mind as long as it helps reduce period cutting," said Mrs. Joan Stran-

gio, Junior Class secretary.

Students who cut classes will face appropriate punishment depending on the situations from after school detention to Saturday detention and ultimately to suspension from school. Everyone has to be patient with the system for the first couple of weeks because there are always human errors, according to Mr. DiPaola.

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to choose more elective classes. This would allow for more electives such as typing, computers, and Auto to be available to the students.

Teachers are also asking for a 10% pay increase and reduced class sizes.

The District's response thus far has been to offer a 5% (real value) salary increase. The district has refused the proposal of reducing

classes. They claim if class sizes were reduced, 10 teachers would have to be hired. Mr. Schneck stated, "The district has yet to realistically discuss the issue of a seven period day."

The teachers proposal, if accepted, will cost the district approximately four million dollars. However, according to Mr. Schneck who had reviewed the district's budget records for the 1985-86 school year, "There is 7.8 million extra dollars in the district budget. We are only asking for half."

The fact-finding team will publish their results in mid-November. At that time, the District may be forced to reevaluate their proposal. If the district does not compromise their position, the teachers are allowed by law to hold a strike vote. However, Mr. Schneck stated, "We continue to hope that a strike is not necessary. Also, that once everybody knows the facts, that the money is there, and that issues are legitimate, the district will give the teachers a fair contract."

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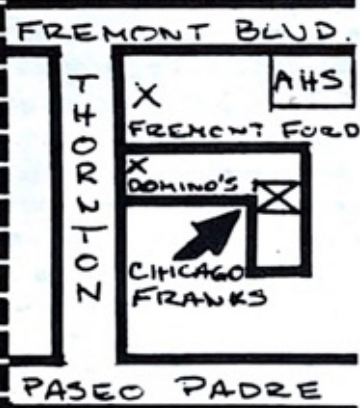
By Jennifer Murphy

The Town Criers, a musical group that has been a tradition at American High School, held auditions September 10 after school in Theatre 70.

Ms. Micheletti will serve as advisor for the 86-87 school year. Group member Melanie Catingub stated, "It's going to be a great year. I can feel it!"

This years members of the Town Criers are:

-Virginia Baeta	10
-Seana Bishop	10
-Michelle Black	12
-Melanie Catingub	12
-John Diamonon	9
-Rochelle Holley	11
-Heather McClain	12
-Deborah Miner	11
-Rick Post	11
-Colleen Richards	10
-Lorevi Santos	11
-Linda Segal	12
-Matthew Silvas	10
-Francis Czekalski	10



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