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What's the entertainment highpoint of each spring at SCHS? If you said the En Soiree, you're right.

The En Soiree is our own fantastic talent/variety show. The show features many of our most talented students and teachers. This year's En Soiree may be one of the best ever. It offers a little bit of something for every taste, from dancing to rapping, from bands to drama, from romantic songs to top 40, with comedy throughout.

The En Soiree is this Thursday and Friday night, May 8 and 9, at 8:00 P.M. in the Cafeteria. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance and \$3.00 at the door. Tickets are on sale at noon this week in the Student Body Office.

The last four years the show has sold out each night, so get your tickets early. See you at the En Soiree.

THE EN SOIREE IS HERE!

Return to 4 year

In 1980, the Santa Clara Unified School District restructured the junior highs and high schools. Buchser High and Peterson High closed to become junior highs and Wilcox and Santa Clara lost the ninth graders to the junior highs. In 1988, Santa Clara and Wilcox will get the ninth graders back.

Why is this happening? Why is the district radically increasing the traffic in the hallway's and lunch lines? The reason: economics.

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In a telephone interview with associate Superintendent Don Callejon, he reported that the enrollment in the high schools have declined, thus resulting in the high schools losing money. "The ninth through twelfth grade structure is more cost effective."

Callejon said that when the restructuring occurs in 1988, Santa Clara High will have a projected 200 less students, which

are 400 more than when the original restructuring occurred.

How did the declining enrollment begin? It started roughly nine years ago. Women were getting married later and having children later in life. This slowly moved its way up to the junior high and high school level. Currently, enrollment in kindergarten has increased and its effect on Santa Clara and Wilcox will not be felt until approximately nine years from now.

Magical

Kyle Cornelius

The cost of this year's Junior, Senior Prom is a low discount price of \$65. Yes, that's right, only \$65. And your thinking, "What can I possibly get for that low price?" I'll tell you what.

Included in the low, low price of \$65 is dinner. And you get two, count 'em, two big choices for dinner, Chicken Cordon Blau and New York Steak with marinated mushrooms.

Also included in this super low price are two wine glasses so that you and your beloved will be able to remember this night forever.

Moments

And of course, dancing is included in the super low price. But what makes it better is that you get a chance to dance with Mr. Fiore. Guys excluded.

Now you're thinking, "where are they going to hold the prom, for such a cheap price?" Well it's being held at the one and only LeBaron Hotel on N. 1st Street in San Jose on May 30th from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

You can buy your low cost bids in the SBO. So go buy yours now.

GRAD NIGHT

Seniors...

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! You only have days left to buy your passports to see the world at a bargain price of only \$35.00. On May 15, the price will go up to \$45.00, so buy your passports today.

Since Grad Night is sponsored by the senior parents, it is only appropriate that the parents purchase your passports. Let them pay for the last "real fun" you'll have in high school.

So don't miss out on all the fun and excitement of "Grad Night '86". Don't be the only senior sitting at home watching "The Cosby Show", while everyone else is partaking on the seven seas.

YOSEMITE

by Laura Lewakowski

Recently the Wilderness Adventures Club's Yosemite group went back to Yosemite after leaving early on February 19 because of the heavy rains and rock slides. The 23 of the original 27 left on April 13 at 8:00 a.m. headed for the sanctum of the Sierras.

Once there, they prepared for a formal dinner at the world renowned Ahwanee. The next day the group hiked to Dows Point in snowshoes for a spectacular view of the Yosemite Valley. Tuesday the Mountain Mist Trail was climbed which lead to the top of Vernal Falls. Then bikes were rented and the group headed to Mir Lake. That

evening the self-assured oldtimers and anxious newcomers explored the Spider Caves which proved to be quite exciting. Next, the adventurers showed their talent by putting on various forms of entertainment for the group at Curry Lodge such as songs and skits, including a Romanian hiking song!

The last day was spent at the Ahwanee. First the group ate a delicious breakfast, then spent the rest of the morning in the Ahwanee library sharing thoughts about the trip. Later at the pizza dinner along the way home, Bao Le was awarded the Survival in the Wilderness award. He received this gracious honor for trying to stop his bike by

riding between two boulders, making a leader put back on his formal wear for pictures with and unloaded camera, getting lost while not but 10 minutes in the park, and receiving the most nominations.

The trip was enjoyed by all and I strongly suggest that students apply next year. In case you're intrigued by our adventurous spirit, come to a meeting on Thursday in Room D1. Learn about the Point Reyes backpacking trip or the river rafting trip on the American River and many other trips.

In

Memoriam

Friday, April 25, 1986, Todd Gonzales passed away. Though he was with us for only a short time, we are all saddened by his death. Todd was a sophomore, 16 years old. He was known by his classmates for his positive attitude and sense of humor. He participated in class and did not use his physical limitations as an excuse. For this he was an inspiration for many students.

Santa Clara High will miss Todd greatly. Our condolences to the Gonzales family.

Todd
Gonzales

Poetry: Dark April

By Le Nguyen

Since the communist took control of South Vietnam on April 30, 1975, thousands of people were put into prison and many have died in the concentration camps. On the other hand, thousands of people left their country to look for happiness and a better life. We, the Vietnamese, will do anything to escape from the oppressors.

To our people, April 30, 1975, will not be forgotten.

Today I am here
And it's been eight years
Since I've gone away.
Eight years ago today
I said Good-Bye...
Father, did you cry,
Or did you smile
When you saw your child
Running away from home
Poor how they have bombed
For a good ten years, Dad?
I have then to choose
Liberty and peace, or War and you.
And I have learned, too,
That any choice has its price;
Whether to live or to die
The price is always high...
Today in this land of Liberty
In the Peace of this Country
I am breathing freely.
But, today I am a refugee.
That is my new name
Given by fate, not by fame.
But I am not ashamed of who I am,
Just sad and sorry
To be called Refugee...

And Father, is life still the same,
Is life still a game
There...On the other side of the Pacific?
Are they still trying to play tricks
On you with their Politics?
Are they still laughing
In the bloody game of killing
As they have been doing
As I have seen them doing
Since the very first time I said "Hello"
To life, some eighteen years ago...?
It just hurts me to know
Today you are still suffering so...
Today I'm here
With no more Bombs to fear
No more cannons to hear;
Yet now and then, from time to time
On a peaceful day, or in the depth of a quiet night,
In a hidden corner of my troubled mind
I see your tears again, I see you cry,
I hear you calling me home,
To the only ruined home I have known...
I feel so lost, then, so homeless,
So painful in me, a soul pleading for your
forgiveness.

Then I say to myself,
Perhaps you don't need to promise
That someday I will come back,
Perhaps you just want me to stay happy
With this life, chosen, in Liberty,
To fly far, to be free
As a free bird I had long wanted to be.
Because it brings hope
And consolation to a restlessly repenting heart
Tonight, especially, an April night so dark...
Tonight, Father, please smile, please don't weep
For I am wishing real peace
To come your way,
Someday...
Tonight, May I, for once promise
That I shall never forget
Who I am
That I shall never forget
Mother Viet-Nam.

"April 30, 1975, the day that the Vietnamese people will never forget."

Bull's Eye

BY JOHN A. HART
DEDICATED TO WENDY
(part four of five)

After her family was killed, Tracy became obsessed with finding the person who was responsible. With Jennifer's computer expertise they deduced who Bullard Jones was and why he was on a rampage; the previous year, Tracy and her friends stabled upon Jones' international smuggling ring and since Tracy was in charge, she was his primary target: the bull's eye.

Before any plan to apprehend Jones was even considered, Chris and Jen suddenly disappeared along with four other friends. Tracy's suspicions were confirmed by a telephone call from Jones.

The message was brief but to the point: she was to go to the cabin-on-the-beach without any cops by eight o'clock or her friends were dead. She was determined to go when Detective Burton of the police said "it would be a trap: they could still die."

"If I don't go," she explained, "They die anyway. It's a no-win scenario, but it's a chance I'll have to take."



Life in the Dumps/BEAR & ERNIE

By Oscar & The Bird

By Ernie

The saga of Oscar and the Great Zookini has ended. Yes, just as Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin, Bud Costello and Lou Abbott, and Bing Crosby and Bob Hope ended their association so have Oscar and the Great Zookini.

The Beginning of the End began in the beginning and ended at the end.

The Great Zookini ran off with all the ransom money raised to free Oscar from the clutches of the Wilcox Charger.

Thus, Big Bird has taken over the column and freed Oscar. Now without money but with alot of heart Oscar and Big Bird return to present their new column: LIFE IN THE DUMPS.

Well another annual ritual has passed us by. What, you ask, did I miss it? No, unless you decided to take an early lunch on that fateful day you were there. Yes you were there for Santa Clara High's annual "Cheerleader Tryouts."

And what an event it was, ranking right up there with the Prom, Homecoming and Graduation. Santa Clara's Gymnasium was filled with girls, excitement, three bears, more girls (over forty in all), enthusiasm and spirit. Or was it? Well, the sophomore student in Section D sure didn't think so. He was busy studying for his fifth period Chemistry exam.

All this makes one wonder, what is this cheer-

leading tryout anyway? I asked some of our resident experts to answer this question and here they are with their answers.

"We have a fine core of young talented cheerleaders here. It makes a man proud that he's a BRUIN."

Dooley Wimper, Evaluator

"I'd like to thank the faculty for allowing me to become aware of our schools fight song and that cheer...Over and Over Again!"

Josh Neenah, Sophomore

"It was unbelievable. The green rats (Oh! they were tennis balls?), rolling past the dancing bellies. I'd give it an 'B'."

Anonymous Senior

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SCHOOL EVENTS

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SPRING PLAY

Let us entertain you! Yes, it is time for Santa Clara High's spring play. You ask, "When will it be?" and "What will it be about?" Let me tell you. The play is due to come out one week after the En Solree. Further announcements will be made.

As I was told by director Lisa Zanbetti, former Santa Clara Bruin, the play is going to consist of a series of well-known plays. Such plays as, *Our Town*, *Glass Menagerie*, *Play It Again Sam* and various other monologues. She chose these particular scenes because they showed the vulnerability of the character and how they cope with life. The audience will be able to relate to the characters.

Instead of doing a big play with few leads, Ms. Zanbetti chose to do the collection of scenes so everyone could be a star. The cast will also be able to utilize their potential in these roles. They will learn to work as an ensemble and learn to work individually.

This production would not be the same if it were not for Mr. Kieley, Carol Charles (another former Bruin) and John Selover. Their help is greatly appreciated. As for the cast - Emily Chacon, Karna Chumny, Rick Gohl, Bonnie Fields, David Johnson, Amanda Kees, Tanya Lewandowski, Mike McCarthy, Jeff Stalman, Stacey Telcher and Jin Yu Wang - our thanks, for without them we would not have a spring production.

BREAK A LEG!!!

Policy Renewed

by John Hart

In the first issue of THE TIMES, I reported to you the possible loss of Santa Clara Unified's insurance policy. The loss of this policy would mean the loss of each school's sports programs and the closure of all of the schools.

In a telephone interview with associate superintendent Don Callejon, he reported that SCUUSD's policy had been renewed "somewhat, but not enough." He said that the primary insurance is usually \$1,000,000 and the excess is \$10,000,000, but the new policy only has an excess of \$3,000,000.

"We are in a joint powers group with twelve other districts." Last

week, a school at the Evergreen District was burned down. SCUUSD and the ten other districts paid for the damages because Evergreen is the joint-powers policy. "So, it does have its setbacks," said Callejon.

"There's a possibility that a ruling will be passed to make insurance companies carry high risk coverage," Callejon said.

A spokesperson from an insurance company in San Mateo said that companies don't carry school districts because they can't afford to pay out any liability. He said "There was a case at a school where a student was trying to break in and he fell through the skylight. He sued the district and won."

May Happenings

by Steven Williams

May 5- Cinco de Mayo: Cinco de Mayo honors a Mexican army's victory over an invading French force at Puebla, Mexico, in 1862.

May 8 & 9- En Solree: Come out and see your favorite teachers and friends show off their talent. This is one of Santa Clara's best events!

May 15- De Anza College: Attention seniors going to De Anza College this fall! Look for the summer catalogue and enroll in Counseling 50. This class will give you priority of choosing the classes you want over other students.

May 26- Memorial Day: Day to honor American servicemen who gave their lives for their country. If it's sunny, honor these men by sun worshipping at the beach!

May 30- Junior/Senior Prom: See you at the Le Baron Hotel between 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Remember the dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.

SPORTS

Softball

By Bert

Softball this year has a very plum future. Unfortunately they have only won one game and there hopes for CCS are all but gone.

Through all this desperation and despair, spirits seem good. Donna Benders said, "No one gives up."

The team feels coaching is excellent and that hopes for next year are good considering they will only lose two seniors. Hopes are high for next year and we wish them good luck!

Tennis

By Brian Itow

When one watches the S.C. Bruins play tennis, he is apt to see some of the best talent in the state. Unfortunately, that talent is found on the other side of the net. The SCVL is consistently one of the toughest leagues in the Central Coast Section boasting such talented teams as "CCS" Champion Los Altos, Palo Alto, and Gunn. The Bruin tennis team is suffering through another disappointing season as they struggle to record a victory in league play. The team, however, is much improved over last year as evidenced by its 3-2 non-league record.

The team continues to improve as it develops young talent. All it needs now is to import some rich, aristocratic country clubbers from the peninsula and the S.C. tennis team will be ready to compete with Los Altos and Palo Alto for the league championship. But until then you can watch Rudzi Krzaj, Glenn Yamasaki, and the rest of the S.C. players compete against the future McEnroes and Lendlis from the north country.

Baseball

By Brian Itow

A few weeks ago, Santa Clara baseball coach, Mark Cummings, won the Senior Grad Night Raffle. This is typical of the success that the Bruins have had on and off the diamond.

Raffle Winner Cummings, is one of the best, young baseball coaches in the area, and he has led the Bruins to their customary spot at the top of the SCVL standings.

Emphasizing defense, the Bruins have been paced by the strong performances of Joe Narciso, Pat Marreila and Randy Brekke. Each player has played excellently in the field.

The excellent pitching by Rob Lozano & Chris Volta has been supported by a very good offense, featuring the batting of Rey Reyes. Each aspect of the Bruin game has contributed to wins en route to another successful season.



SANTA CLARA



BRUIN



Terrorism and the Media



By Barbara M. Schatz

It seems like every time you pick up a newspaper, or turn on the evening news, you hear something about terrorist activities. If it's not some nut (or fanatical group with a "cause" to uphold) in or near Athens airport blowing up TWA flights, it's everyone's friend Colonel Qaddafi (Or is it Khadafi?) Your guess is as good as mine.) overtly or covertly supporting nasty activities.

As soon as something happens, such as the hijacking of an airplane, the news crews are breaking into your favorite game shows or soap operas to inform you of the latest minute details; or, if there are no new details, they'll simply rehash the old ones for about the hundredth time.

If the "hostage drama" lasts for a couple of days, we get to see hour long specials that just review old news, or we get the pleasure of watching press conferences with the terrorists and hostages. Usually by this time these "people have killed one or more hostages, more likely than not singling out the Americans. As a reward for these actions, the American media people literally cater to them. This is not usually in response to a demand that says, "Either we go on T.V., or a hostage dies every hour." Instead, the media is already there doing little histories on the terrorists, their "causes," and every other little detail they can find, including what the hostages had for dinner last night.

Although I fully support the media digging into issues and keeping the public fully informed, I think the type of attention given to terrorists is amazingly overblown. It seems to me that the media is just encouraging the terrorists, who see there acts as beneficial, because they and their "Causes" get the attention of hundreds of millions of people, most of them Americans. If you don't believe that the terrorists are looking specifically to America, then just look at how many times Americans have been singled out for slaughter, or better yet, look at how many Canadian or Soviet flights have been hijacked.

Many of the freedoms that we continue to enjoy throughout the years are partly based on the easy accessibility of information by the public through the media. Because this is, and will remain a fact, I don't suggest that the media just not inform the public about hijackings and similar events. Instead, I propose that the media tell the public what's going on, and leave it at that. No hour long specials, no constant repetition of old news, and no press conferences, unless it appears to be the only option for saving lives (i.e. the terrorists demand a press conference, and it appears that there's no other way to prevent them from killing hostages). I doubt if this alone would radically reduce the number of hijackings, but we might see some reduction if we quit encouraging terrorists. Perhaps if this solution were paired with a more firm policy against terrorism, we'd get a chance to read or hear something else besides news about terrorists when we opened up the paper or turned on the T.V.

Editor's Note

As this year comes to an end, a few major controversies stand out. Smoking in the girls bathrooms, lines for admits, and the tardy policy have been upsetting, but the major problem uproar has been the shortened lunch. This is an inconvenience to everyone, and despite all the complaints, nothing has been done.

The lunch period causes problems for most students. It's almost impossible to go off campus for lunch if one wants a break from school food. At club meetings it's difficult to get anything done. By the time people have bought their lunch and gotten to the meeting, there is only about 15 to 20 minutes left. Many clubs have suffered because of this lack of time. Any activity the student council planned for the school at lunch has also been impossible.

There are many ways the administration could extend lunch. They can't shorten the class periods, but they can lengthen the day. They could begin school at 8:15 and end it at 2:55, giving the student a 40 minute lunch. They could also shorten silent reading. Another possibility would be a substantially longer lunch on Fridays.

There are many solutions to this problem. We at the Santa Clara High School Times believe all should be discussed. Since the student body is very concerned about this, the administration should keep the students informed on what's going on. If you have any suggestions on how to solve the lunch problem, give them to us at journalism meetings (listen for announcements) or drop them by E-6.

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Hunger Project

The Hunger Project is not another relief fund. Its focus is to generate global grass roots support to end hunger by the year 2000. Hunger is an immense problem that seems to have no real solution, but with the proper education and information, some difference can be made.

The speaker for this hunger project was Andre Pascal. He had volunteered a few months ago. He talked about the celebration for ending hunger. The raising of money from high schools would be donated to "Ending Hunger." The tribute would be to the people who are working to

end hunger in underdeveloped countries.

The Hunger Project wants to open possibilities for people so they can see that they can help. The project is over 4 million people strong. People who believe that they can work together and can create a phenomenon that can't be overcome. On May 25, 1986, there will be Hands Across America. One hundred of Fortune's 500 are backing this event. Other local events will be simultaneous with this event.

If you have good intentions and lots of energy, you too can make a difference.

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