

Common Sense

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(A few remaining Spirit Leaders practice after school: Linda Watts, Lori Johnson, Nancy Clark, Dianne Garzella, Tammi Halbert, and Kathy Moreno).

OUR SPIRIT LEADERS

"WHERE'D THEY GO?"

By Kim McAllister

By now, you've probably noticed the absence of our Varsity Cheerleaders, J.V. Cheerleaders, Majorette, and Song Girls at basketball games and around the campus. If you're interested, here's the story on where they went.

The whole situation began a few months ago. Rule infractions were reported to be occurring at basketball games (eating, leaving the gym, etc.) and at practices (coming late, not showing up, etc.) The Spirit squads involved were warned that if the rule-breaking persisted, they would be suspended from their duties.

The problem continued, and the squads were suspended. (It might be wise to point out now that the suspension was based more on attitudes than on the squad's performance, which remained as good as ever.)

A meeting was held to explain to the parents of the girls why the suspension was necessary. At this meeting, it was decided that

the squad members would make the final decision as to whether or not they wanted to stay together as Spirit Leaders.

The girls felt that it would be best to not try to re-group themselves back into their squads, but to look ahead to next fall and choose the new squads early. In this way, problems would be ironed out way ahead of time to avoid any more confusion.

It took a lot of time, discussion and soul-searching for the spirit squads to come to the final decision. After all, it took many months and a lot of hard practice to perfect the routines that were seen at our rallies and basketball games. The decision to call it off in mid-year was a hard one to make.

The Spirit Clinic to choose the Spirit Leaders for the '73-'74 school year will begin on February 26. It will run twice a week for four weeks, with try-outs in the last week of March.

CONFERENCE PLANNED

By Jim Croci

On Saturday, April 28, 1973, Mission San Jose High School will sponsor the First Annual MVAL Activities Conference. The Conference will consist of workshops that are of interest to students. Three hundred and thirty three students will be allowed to attend the conference.

Eight schools in the Fremont area will be participating. This conference has been made possible by Student Government and the activities advisors of our schools.

The workshop that American will most likely sponsor will be drama and music, taught by Mr. Motroni and Mr. Mirigian. We will also be hosting the luncheon. More information will be available in the near future.

The Shrine, to be permanently displayed on our campus, is composed of twenty eight finely reproduced copies of the most famous documents in American History. Each copy has been carefully mounted and framed for its protection.

The official presentation, held last night on our campus, included several important guest speakers. Also on the program were the Town Criers, who performed The Declaration; a number made famous by the 5th Dimension.

American High has done it again, but this time on a National level. By the time you read this article the event will have passed, but the remaining material is just as important for you to see.

American High School has been selected from among several other high schools to receive a special national award. This award is called The Freedom Shrine, and it is being presented to us by the National Exchange Club of America.

AWARD GIVEN

DAYS OF DISCOVERY

Many of you may have already heard about the trial schedules we will be experiencing during the remainder of the second semester. Whatever you may have already heard, here are some facts which may help you to understand what is happening.

Now that we have adjusted to our new school, it is time for the experimentation to begin. The first real experiment to take place is in the time scheduling of classes. The first of three changes will begin this coming Monday and last for the following three weeks.

This first change, known as the Rotation Schedule, will try to discover what happens to your learning if the old periods are longer by twenty minutes or shorter by twenty minutes. How do these changes in time of meeting affect the learning which takes place?

The students, parents, staff, and maintenance personnel will be asked at the end of the experiment to evaluate just what has happened and whether or not it was a change for the better.

Below is drawn a copy of the bell schedule for a three day period. This three day schedule will be repeated for three weeks. Why not cut out this schedule and keep it with you as a helpful reference.

DAY 1			DAY 2			DAY 3		
Minutes		Period	Minutes		Period	Minutes		Period
30	8:00-8:30	1	50	8:00-8:50	1	70	8:00-9:10	1
50	8:35-9:25	2	70	8:55-10:05	2	30	9:15-9:45	2
	9:30-9:40	F		10:10-10:20	F		9:50-10:00	5
	9:40-9:50	BR		10:20-10:30	BR		10:00-10:10	BR
70	9:55-11:05	3	30	10:35-11:05	3	50	10:15-11:05	3
30	11:10-11:40	4	50	11:10-12:00	4	70	11:10-12:20	4
	11:40-12:15	L		12:00-12:35	L		12:20-12:55	L
50	12:20-1:10	5	70	12:40-1:50	5	30	1:00-1:30	5
70	1:15-2:25	6	30	1:55-2:25	6	50	1:35-2:25	6

KYA WONDERS V.S. FEARLESS FOWLS

The K.Y.A. Wonders are coming, and boy, are we ready for them. The Wonders have a fine winning record, but they have never seen the likes of American High School and our Team of Teams.

Where else could you find the combined genius of Orville "Tiny" Fisher and Art "Legs" Johnson on the same court? Imagine the grace and speed of Lloyd "Slim" Samford and Richard "Lumpy" Larson. For you math freaks, we have managed to sign Jimmy "Cookie Man" Hengel for a big comeback.

The dynamic duo have also been signed to play. They are none other than David "Dimples" Garcia and Ronny "Chi-Chi" Rodriguez. After winning every dance contest in sight, Robby "Funky Chicken" Vares has consented to make it two wins in a row.

Rounding out our illustrious

team is none other than LeRoy "Cheeks" Gallardo, the demon of the hoop.

This not-to-be-missed game is set for March 9th in our American High Gym. Also scheduled are two pre-game games. The first game, starting at 6:00 will feature the Women's Coaches vs. our very own G.A.A. Who knows, maybe even Mary "Tricks" Boothby will be convinced to take part.

The second big game of the evening will feature selected Coaches vs. selected Junior Boys. This game is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. The main game, though, will be played at 8:00, and promises to be an Historic Event.

To highlight the day's events, sponsored by the Sports Booster's Club, will be a special rally the day of the game featuring Chris Edwards of K.Y.A. fame. (For more information, see ad on back page.)

IN MEMORIAM

The staff and students of American High School wish to express their sincere sympathy to the family of Dennis Faulkenbury on his untimely passing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STUDENT BODY JOKE

By Terry Callaway

In a previous editorial it was written, "Our Student Government doesn't seem to be what it could and should be. Our Student Government doesn't seem to be representing the students." Let me work with those two statements for a while.

If Student Government as it stands is unsatisfactory then it is more the fault of the students than the government. The government thrives on student interest and participation. We obviously have so little. The students who run for office are primarily the same students (or their close friends) who have run for office before. Out of a student body of approximately 1300 students, less than 350 vote. That leaves either 950 people who don't care, or 950 careless people who leave at home the I.D. card that they're supposed to bring to school with them every day. This says nothing of the students who lose them. Of those 950, I'm certain that we can single out those students who won't vote because they don't know any of the candidates. Whose fault is that? A student who really wants to show pride in his school by voting is not going to vote simply because he doesn't know the people. He is going to find out. This excuse is merely a cop-out for lazy individuals.

ALL students are welcome to come to the Executive Council meetings. The time for each meeting is listed at the bottom of the minutes given to each forum teacher. If by chance your forum teacher is not posting the minutes, then make a request for he or she to do so. Executive Council meetings are also announced over the speaker system during forum. If you can't hear the announcements then by all means keep quiet and listen. If the students who complain about not hearing the announcements will wait till after the announcements to complain about it, then maybe the problem would solve itself.

"The Student Government doesn't seem to be representing the students." Well, it seems to me that students really don't want to be represented. I'm glad that Miss McDonald brought this up in her editorial or else we would never know it.

It is NOT the Government's responsibility to get the students involved if the students don't make an effort. It's a two-way arrangement. How does Miss McDonald propose to do it? Again we hear condemnation but no suggestions on how to improve the situation.

In conclusion, Student Government wants to help, but it's up to you to tell us HOW.

CARRY IT ON -

I wish to express my concern to the Sophomore Class of

American High. As I see it, they really don't care about what is happening to their school or can't take the time to concern themselves with it.

I have spent much time asking different people to come forward with their ideas and make themselves heard. The majority of the responses that I have received are similar, in that they're all negative. Not that their ideas are negative, mind you, it's just that they can't seem to be able to express themselves properly.

The way to get yourself heard is to come forward with ideas to me or to our Senators. Our Senators are David Glazier, Mark Lowman, Joe Williams, Pat Jones and Roy Sekigahama.

We can not do this job alone. We must have your help and support.

Colleen Graham
Sophomore Class President



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STAFF GIVES BIRD

Our newspaper staff's first Eagle Award goes to several people who, by their generous actions have encouraged a high level of student activity at school. We would like to give the bird to several local merchants for the large amounts of advertizing they have purchased in the school paper.

When one considers the great sums of money these people have made since American High has opened, it's only fair that they show their appreciation by buying a token ad.

So, the next time you buy a hamburger or donut, ask yourself, "is my school getting the thanks it deserves?"

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The Story of George Washington and the Cherry Tree

(If confusing—read aloud.)
by Laurie MacDougal and Barbara Matuso



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ACTIVITIES AND THE ARTS

Today The Pit - Tomorrow The Wrinkles

Opening night is getting closer everyday for a very funny musical at American High, and people are working harder and harder to see that you get the show you are paying to see.

Besides the actors who are working their best, there are many 'behind the scenes' people who are doing their share. As a good example, we would like to spotlight the pit orchestra for the musical.

In just eight short weeks, this relatively inexperienced group must learn professional quality music and be ready for any last minute switch that the cast might pull on them. At the same time, many problems will be faced because of the unusualness of the new theatre. A twenty piece orchestra must fit into a space nine feet wide.

The students volunteer their time and work after school and evenings twice a week. Included



(Pictured during rehearsal are Rod McElroy, Scott, Leval, Cande Rivera, and David Lang)

in the orchestra are Sue Ball, Val Harris, Steve Sutton, Brenda McElroy, Lori McKnight, and Cande Rivera.

Also playing are Lynn Filbert, Irene Zemcov, Scott Leval, Rod McElroy, David Lang, and Bev Milke.

We have been fortunate in our first year to have some additional help from Irvington and Mission San Jose. The Mission students are Al Francis and Bob Lilly.

The Irvington students who are helping out are Ron Deeter, Mark Mathias, Ricky Sumners, Jim Andrews, Vickie Evans, Julie Klindt, Tricia Torres, Tammy Ellegood, Kathy White and Sharon Woolard.

There are some other problems facing our fearless group. The single biggest problem is the lack of experience of the individual members. Most experienced musicians need all the rehearsing they can get. Our pit has many first-timers who are only spending a few hours per week and yet are expected to do all the same kinds of things that the professionals must also do.

Another big problem is that of sound. Our's is a very live

He was born beautiful and lived as he was born. Yet understood, he was not. At times he spoke wise words, yet there were times he longed to speak, but grew silent. Where were the answers to the questions that puzzled him? His friends, concerned, tried to understand; but knew not how to cope with the infinite moods he experienced everyday. In his face one saw feeling, but could not drag it from his lonesome mind. Moments with him could bring smiles to the sad, or unhappiness to the cheerful. At times he brought peace, but again he created war. He was anxious to understand others, but did not wish others to know he was examining them. He was a very mysterious human surrounded by a menagerie of people. Within his flesh he kept captive a troubled soul craving escape. He was a very open person but many times he would hide the truth. He bothered those

that surrounded him. It irked them not to be able to decipher his mind. He hurt those who cared and those he cared for. In organizing his thoughts, time was of the essence. Love was a major part of his life. He was the pride of his family and understandably so. He was confused and confusing to others. His actions were an escape for his heart, which had been mended many a time. He was a person of high ideals. He was very educated in the subject of life. He had learned many things the hard way and was now using them for guidance in the days that followed. Indifferent at times he was, for he was not easy to agree with. With all his imperfections and rare qualities, he was needed on the earth; for no matter his mood, he was what God had meant him to be, himself. Beautiful from the day of birth, until the day death overtakes him.

Concerned

STAR-GAZERS PLAN FAIR

The Astronomy Club of American High is working on a Science Fair to be held on campus this April. Even though this club is sponsoring the activity, any and all Science materials will be featured.

The club is also still encouraging new members to join them, although you need not be a member of the club to participate in the Science Fair. Club meetings are held each Wednesday after school in room 5F1 under the directorship of Mr. Allen Johnson.

Easy Rider?

Welch Pony — 6 years old.

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For information
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Dennis Facchino



(During rehearsal warm-ups are Val Harris and Sue Ball)

NEWSPAPER MASTHEAD DESIGN CONTEST

If you have an original, creative design for our masthead (that is, the title of the newspaper), draw it out on white paper with pen and ink. It must be done in black and white, so all grey areas must be filled in with ink. It also must be 1½" by 10" and say COMMON SENSE. It may have art work on the design.

You may get materials from Mr. Brandenburg. When you are finished, drop it off at the newspaper office. (If it isn't open, slide your design under the door and hope for the best.) The winning design will be the new masthead. The least you can do to contribute to the well-being of the staff is TRY.

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Eagle Sports

LOGAN EATS WORDS

Before Thursdays game the coach of the Logans Soccer Team was over-heard as saying "I won't change the first team no matter what the score, and the only reason the Eagles tied us the last time was that I put in the second team." The Logan coach ate his words as the Eagles humiliatingly defeated the Colts 3-0.

The Eagles completely dominated the whole game. They had excellent ball control and good passes. Gary Erickson scored the first American goal in

the first quarter to lead 1-0. Then on a corner kick Fernando Martinez, using his head, scored the second goal for the Eagles in the second quarter. Gary Erickson scored his second goal of the day in the fourth quarter to end the scoring and make it 3-0.

The best defensive players of the game were Darrel Sherbarth, and the goalie John Flores. The best offensive players were Gary Erickson, Fernando Martinez and Marcello Canto. Coach Larsen said that the whole team played an excellent game.

SPORTS EDITORIAL

By Steven Bell

The Memorial game, I thought, was an unfair game. The players of the Memorial team played more wrestling than soccer. They grabbed legs, pushed players from American, and even tried to wreck the goalie up by kicking him each time he had the ball. The rules of soccer state that no pushing, tripping, or holding is allowed; yet the referees allowed Memorial to get away with it.

These referees, I thought, were more lenient towards the Memorial Team than they should have been.

Another thing, the Eagles were given a penalty kick because somebody had tripped an American player. The rules state that the goalie has to remain immobile until the ball is kicked. As soon as the American player stepped towards the ball, the goalie moved towards where the ball was going to be kicked, and he caught it. As soon as the goalie moved an inch the referee should have blown his whistle; yet none was blown.

The Eagles because of this lost 1-0.

The same thing happened in the

JOHNSON'S GYMNASTS

Art Johnson, P.E. instructor, has organized a tumbling and gymnastics class sixth period. The class consists of thirty sophomore and junior girls who are interested in developing beginning and intermediate skills in tumbling, vaulting, the parallel bars and the balance beam.

The girls have to do "mens' push-ups" as well as conditioning and stretching exercises. The girls work very hard to learn the new skills and occasionally invent "new moves" that are sometimes very humorous.

The class hopes to have its own gymnastic meet at the end of the quarter.

(The 6th period ladies take a munit out)



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Sports Spotlight

The Newspaper Staff of American High School is pleased to announce the start of another tradition; the naming of the featured athlete of the issue. The athlete named in each issue is selected by the coaches of the various sports for his continued hard work and enthusiastic support of the sports program.

In choosing the first athlete to be featured, two names were selected. Both men have done, and continue to do, an outstanding job. The Newspaper Staff joins the coaches and student body in a super congratulations to Walt Schild and Steve Witmer.

Walt Schild

Walt is a junior playing center on the varsity basketball team. He is 6'3", 170 pounds.

Walt has had no previous experience, yet is the leading rebounder for the season. He now holds the school record for most rebounds in a game (17), and most points in a game (23), both set against Kennedy.

Steve Witmer

Steve is a freshman playing forward on the team. He is 6' and 160 pounds. He is one of only two freshmen playing varsity basketball in the M.V.A.L.

Steve is the leading scorer on the team for the season averaging ten points per game.

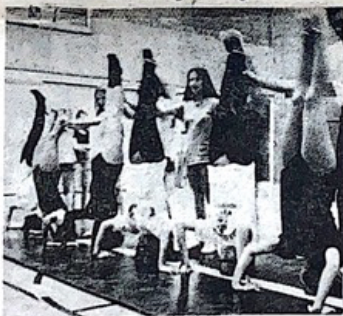


(Walt Schild — Center)



(Steve Witmer — Forward)

Logan game. The referees would not call the Logan players off sides when they were four or five feet in the back of the fullbacks. Four or five times in just the first quarter this was never called. American took a corner kick on the left side of Logan's goal and the ball went to the right side of the field. The ref on the left called a penalty that the ref on the right side should have called. The ref on the right side of the field had a better view of the play between the seven or eight guys that were playing the ball. If the closer ref could not see the penalty, how could the ref on the far side of the field see the penalty?



(Oh! Go stand on your head!)

G.A.A. News

By Janet Oliveira

The G.A.A. is involved in track and basketball right now. They have 20 girls trying out for track. Included in these various competitive fields is the 100 yard dash, the 150 yard dash, the 440 dash and the 440 relay.

Other events include high jump and long jump. There is also low hurdles, shot put and discus. They will have three tri meets and one dual meet. The meets will begin on March 8.

There will be a pot luck dinner on March 1 for all the girls in the M.V.A.L. track teams. If anyone would like to be in track, please see Mrs. Ceresa or Miss Adams.

Girls' basketball starts March 1. There are 30 girls in basketball. There will be an "A" and "B" team for varsity and junior varsity. This year is the building year for the beginners.

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