

OPEN LETTER TO FRESHMEN

It's with great regret that I must leave American High School. I wish I could have been more a part of your first years of this promising school, but in the short months that have past, I truly enjoyed the faculty, staff and especially the students. We really have a fine combination of people here!

The first years of any new school have their problems, but with the friendliness and further cooperation of all, American looks like it is going to become an exciting and unique educational experience for you. Please make the most of it and strive to always do your best. In case you haven't noticed, I too, am looking forward to a unique experience, that of motherhood.

In the meantime, Freshmen, continue to use the ninth grade services and stop by and meet Mr. Leroy Gallardo who will be your new counselor.

Take care to keep 1976 a very special graduating class, I will be anxiously watching your progress.

Good Luck,
Mrs. Susie Anderson



(Students pause for a moment during the hectic convention to smile for the camera. Notice the great decorations.)

CONVENTION 1973

By Laurie Dickson

The first annual convention to nominate candidates for student body offices of American High School was held in the school gym on Wednesday, January 10th.

The convention was planned and organized by Terry Callaway, Phil Ritter, and Mr. DePaola, with help from Matt Farrer. Despite high student interest, however, the convention was very poorly run.

The following is a general description of what took place. Editorial comments have been reserved for the Editorial Page. (See page 2.)

The convention was called to order at 3:05 by its chairman, Phil Ritter. Monsignor Breen, of the Holy Spirit Church, delivered the opening prayer. Due to last minute cancellations, there was no Keynote Speaker.

Roll call of the delegates was taken. Alaska's head delegate, Rob Bergman, challenged the Arkansas delegation because Farrer brothers, both candidates, were sitting as delegates. Matt, because he was President of the Student Body, was allowed to sit at the back of the speaker's chair. Mitch was asked to leave. All other candidates sat at the rear of the gym in the bleachers in back of the delegations. Matt eventually stepped down from the platform.

The first office up for nomination was Chief Justice. The nominees were Paul Cohen, Steve Bell, and Kevin Black. Paul Cohen won the first ballot by 90 per cent. On the second ballot, Kevin Black won with an obvious majority.

Vice Presidential nominations were held next. The nominees were: Mitch Farrer, Jere Fore, Cindy Mosegard, and Byron Jones, who declined.

During the 1st Ballot roll call vote, held at 5:30, the delegations decided to adopt the Forum Balloting results as a valid 1st ballot in an effort to save time. There were no objections at that time.

Mitch Farrer was nominated as a Vice Presidential candidate on the first ballot. While preparing for the second ballot, the delegates were getting restless. Many were yelling for the dinner break, but the chairman refused, stating that the delegates had already voted against the dinner break.

The chairman called for order, and the balloting resumed. There was quite a fight for the second ballot nomination, but Cindy Mosegard won out.

The chairman asked for a move to recess for dinner, and there was a mass exodus out the door of the gym. As the delegates were leaving, a yell was heard from the chairman, "Be back by 7:00!"

At 7:15 the convention was called to order once again. Louisiana, whose votes were not turned in during general Forum procedure, asked that those votes they had not received for Vice President be counted.

Suddenly, there was a mass of confusion among the delegates on the floor. Many agreed that they should get the votes and many didn't. There was a general commotion between the states.

New Jersey called for a convention reversal of their previously adopted move for Forum, vote counting.

The previous motion was upheld. Louisiana didn't get the votes. The nominations resumed.

Nominated for President were: Matt Farrer, Jim Croci, with Rob Bergman and Andy Stafford as favorite sons. It was moved to close the nominations before David Glazier's name appeared.

This was ruled out of order due to the Forum voting procedure. David's name was put on the nominations list and voting resumed.

Using the adopted 1st ballot procedure, Matt Farrer was the first choice. During the five minute caucus which followed, Farrer tried to get his strong delegations to side with Jim Croci. Meanwhile, many delegates just plain left the convengion. All in all, there was general confusion.

The chairman re-called the convention to order. The only business remaining was the 2nd ballot for Presidential nomination. Rob Bergman won this by a sizable majority.

The First Annual Nominations Convention awkwardly adjourned at approximately 8:20 as the remaining delegates left the convention floor.

Only an interested few remained to help with cleaning, and, as a result, were here until after 10:00 with brooms and cans.

On Thursday morning, Rob Bergman, the second ballot nominee for the Presidential election, announced his with-

drawal from the Presidential race. His reasons were that he was involved in after-school sports and was taking college preparatory classes. He felt, therefore, that this did not allow him enough time for additional extra-curricular activities.

According to Robert's Rules of Order, the proper procedure is to drop the nominee's name from the ballot. In addition, no other names can be added in it's place.

RUNOFF TUESDAY

After a week of hectic, and somewhat confused campaigning, the elections for Student Body Offices are over, and the results are in.

Of the three offices being sought, the office of President was run unopposed. However, many write-in votes were cast. This was due to the withdrawal of Bob Bergman early in the race.

With a total of 364 votes cast, the final election results are: President — Matt Farrer, 164 and Jim Croci, 153 votes. Vice President — Mitch Farrer, 168 and Cindy Mosegard, 150 votes. Chief Justice — Paul Cohen with 230 votes.

Due to the close number of votes for the offices of president and vice president, there will be a runoff vote on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The newspaper staff joins the student body in wishing the eventual winners a successful and productive term in office. CONGRATULATIONS.

Therefore, the Presidential Ballot would show one candidate. All other interested people could only be considered as "write-in" candidates.

This, potentially, would leave the candidacy open to everyone in the school.

Generally, except for poor management, the Convention was lots of fun and was enjoyed by all those who participated.



(Pictured during the opening roll call when students challenged the delegate standing of the Farrer brothers.)



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school students including: General Agriculture, Natural Resources, Landscape Gardening, Graphic Communications, Industrial T.V., Radio Licensing, Construction (Carpentry), Retail Merchandising, and Pre-School Child Care.

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The object of this program is to prepare students for employment while they are still in high school.

Visit the Career Center soon! It may change your life!

CONVENTION: OBJECT; FUN - PURPOSE; NONE

By Wayne Morgan

Last week American held its first convention. It was an exciting event, but unfortunately there were many flaws in the procedure, organization, and order.

Many delegates didn't know what was going on during parts of the convention, especially concerning the rules, voting, and candidates.

Personally I was surprised at how much the rah-rah's dominated the convention, and how many students voted on the basis of popularity. Fortunately, there was a choice in the voting, and even though they were a minority, the Students' Coalition made a good showing in the balloting. At least it wasn't completely controlled by the rah-

rah votes and another side was represented.

Because of unfamiliarity with the rules, there was quite a "ruckus" when some of the delegates votes weren't counted because they weren't sitting in their assigned seats.

There were also hassels when the candidates were seen roaming around the floor. People weren't sure what they were and weren't allowed to do.

One big misrepresentation had to do with the Louisiana delegation not receiving their first ballot votes for the Pres. and Vice Pres. races. I think the chair was out of order by not allowing the states a role call vote, but because no one knew what was going on at the time, they couldn't challenge the decision. According to the convention rules, first ballot voting is to be done state by state by a role call vote.

The purpose (?) of the convention was to reduce the number of candidates for each A.S.B. office to two nominees. Prior to the convention the only office contested by more than two students was the President (which had only three), and at that time it hardly seemed necessary to have a convention which had only three Presidential nominees. I don't understand why all three candidates couldn't run on the ballot if they wanted to.

What's the purpose of having a convention when they use the student votes for nominations? Why not save it all for one election so anyone who wants to run can?!!!

EDITORIAL PAGE

OPINION POLL

What Do You Think Student Government Should Do?

1. Pat Jones — "Go Coalition all the way."
2. Irene Garcia — "I don't know."
3. Julie Aspiazu — "Take ideas of the students and change them to make the school better or leave them as they like."
4. Rick Nunes — "Help make the school better."
5. Colleen Graham — "I feel the student government should represent the students which at this time it is not doing."
6. Russ Mendivil — "Student government should have something to do with the people it's supposed to be working for. It should not be sitting behind locked doors making up everyone's mind for them."
7. Elizabeth Lopez — "I think American's government should be for the students 'cause if the government is for the students, they will like the school more and become involved."
8. Ken Luttrell — "Student government is alright. It doesn't need nothin' else."
10. Bob Dalton — "Nothing. They should pull their heads out."
11. Barbara Noble — "Leave the school by itself. It's just fine like it is."
12. Tom Raftery — "Lock up the class rooms so those savages can't get in."
13. Tim Racine — "Try to improve the school by trying to stop people vandalizing the school."
14. Rob Bergman — "I don't know."

15. Cindy Fulton — "It's fine the way it is. I'm just here to go to school, get it over with and plan my future. They should ask us and then we could tell them the way we feel."

16. Debbie Coul — "They should have more activities so that we could all have something to do."

17. Rhonda Toler — "They haven't been doing much because I haven't noticed any changes."

18. Ron Mankini — "Have the students clean up their junk. Also, they should organize a congress to discuss questions of student interest."

STUDENT GOVERNMENT JOKE

By: Nancy McDonald

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.

We should be able to have Student Body officers that ask the students what they want done. I personally haven't heard any questions put to the students.

In fact, I haven't heard much of anything from the Student Body Officers. No one knows what's going on with them. They seem to keep it to themselves. This is the biggest JOKE; a lack of communications between the student and the Student Government. We should be told about what's going on!

(The Opinions expressed on this page are not necessarily those of the NEWSPAPER STAFF but only the individuals listed.)

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Captain American

It is our Government's responsibility to get the students involved. It can do this by truly representing student opinions. Offices in Student Government seem to be nothing more than RAH! RAH! Statue Symbols. This is another JOKE about Student Government. I feel that all student opinions should be represented. That means the minority, as well as the majority opinions. All students should have the right to be represented and have their voices heard.

Don't you, the student, want a change. Don't make a farce out of Student Government. We need a student organization that represents US. After all, isn't that what Student Government is all about?

BY ROBERT YOUNG





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ACTIVITIES AND THE ARTS

"FORUM" CAST PICKED

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Involved in the production are over 75 students, including cast, orchestra, and crew. Featured in the Cast are:

Matt Farrer	Pseudolus
Stuart Golden	Senex
Debbie Gilmour	Domina
Russ Mendivil	Hysterium
Mitch Farrer	Erronius
Paul Cohen	Hero
Pete Menyén	Miles Gloriosus
Dave Glazier	Lycus
Barbara Wyatt	Philia
Tammy McCallum	Tintinabula
Denise Keene	Gymnasia
Karen Delaney	Vibrata
Liz Daniel	Panacea
Cherie Johnston and Jeanne Zanutto	The Geminae Twins

Also featured in the cast are Marshall Gregory, Wayne Mills, Jere Fore, Henry Aldequer, Diane Combs, Darlene Bergamasco, Bev Crooks, Pat Jones, Brenda Savage, and Valerie Millier.

Co-Directing the show are David Motroni; Drama, Garo Mirigian; Singing, and Rich Levin General Musical Director. Assisting the directors in dance sequences are Ann Kelly and Don Vaughn of "The Company".

The production has been scheduled to run the last weekend in March and the first weekend in April. Plan now to attend.

CLUB STARTED

American High has started an Astronomy Club. The Astronomy Club is working on lots of interesting activities including building a 6 inch telescope that will permit the members to study the heavens. They are buying a \$33 mirror that is one of the most important parts of the fine optic instrument.

The members of the club have a lot of interest in science, but they need more people interested in working with them. They encourage anybody to participate in the activities of the club.

P.A.D. BOOSTERS SOUGHT

The Performing Arts Department of American High School is interested in organizing a parent Booster's Club. The purpose of this club will be to help us in any way to promote the activities of that Department.

An organizational meeting has been set for January 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre 70. During that time, the Performing Arts Faculty will present a short concert to (hopefully!) promote interest.

All interested parents and students are invited to the meeting. Please tell you entire family to attend and support the Performing Arts Department of American High.

FREE

Anyone interested in a free medium-sized puppy about 8 weeks old, see Mrs. Fujii right away. Either in the 500 Wing or in the Faculty Commons.



(Pictured are Debbie Gilmour, Russ Mendivil, and Paul Cohen rehearsing the blocking for the opening scenes of the year's musical production.)

ZAP NEEDS ZIP

The ZIP has gone from ZAP. (Sob) Our Zealous Art People are Zealously at work . . . on other projects. Many of them are now associated with the play and student government.

So, we need new BLOOD. Your Blood! If you have any creative ideas, a steady hand, and a dedication to life, JOIN!

Remember, Art is many things . . . drawing, painting, sculpting, any craft, conservation, love, LIBERTY, LIFE! So, Be a part of life, Join ZAP! ZIP some ZAP into your life!

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FIRST YEAR PAINS

Part of the handicap of being a first year school is having to compete against other, longer established, more experienced institutions. No where is this handicap more painfully noticed than in the Athletic Department.

Our teams, playing at their very best, still have the obvious disadvantages of age, experience, and physical maturity. This season's basketball team is a perfect example.

Just in numbers, our team has fewer players than any other team. In age, we have two 14 year olds playing on a varsity team against 17 and 18 year olds. This means that physically, they are not at the same level to be able to fairly compete. We also have no seniors to pull from, and that doesn't improve matters any.

In years of experience, Coach Garcia refers to the Varsity team as "The Minute Men", because of their combined Varsity and J.V. experience totalling a matter of minutes.

This does not mean, however, that our players are not working hard. They are, in fact, putting out a maximum effort at every game.

It does mean, though, that when our team is placed against a team like Irvington, as it was last Friday Night, they are out weighed in every way.

EAGLES LOSE TO S.C.

Last Wednesday night, the American hoopsters were out shot by Santa Clara 45 to 75. Jim Tenbosch was the leading scorer with 14 points and 7 rebounds.

Rob Bergman scored 6 points and was able to grab 6 rebounds. Steve Whitmer and Chris Salazar both scored 8 points and grabbed 5 and 2 rebounds respectively.

The Varsity line-up includes: 22 Steve Whitmer, 12 Dave Billoups, 30 Walt Shields, 31 Rob Bergman, 23 Bryon Jones, 11 Chris Salazar, and 24 Jim Tenbosch.

Coaching the team are: Mr. David Garcia, Mr. Orville Fisher, and Mr. Llyod Samford.

Irvington's team, for example, has a starting line-up of 4 Seniors and one Junior. Their shortest started is 6 feet. All of their starters have had at least 1 year

of Varsity experience. Their entire Varsity squad outnumber our entire Basketball lineup. How can you begin to compete.

AMERICANS LOSE TO MILPITAS

On December 29th, the American High Eagles lost to Milpitas 67-55. The hot-handed Steve Whitmer led the scoring with 21 points and got 4 rebounds. Dave Billoups was second in scoring with 11 points.

Walt Shields scored 8 points and rebounded 8 shots. Jim Tenbosch scored 7 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. Rob Bergman scored 6 points and Byron Jones shot 2 points and rebounded 2 shots.

At the end of the first and second quarters, the Eagles had the lead: 11-9, and 21-20. In the second period, Steve Whitmer scored 14 of his 21 points to keep the Eagles in the lead at half time.

Throughout the first half, the Eagles looked good, but the third period saw the Eagles turned around. They went down at the end of the third period 45-42. They tried hard to catchup, but Milpitas put on the pressure and finally won out. The final score again was Milpitas 67, Eagles 55.

HUSKIES FLIP BIRDS

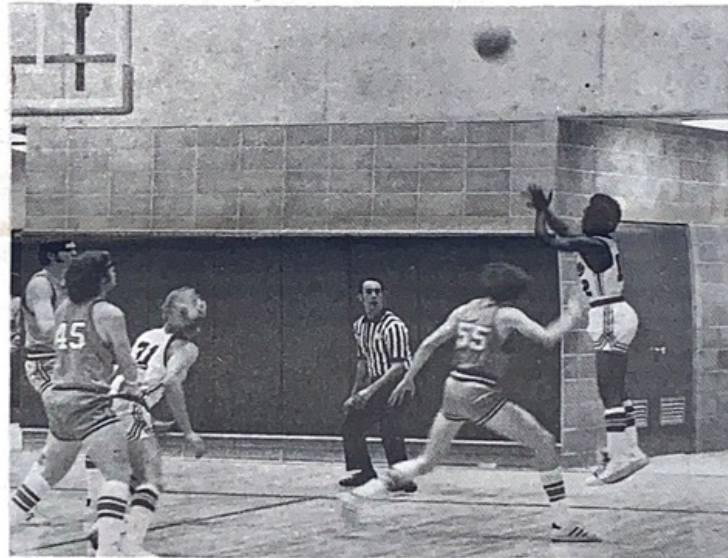
The American J.V. wrestlers lost a close match to Washington by a score of 32-28. Randy Riffe got the Eagles rolling by pinning his man in the 105 pound weight class.

In the 135 pound class, Jim Solis also pinned his opponent. Ken Baptista won his match in the 114 class by outscoring his opponent by more than 10 points.

Rich Harville of the 140's and Pete Minyen of the 191's both won their matches by forfeit.

The team members are: Jim Johnson, Randy Riffe, Ken Baptista, Joe Abercrombie, Marty Redmond, Jim Solis, Rich Harville, Carlos Berber, Louie Croci, and Pete Minyen.

Coaching the team is Mr. Dennis Burns.



(Billoups sinks another one for two points.)

This is to announce the start of Track and Basketball practice for all interested girls. Practice begins on January 29. All interested girls are urged to participate in these sports. All interested participants must have a Physical and these should be turned in before girls can begin practice. Spring Sports include Volleyball, Badminton, and Softball. These sports, however, will not begin until the 4th quarter. Join G.A.A.

SPORTS CALENDAR

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Fri., Jan. 19	MISSION	Away	7:00-8:30
Fri., Jan. 26	NEWARK	Home	7:00-8:30
Tues., Jan. 30	KENNEDY	Away	6:00-7:30
Fri., Feb. 2	WASHINGTON	Home	7:00-8:30
Tues., Feb. 6	MEMORIAL	Away	T.B.A.
Fri., Feb. 9	IRVINGTON	Home	7:00-8:30
Wed., Feb. 14	LOGAN	Away	6:00-7:30
Fri., Feb. 16	MISSION	Home	7:00-8:30
Wed., Feb. 21	NEWARK	Away	6:00-7:30
Fri., Feb. 23	KENNEDY	Home	7:00-8:30

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