



SANTA CLARA

TIMES

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SC Bares Masculinity, and LEGS!

by Holly Fleming

A past week at Santa Clara High School, an event took place that would change school life as we know it today. A new contest, that had never before taken place on Bruin soil, occurred, changing the male image at SC forever.

The First Annual Miss Santa Clara Pageant came to an end last Wednesday after two days of enthusiastic competition by the 11 contestants.

Although the participants exhibited great charm, grace and above all, the qualities of a true beauty, this contest was different than any other. The contestants were no other than the enticing men of SC.

The thundering beauties, judged by four representatives from Wilcox High School, were given points in two different categories which included, Sports/Swim wear and Evening wear. During the Sports/Swim wear competition captivating outfits were displayed by the charming competitors. Surprisingly enough, there were few runs in the undersized nylons, surely they must have been Queen or King size. Many overlooked shaving their sleek legs the night before and this forfeited the award to the only beauty who had the "best legs", John "Johnatha" Rahbar.

The Eveningwear competition was perhaps the most difficult to judge, not to mention hilarious because to restrain from giggling was almost impossible. Tears of laughter and sore tummies were commonplace throughout the student body, maybe it was the sight of the masculine jocks in silk dresses that did it.

Satin and sequenced gowns enveloped an array of make-up blunders and curling iron kinks. The elegant enchantresses mounted the quad's red carpet and gracefully descended with only slight trips as the contestants were not used to taking such care in their footsteps.

Out of the three finalists, Jaime "Connie" Ocampo, Chris "Christine" Oswald, and Frank "Frannie" Melendez, the winner was decided to be "Christine". With acted tears of joy filled his mascara smudged eyes he was awarded the Miss Santa Clara trophy and dinner for two at Black Angus.

All contestants were surprisingly attractive and poised and the student body loved it. The whole idea in the first place was that the students body loved it. The whole idea in the first place was that the students have something different at lunch to do besides eat their sandwiches. Coordinator and announcer, Tasha Souza, was pleased by the overwhelming response that the pageant received. It looked as if it would never actually take place because the guys were a little reluctant at first, but with a few persuading words and coazing on the part of the girls they finally decided to go through with it. Actually they ended up having a lot of fun.

More and more ideas, like Miss SC pageant, are being thought up by the student body to make school or school related functions, it should at least be worth while and as enjoyable as possible.

TKO

Informs SC on the Dangers of
Drugs and Alcohol
by
Lisa Ichinaga

On Friday, December 5th, Santa Clara High was treated to a program about drug and alcohol abuse. The presenters are known as Teen Kick Off (TKO), and their main objective is to inform people on the issues of alcohol and drug abuse, and recovery. SC was informed through skits acted out by the teenagers who are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction and the "scenes" they acted out were based on their own personal experiences.

Tryshe Dhevney is the director of TKO, which was originated in October of 1983. A professional actor and a recovering alcoholic, Dhevney has made a career out of these traits by getting together teenagers from various treatment centers, and helping them to gain the courage to share their experiences in the hope that at the end of the performance, they leave people wiser and less confused about the subject of alcohol and drug abuse.

The performers are Jayna, David, Shawna, and Theo. Each suffered from either drug or alcohol abuse. At the beginning of the performance each defended themselves and their drug by saying things like "It's fun to party", "All my friends do it", "I feel electric", and "I just drink organic stuff, like beer." We then follow their separate paths, which consist of an accident resulting in a fracture, declining grades, a black out, and parents who are "cool" enough to get high with their children. At the end, all

vowed to seek help.

After the performance, students wrote down questions for the four to answer. Dhevney was really impressed with the questions asked, saying the SC students seemed like people who "really care about what's going on at their school, and who are interested in serving their community."

The statistics are staggering. Every five seconds a teenager has an alcohol or drug related accident, and every 23 minutes a teenager dies in such an accident. Also, the suicide rate for alcoholics is 58 times that of non-alcoholics. In light of these facts, then, how come 3.3 million youths in the U.S. still drink? Well, the major point is stressed in the assembly was that chemical dependency is not a mental health problem, rather, it is a biological disease with is hereditary. If one parent is an alcoholic/addict, the child's chances of becoming an alcoholic/addict are 75% to 85%. The statistic is as high as 95% when applied to both parents. So you see, people are born with this trait. Some people have drunk excessively at one point in their lives, but are not classified as alcoholics because they stop drinking after the crisis is gone. Also, when non-alcoholics drink, they can be affected by two drinks, while an alcoholic will be completely stable. There are three early warning signals to distinguish if someone is an alcoholic and that is one on them. The other two are blackouts (passing out for days, months, even years at a time), and a change in personality - a violent moodswing as a result of the drugs

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XMAS POLL

By Michelle Folawn

Man on the street asks:

"If you could give anything to anyone, what would it be?!! Huh Huh don't be shy, LET IT ALL OUT!!

1. Michelle Folawn (senior) gifts all the trend followers with a clue.

2. Doug Williamson (senior) gifts Lester Sterling with a lobotomy. Ha Ha.

3. Felicia Esselstyn (senior) gifts Eileen Misquez with a lifetime supply of red roses.

4. An unknown junior gifts Ilda M. Jeronimo with a Big Muzzle.

5. Kindra Velga (senior) gifts myself with a giant chocolate yogurt with sprinkles (In the middle) and to Danein MacDermont a more "active" social life.

6. Steve Souza (senior) would gift a little sophomore a subscription to a playboy (a "Ladies" magazine).

7. Nikki and friends (me) would like to gift Stacey Hitenberger a special bag full of every little thing she likes.

8. Tasha Souza (senior) would gift her mother with the happiness she deserves and to Rachael she gives a lifetime supply of visine and hair spray.

9. Alicia "Jock" Franco (senior) gifts her best friend Miss Gloria Schmae with a lifetime supply of Midol.

10. Robyn De Rosa (senior) gifts Thomas Archibald with a special lotion for those burned toes! And to Linda Couto she gives a pack of Hubba Bubba.

11. Joe St. John (senior) gifts Eddie Barnes a car, so he can get a job, not be dependent, and so he can have more fun! To myself he gifted a special gift, FRIENDSHIP!

12. Regina Crosby (senior) Gives Mr. Meyer a different attitude towards life (Basketball!).

13. Cathy George (senior) gifts all her friends with mythical beasts and a dungeon.

14. Lester Sterling (senior) gifts Doug Williamson a lifetime pass to Agnews Mental Hospital!

15. John "Pac and Save" Pak humorously gifts me with a one colored wig (nomixture) Ha Ha.

16. Christina Crawford (senior) gifts her sophomore brother a car so he can drive himself everywhere!

17. Linda Couto (senior) gifts Robyn De Rosa with a Blue Iroc Z-28.

18. Nikki gifts the "Klan" their one and only dedicated "monster".

19. Holly Fleming (senior) gifts Natalie Hansen with the best looking chippendales guy ever: and complete eternal happiness.

20. Leeann Erdson, gifts Kelli with the car she can't pronounce, a FERRARI!!

21. Karl Cunningham (senior) gifts Steve Souza a lifetime supply of Corona.

SKI VACATION

by Mark Colwill

NOTE: Due to a lack of experience, the following viewpoint may not hold true for females.

"You want to what!?"

"Now wait a minute honey. Let's consider this like adults."

"Adults! I'm his mother! You want me to think about this like an adult!"

Taking this as my cue to vacate the premises, I melt into the background and make my way to the comfort of my room. Sitting next to my far wall, I can hear my parent's conversation leaking through. This is no accident. I have strategically placed my parents in the other room for this purpose. It is a ploy I have found most useful as I tread through adolescence.

"Did you hear what he wanted! The car! For a weekend! In Tahoe!" Well dear, he is 17 and he does have a good driving record."

What if he gets in an accident? We won't be able to help him."

He's a careful driver and Jeff will be with him."

So far so good. My dad doesn't always take my side, but if it happens to be something he did or wanted to do he'll help me out. This time I got lucky.

"Son! Can you come in here for a minute!"

"Sure dad, just a second!" Now comes the tricky part. For all those young people out there watching this scene unfold, NOW would be a good time to start taking notes.

"Ya dad?"

"Your mother and I have talked the matter over and have come to a decision."

Notice that the father does all the speaking. This is done to intimidate you.

"We don't really mind if you go skiing with Jeff, but you can't take the car."

The brief glance my father gives my mother while he's telling me this shows me that he's on my side but the rest is up to me. This is a good sign.

"But how am I supposed to get there?"

"I don't know. We're just saying you can't take the car."

This is a typical parent ploy. They didn't say no to the trip, but they have effectively ruined my chances of going.

"Well...what if Jeff could drive?" This is the most important part. You must ask this question as if you just thought of it and you don't really believe it will happen. If you must, practice this in a mirror beforehand.

WARNING: Do not try this on your dad!!

"Sure, if Jeff's mom doesn't mind I guess it's okay with us."

"All right. I guess I'll go talk with him now."

Now. To those of you who weren't paying close attention, it may look like I have suffered a major setback. The fact of the matter is, Jeff's car is already packed and ready to go. All I really wanted was permission to go skiing. To achieve the same success all you have to know are a few basic facts:

1. If you only opposition is your mother, ask for more than you want. Most mothers feel guilty if they always say "no" so they'll try to compromise. With a little luck you'll get what you want.

2. When dealing with your dad get straight to the point and don't argue. Fathers rarely change their minds. This is why they're so dangerous. To minimize their influence we (The Association of Adolescents) have managed to introduce a sense of comradeship between father and son, forcing him to stick up for us every once in a while. We have also convinced society that males should work for a living, giving you a chance to corner your mom when he's not around.

3. Mothers tend to worry a lot about their children. Although it's a good character trait, it can get in the way of your goals. It would be a good idea to keep this in mind when presenting your plan to your mother. They are also easier to lie to. (Just don't get caught or they'll make you feel guilty.)

4. If both parents are against you your only choice is to do it behind their backs. Although very risky, it will add a little excitement to your life.

Christmas Spirit...
Is It All What It's
Cracked Up to Be?
by
Heather Brazelton

When the first chilling breezes of December come about, the air brings with it an aura of Christmas.

The streets and shopping centers proceed to endlessly fill with anxious merchants and consumers. People rush off to buy countless gifts for their closest loved ones, searching continuously for "the right gift".

But is this what Christmas is all about? Is it about presents, and candy, and receiving things for yourself? Isn't Christmas spirit spending time with friends and family - to share and exchange love, happiness, and peaceful thoughts?

Christmas first originated from the birth of Christ. The "giving and receiving" of gifts was established by the gifts given to Christ by the Three Wise Men. However, now the spirit of Xmas seems to be directed more towards the receiving end of the line. People worry about how much they will get, or how much better their presents are than everyone else's. A lot of people see Xmas in a materialistic point of view, rather than the true meaning of Christmas.

The true meaning of Christmas is a special time when mistletoe is hung, and Christmas lights shine and all the children have laughter in their eyes. Last, but not least,

Christmas is a time where
SCHOOL IS OUT!!!

XMAS BALL

by Holly Fleming

I am sure everyone knows that the Christmas Ball, entitled "Kisses under the Mistletoe", is right around the corner. This being the first dance sponsored by the Juniors this year, everyone is pretty excited, besides those who are just attending. Sophomore class representatives are pretty busy organizing everything with the help and guidance of Mr. Flore.

Talk of dresses and tuxedos, color coordination and corsages, fill the hallways and nervous stomachs are among those in the student body.

The Elks Lodge in San Jose is a perfect setting for the Yule Tide Cheer. A request list has already been passed about the students so the music should be pretty entertaining.

Don't forget the mistletoe and those of you who still haven't gotten enough nerve to ask someone to the Ball, you better do it quick. Next Monday is the big day, and you still have one school day left to buy your bid.

WHAT DO YOU WANT SANTA TO
BRING YOU?

by Tanya Machnick, Heather Brazelton
Robin DeRosa

Mark Bartlett: A leather jacket and a Swedish girl.

Joe St. John: A red wagon and a blow-up Marilyn Monroe doll.

Kathy Dillon: A good grade in Dunlavy's class.

Priscilla Reyes: New BMW 733i.

Julie Wiese: Black Transam.

Susan Jun: Red moped and clothes.

Sandrine Henry: A winning lottery ticket and entrance into Stanford.

James Eby: Peace, love, and happiness throughout the world, and

Bartlett's Swedish girl.

Tonya Stark: A red 65 Mustang with Mr. McCracken in the front seat.

Regina Crosby: A seriously large amount of money.

Surane Renshaw: My boyfriend, and have him tell me he's home to stay.

Phillip Halley: A lifetime supply of Nike-Air running shoes, and the girl who wants a red 65 Mustang.

Tom Archibald: Heather Thomas in a Ferrari Testarossa.

Jerry Harrington: A life.

Karl Cunningham: Sal in a Corvette.

Hope everyone gets what they want this Christmas!



GIFT TO TEACH

By Leslie Sheylick
and
Lisa Ichinaga

Mary Ann Hilaris-Mr. Edwards: big stuffed animal.

Sandra Bernhardt-Mr. Borrer: new tie.

Barbara Wahl-Mr. Stuefloaton: anything as wierd as he is.

Julie Wiese-Mr. Stuefloaton: rubber cat to go with his rubber chicken and pig.

Kirsty Chadbourne-Mr. Stuefloaton: ameoba proteus

Karna Chumney-Mr. McCracken: new slide rule

Pete Postlewait-Mr. Sam Edwards: (student teacher) - a coffee mug that says "I don't take any B.S."

Thuy Than-Mr. Lara: something 49'ers.

Jeremy Hayes-Mr. Tofflemire: an electric razor.

Joe Niccum-Mr. Steufloten: a toupee.

Oliver Rosenblatt-Mr. Goode: a leftist book.

Chris Seiss-Mr. Ameral: a book about the true Freudian concept; and a Gillette II and a portuguese fishing cap.

Chris Machoe-Mr. Edwards: a 2nd period

Holly Fleming-Ms. Scuse: a filing cabinet and a new memory.

RECORD REVIEW

Duran Duran
Notorious 1986 Capitol Release
by Christopher Ortez

Lets go back in time. Think back about three years ago. A band of five semi-effeminate, very fasttion consious boys from Birminaham made their mark on the rock music world with Is There Something I Should Know and many more hits from there. Well, now it seems that Duran Duran is not so hot anymore. In the past year and a half Duran Duran has lost it's not so spectacular drummer (Roger Taylor) and it's heavy-metal like guitars (Andy Taylor). Which leaves singer Simon Le Bon, bassist John Taylor, and keyboardist, Nick Rhodes to put together a fifth record (almost) all alone.

This new album titled "Notorious" has a much rhythmic sound than anything Duran Duran, Powerstation, or Arcadia has ever made. Steve Ferrue proves to the listener he is a much more professional, talented drummer than Roger Taylor. Andy Taylor did in fact play on about four of the traks on Notorious but from there producer Nile Rodgers filled in for him.

Though most of you now despise Duran Duran with a passion, I think if you listen to this record without prejudice, most people would like it. Engineered and mixed by Daniel Azraham and produced by Nile Rodgers with Duran Duran.

Noturious has a very professional sound to it that I'm sure you'll enjoy. Noturious is available on records, XDR cassettes and compact disc at a record store near you.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard of the last issue concerning three subjects in the "letters to the editor" section. The first is of the two whimps that complain that the hallways are too crowded. PUSH!!! That's all you have to do. Just feel lucky you weren't at the school when Joe Mendoza, Orlando Pequenez, and Jullo were here.

Secondly, concerning why the Juniors and Sophomores not having designated areas, wait a year or two, then, you'll see how good it feels to be up on those immaculate benches.

Last, about class rivalry, watch out Juniors and Sophomores, as soon as the new year passes by, BOOM, your gone.

SC BAND

by Beth Bernhardt

Planning and perfecting a field show for a marching band competition is not an easy task. However, that is just what Drum Major Eddie Barnes and Assistant Drum Major Joe St. John had to do. On Nov. 22, at Spartan Stadium we, the S.C. Marching Band, were scheduled to be the first to perform at the 1986 Music Bowl.

It was very difficult to prepare for the event. We practiced long and hard in the mud, knowing that spacing, marching, and technique, and practically everything we did would be judged.

For the competition we would be performing the field show we did at all the football games, with a few changes in drill design.

On the day of the event, we were at the stadium and ready to perform at 8:45 in the morning. Our show took seven minutes, but to most of us it seemed longer than that!

Upon finishing, we all breathed a sigh of relief and marched out of the stadium. For the rest of the morning, we sat up in the stands as a group and enjoyed watching the other groups in our division. Some of the other bands we were competing against were Clayton Valley, Moreau, Prospect, Westmont, Silver Creek, and Wilcox.

The creativity used in designing some of the field shows was incredible. There were bands who did skits, waved little flags, and even did a little 'boogie' while playing music.

We were all proud of the fact that we were one of the few bands who had a majorette. LaDonna Silva has added a lot of 'pizzaz' to our band. We were also proud to have both a drill team and a colorguard, unlike many other bands.

Later that day, at five thirty, we all gathered at school to find out whether or not we made finals, which would be later that night. We found out we took 8th place out of the ten groups, with Wilcox coming in last. Even though this inabled us to continue on to finals, we were all satisfied with the results, with Eddie Barnes telling us we did a great job.

Later that night, a few of us went to the finals later to see Live Oak High to be the grand champion. We all agreed it was a great way to end our marching band season.

HISTORY OF RAP
By Allen Walker

Supposedly rap was started in the West Bronx by Kool DJ Herc. Kool DJ Herc started toasting like YeNow man or I RoI U RoI. Then he started adding instrumental records of American music instead of reggae. Then what is known as rap music today took on a different approach by people making "rhymes" like Melle Mel and Cowboy or The Furious Two. Eighties had groups like G.L.O.B.E., Whiz Kid, who hail from the legendary Hip-Hop group Afrika Bambaataa. G.L.O.B.E. and Whiz Kid made an album called "Play That Beat Mr. D.J." and it did real well but did not get on the Top 40 chart or the Top 20 chart or the Top 10 chart. But people who used to listen to soul were changing to rap because it was an alternative. Whodini, Mimi and Dynasty and other Brooklyn groups came out around 1982 or 1983 and people loved them.

Brooklyn, you could say, is the rap and Hip-Hop capital, even though rappers and crews come from the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, and New York City. Run-D.M.C. is from Queens, they grew up in Hollis, and right now "Raising Hell", their current album, is in the Top 10 and rap is more popular than ever.

Everybody of all colors and races like rap not just black people like those "stupid" music critics say. Music critics treat rap just like heavy metal music. They say rap talks about decking and beating up people. They say that rap is the reason why people smoke crack or why people shoot people for no reason. But anyone with sense knows it's not the rap music. These kind of violent crimes have been going on before Kool DJ Herc was born!

What's Fresh Now in Rap? Well groups like Mantronix, Whodini, TLA Rock, or Run-D.M.C. Also people like newcomer L.L.Cool J or Joeski Love. I think even though I may be wrong, that people like Kurtis Blow and Grandmaster Flash are going to make a strong comeback in the ultimate year for rap, 1987. Who will be next years kings of rap? Joeski Love (Doubt it), Whodini (Possible), L.L. Cool J (Most likely), or the undisputed kings from Queens, Run-D.M.C.

Trees and Lights
by
Tanya Machnick

The Christmas spirit is in the air, the snow is beginning to fall, The trees are being brought and dressed, the lights are being hung. Walking through a mall, the merchants persistently market their goods. What is Christmas? Why all the bustle? The Christmas parties begin to fall, sprinkled through the month. Every year's Christmas starts earlier!! But is it not fun? Soon the giving, sharing, and parties will be done.

ACCESSORY OUTLOOK

by: Eyes and Ears of Style

The "eyes and ears of style" have struck the mall again! The biggest sensation right now are those great little things that take an outfit from mediocre to high fashion. One of these necessary items are shoes. Among the most popular, sneakerwise, are Reeboks and Converse hightops. People all around S.C.H. are 'steppin out' in them. The popular colors in hightops are cool pastels, such as pink or sky blue, in Reeboks, as for Converse, hot pinks, blues, or purples are the favorites.

Ties, for guys and girls, are not new in the malls, but are interesting items to add to your wardrobe. A bow tie, matching your date's dress, was recommended for the Christmas Ball.

Just like Corey Hart, us S.C.H.ers wear our sunglasses at night...and in the rain! It might seem that since the sun is on vacation, (and we're not) that sunglasses would fade out of the school scene. Now, though, they can be seen on top of peoples heads, making a fashion statement, instead of protecting their eyes.

Another one of those necessary items are watches. You might be late for your classes without 'em. Swatches,

and watches of that kind, are selling out faster than digitals, but we wouldn't advise investing in a "Swatch Limelight." The diamonds may look pretty, but the rest of the watch isn't up to 'par'. Investing in a swatch-guard, though, would be a smart move if you are klutzes like we are! The colors rarely match the watches, though.

For those "with it" guys and gals, there is now a line of earrings sold SEPARATELY! They are well made, and inexpensive.

Something interesting that has recently been made available are colored contacts. You're probably thinking, "Hey! That's nothing new!" But now, if you have DARK eyes, you too can change your eye color from brown to dazzling blue or green, or even violet. Now all those "true blues" get to see red!

Carrying your books in your arms is a sad drag, so why not invest in a carry-all bag? Guess and Esprit seem to stand out the most at school.

Well, that's all for now. You all must be eagerly awaiting our next column, but you will have to wait for the next edition.

Until next time, keep your feet on the ground.

SOCCKER

By Oliver Rosenblatt

Question: What has 17 heads, 544 teeth, and 34 cleats? It's the 86-87 Boy's Varsity Soccer Team.

With the season almost ready to begin, and with 3 preseason games under their belt, the Boy's Varsity Soccer team is slowly getting back into their rhythm.

Following a 1-0 "learning experience" loss to Overfelt, the varsity team bounced back to a well-played 1-1 tie of Del Mar, to whom, as you soccer buffs out there may recall, the varsity squad lost 6-1 last year. In their next game to Fremont, the varsity team dominated for most of the game, but they were not able to capitalize on Fremont's mistakes. The tying goal by Senior Chris Wasowicz came only moment before Fremont scored in the last minute to win the game 3-2.

Varsity players to look for this year are Captains, Robley Berry

and Eric Parsons, Junior, Dale Burgham, and Sophomores, Tom Montes, Chris Oflana, and Mike Cordova.

The JV team is also not to be ignored this year, with coach Romero Moules looking for a winning season. The JV's team is also not to be ignored this year, with Coach Romero Moules looking for a winning season. The JV's pre season record to this point is an even 1-1-1.

In their fourth game, against Mitty, the varsity team once again dominated, and led for a long time on a goal from Eric Ferreria. But late in the game, Mitty capitalized on a crucial defensive mistake by the Bruins, and scored, tying the game up. The final score was 1-1.

Both Varsity and JV teams still have openings, so it's not too late to join up! Come out and be a part of the action.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

On December 4, the SC Wrestling team hosted their season meet against Monta Vista, defeating them 44-24. We won 3 matches due to forfeit, but on the otherhand lost one because of a disqualification. However, we won and that's all that counts!!

Winter Means Wrestling

by Kevin Bennett

The Santa Clara High School Wrestling team needs help. A discussion with a member of the coaching staff has indicated that the team is light in the heavier weights. He emphasized that he would have liked to see a larger turnout of athletic participants.

Despite this however, on December 2, the wrestling team won a pre-season meet against Willow Glen, boosting the attitude of the team and it's chances of reaching the team goal of taking SCVAL. One of the winners in that meet was a dedicated Junior, Ken Burt.

Returning after suffering a broken elbow received in a match just a month and a half ago, Ken, who is presently wrestling in the 128 weight class, is hoping he can drop enough weight to thrash on the wrestlers in the 114 weight class, as he did last year. "It is the ultimate challenge", says Ken, who has been wrestling in freestyle and collegiate matched for four years.

Ken has devoted himself to this effort for much more than just the wrestling season. During the summer Ken sacrificed a lot of time, increasing his body strength with a stressful workout program and healthy diet. Mr. Burt also attended a wrestling camp in Santa Barbara that was sponsored by the University of Oklahoma.

Although Ken has sacrificed his time and food, he says that it has more than paid off. Not only having the satisfaction of his awesome 141-54 wrestling record, he has learned to deal with his, once, short temper and has gained a more outgoing attitude which he feels is for the better.

BASKETBALL

by
Patty Monzon

Just an update on SC's pre-season basketball activities.

Girl's varsity has been fulfilling predictions of being a winning team. As of now, their record is 2-0 with a 47-32 win over Lincoln and a 52-33 win over Yerba Buena. Leading scorers, Gloria Nevarez and Regina Crosby are doing a great job. At the Y.B. game, Gloria made a total of 22 points while Regina scored 16.

Coach Meyer is greatly pleased with the progress the sophomore players have been making. The varsity team has good depth and when push comes to shove, everyone can be relied on for help.

This year's girl's JV team is young and needs more experience, but they're quick and aggressive.

Coach Linda Walsh appointed Carolyn Eurich as captain and Jennifer Lenk as co-captain. Unfortunately, Carolyn has been unable to play due to a stress-fracture injury. She's hoping to commence playing in the very near future. Described as an "awesome post player" by her coach, Jennifer is well deserving of her title.

With each day, the JV team is learning and improving.

At this time, boy's Varsity has a 1-2 record. They defeated Blackford, but had a loss to Westmont and Prossper. Presently, they are participating in the James Lick Tournament. The tournament started the 3rd of December, and ended on the fifth. This is Coach Giles's 32nd year there.

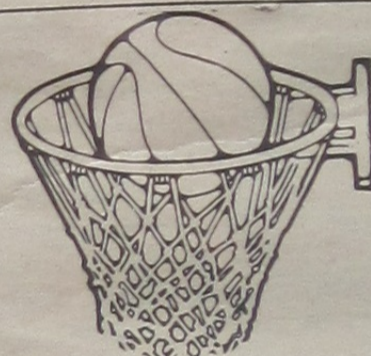
What's an Academic Decathlon?

By Michelle Folawn

Come on along and enter the Academic Zone. Let your mind clear and enjoy the experience.

The Academic Decathlon club for the class of 1987, started at the end of last year. It all began when about twelve or so of us S.C. students were given a stack of papers and two books by our advisor Mr. Mix. The papers being an approximate outline of the many subjects we would end up covering; and the books were Hamlet by Shakespeare and Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad. Good books.

So over the summer we were "expected" to read over and be familiar with the outline and also read at least one of the books. This part did not seem too hard and most of us looked over our packets and read at least part of the books. Everything seemed in order up to this point and did not give the slightest clue as to the many hours of grueling work which lay ahead. Those involved included: Andres Bussette, Rachel Cometa, Zacarias Cometa, Geraldine Del Prado, Michelle Folawn, Rosetta Isip, Irwin Kim, Tanya Machnick, Micharell McCarthy, and Jeff Smith.



The team's shooting percentage needs improving upon but on a more positive side, the team has a great defense. Varsity is quick and has a lot of potential. Coach Giles commented that "when a few things fall into place, we could have a Cinderella team."

Coached by Mr. Burlesci, the boy's JV team is composed of twelve sophomores. Al Brown, Mark Andrews, Danny Cerrato, Simon Raines, and Neil Nicholas are the usual starters. Playing tight games, their record is 1-2.

Come and watch all games. Give the teams the support they deserve.

* An apology is in order to both of the boy's teams. In the previous issue, they were not mentioned as that part of the article was accidentally omitted.

BOY'S GAME SCHEDULE

VARSITY;		
Dec. 10-12		Willcox Tournament
Dec. 17	vs.	Woodside(away)
JV:		
Dec. 10	vs.	St. Lawrence(away)
Dec. 17	vs.	Woodside(away)
Dec. 3	vs.	St. Lawr.(away)

(League starts Jan. 7, 1987)

GIRL'S GAME SCHEDULE

VARSITY and JV:		
(all home games)		
Dec. 9	vs.	Blackford
Dec. 10	vs.	Oak Grove
Dec. 12	vs.	Westmont
Dec. 13	vs.	Calif. High

(League starts Jan. 6, 1987)

We spent approximately 65 days studying such a variety of subjects that I felt I had entered The Renaissance of the eighties! When I started to write this for the paper my essay turned out to be at least five pages long. It covered almost everything we did. I listed teachers and topics and mentioned how we attended meetings before and after school.

There is not an easy way to explain how much time and effort is needed to succeed in such a club yet the experience is one which is impossible to forget.

Not to many people know about or have even heard about the academic decathlon, but my advice to you is to get more involved and attack what may "look" like the impossible, but it's not I did it. It was great!!

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and/or alcohol.

TKO was started to help people, but not everyone wants to be helped. Actually, some people believe that they don't need to be helped. The first step in helping a friend is to break through that denial. But don't try to do it by yourself! Go to their parents, your parents, a school counselor, or friends, and obtain information about intervention programs from hospitals.

Teen Kick-Off wants to spread the message that there is hope for addicts. As Dhevney said, "Life doesn't stop after the Budweiser's gone."

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