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SPRING  
PRANKS

by Holly Fleming

As the school year draws to a close, yes that's right, only one quarter left, the weather is getting sunny and students are getting restless. Spring is annually a time at Santa Clara when pants become itchy and imaginations soar for those who organize school pranks. Already this year we were involved in a failure of a walkout, a sturdy construction of a fort in the quad, toilet paper, and even the fleshy flairs of O'Campo himself. It makes one wonder what's in store for June.

"What ever happened to the good old days?" says one student. "My dad talks about great stuff he pulled in high school, and he never mentioned the crackdown of discipline."

Is the school too strict concerning an innocent show of good time? Do they make it more than it really is?

"A joke gets blown out of proportion when the staff clamps down, it makes you want to rebel more!" says a concerned senior.

Faculty threaten the student body (especially seniors) to take away Prom, Senior picnic etc... Is this fair? Some seem to think not.

Senior Brian Whitehead says, "The only reason we do it is to break up the boredom. We don't do it to see what we can get away with. In fact we don't even consider the way they will react when we do it."

Seniors Maurice Vanderslice, Jaime Ocampo, and Chris Oswald all agree that the pranks that are pulled are not vandalizing. "Anything done is not destructive, there is never permanent damage done. Look at Lincoln, it's a mess."

Sure, there are lots of things we can do without getting caught, but we don't," begins Maurice, "but you don't see us cutting down trees, or spray-painting obscene remarks on the school walls." He mentioned the

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PROM  
STRESS

By Lisa Ichinaga

You may not know this, but there are 3 kinds of people. The differences become apparent around the end of March/beginning of April.

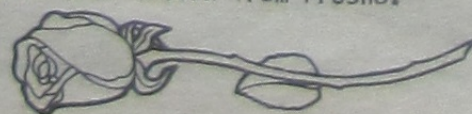
There is the first type of people who say "It's Finally Prom Time," and there are also the other two types of people who are known to murmur "Oh no! It's Prom Time."

The first group of people are the one who have a boyfriend/ girlfriend. They have nothing to worry about, except the price. The other two groups fear the oncoming Prom.

There's usually no reason for this fear. First of all, it's no major crime not to go. In fact, that alternative may be better (in some cases.) some people want to go to the Prom just because everybody else is going. They can probably manage to find a date-dire situations call for drastic measures, but how much fun would they have? The only reason they'd be going is to show people that they are capable of finding a date. Frankly, I doubt that people really care.

Then again, there are the people who just want to dress up and have fun, but don't have a boyfriend/girlfriend. They are discouraged because the Prom is supposed to be a romance-filled evening. That's not the truth. The Prom is simply an occasion in which nicely-dressed men and nicely dressed women go to dance and socialize.

So, what should these people do? Go with a friend. There's no harm in asking the sweet person who sits near you in English class. You're guaranteed to have fun. After all, it's better than going with your cousin from Fresno.

'FIRST CLASS'  
INFO

by Holly Fleming

Come on guys, grab a date because the 1987 Prom is on its way.

Entitled "First Class", the Prom will be held Friday May 8th at Marriott Hotel on the corner of Great America Parkway and Mission Avenue in Santa Clara. The dance will be in the California Ballroom which is extremely large and elegant.

Dinner will be served in a choice of two entrees, Chicken St. Christopher with wild rice, and salad. The second choice is an 8 oz. New York Steak with salad and potatoes. Each is served with 3 vegetable encores, broccoli, carrots, and summer squash. Dessert will be Black Forest cake and there will be an unlimited soft drink bar open plus coffee, iced tea, and milk.

Student Council thinks it will be much better than last year, and the music will be Dee Jayed by Asylem Productions.

Unfortunately the bids went up to 65\$, but Mr. Flore says it's a real bargain.

So come on, don't be shy, grab a date and have a memorable night.

School Wide Concern:

## LONGER LUNCH

by Holly Fleming

Some may still be asking such questions as; why can't we abolish S.S.R and use the time for extended lunch? To clarify the system to those who get indigestion from stuffing down their meals, in the 35 minutes, minus 15 for waiting in line, I revealed a complete explanation of how it all works.

First of all state law requires to have 360 minutes of class every day. School extends from 8:20-2:50 (390 min.) each day, minus 30 minutes for lunch equal 360 minutes, the required amount. To have a longer lunch would extend the school day.

S.S.R. is considered class time 5 minutes of each class was taken and added together between 11:00-11:30 for S.S.R. If it were to be transformed to lunch it would no longer be considered "Class Time" S.S.R. has nothing to do with the length of the lunch, only the length of class time, (minus 5 minutes in each class) In 1986, 73% of students said that they liked S.S.R., "it's better than 30 extra minutes in class", some said.

If students would like to express their opinions on this or other subjects throughout Santa Clara High School there are places to go to air you concern.

These include; Student Council Meetings, Wednesday lunchtime in the G.G.C., Faculty Advisory Council meetings 4th Friday, 7:30 am Conference room, School Site Council meetings 1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m. library; School Newspaper accepts letters and articles in E-6 anytime. Also Principal and other administrators, counselors, teachers, and other staff are willing to help and listen.





# OPINION



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
By Oliver Rosenblatt

What would you say if someone walked up to you, and told you that there was a country in this world where the government lies to the people, where the government wages foreign wars against the protest of the population, where dissenters are silenced, the native population oppressed, and people are discriminated against because of the color of their skin. Would you be shocked? Would you be angry? And what would you say if this person told you that this was your country, the country you are living in now?

In May of 1787, 55 men gathered in Philadelphia to strengthen the national government. What emerged from this convention was the masterpiece of political planning, the United States Constitution. This incredible document was the result of the desire of 55 men for a strong government, yet one where the people had the power:

a constitutional republic. The Bill of Rights should be the model of human rights all over the world. With this document, it seemed, the United States would have one of the strongest and just governments in the

So now the United States Constitution is turning 200 years old. The perfect time, it would seem, to reflect on the triumphs which this document has brought the United States, both domestically and internationally, economically, socially, and politically. However, this reflection is marred. Something as good as this was not destined to last forever. In recent years, the power of the Constitution has been challenged by administrations which opted for a very wide interpretation of the Constitution. In the 50's and 60's, the McCarthy hearings challenged the right of freedom of expression and inquiry. The Watergate scandal ran directly contrary to powers of the executive branch as specified by the Constitution. The current Iran-Contra scandal shows that the Reagan administration also has a very wide interpretation of the Constitution, if not a blatant disregard for it.

## Grad Nite

Don't forget to buy your Grad Night bids. The price is \$40.00 until May 22, then the price will go up to \$50.00 after this date. The Grad Night Committee has many exciting activities planned.

There will be swimming, dancing, great games and other exciting things.

It's promised to be an eventful evening. Buy your tickets in the S.B.O. afterschool.

Come May, when the official celebrations begin, take time to reflect on how lucky you are to live in a country that has as its political backbone one of the soundest, most carefully thought-out pieces of political literature in the history of the world. Take time to remember that you are protected by a Bill of Rights, that, when properly enforced, could guarantee a lifetime of peace and happiness to every person living in this country. But also take time to remember to demand of those that govern you that they interpret the Constitution literally, and that they govern according to its intentions.



### PLAY REVIEW

By Tanya Machnick

During the month of March the Santa Clara Drama club put on a play called "Witness to the Prosecution."

The overall performance of the play was good. Especially strong roles were Sir Wilfred, played by Oliver Rosenblatt and Romaine, played by Anahita Forati, both are juniors.

The costumes were appropriate and the wigs for Romaine really helped portray the character. Although the play was a bit long, namely the court scene in the second act, the play kept the audience attentive and ended with a surprising finale.

It was performed professionally with a limited number of faults. Good job, cast!



### APPLICATION TIME FOR PTSA SCHOLARSHIP

It is time for Seniors planning to attend a college, university or vocational school, who have a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher to submit an application for a scholarship(s) which is awarded annually.

Since PTSA is a service organization, it has decided it will honor students who have made volunteer contributions to their school and/or community. The greatest emphasis in the selecting process will be placed on this area.

Application forms are available at the counseling office and should be filled out and returned by 3 P.M. Friday, May 15, 1987.

The people you list as references should be advised that a committee member will be contacting them.

Last year five scholarships were awarded to deserving students.

### NURSING CAREER FAIRE

The nursing profession is expected to experience a shortfall of qualified nurses of 19-25% in the next three to five years. To turn the tide of this growing shortage and the impact it will have on the ever increasing median age of Americans, six Bay area colleges offering Bachelor of Science - Nursing (BSN) degrees will gather at Letterman Army Hospital on the Presidio of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA. Two times have been made available to make it easier for high school and junior college students to attend: 6:30 P.M. on April 23 and 9:30 A.M. on April 24. Both events will take place in Torney Hall on the first floor of the hospital.

Each event will last two and half hours which will include a walking tour of the hospital, college admission/selection procedures, ROTC scholarships, film presentation of a military nursing career, and opportunities as an officer in the Army Nursing Corps. Attendees will be given the opportunity to speak directly to college nursing representatives, nurses on duty, and those currently seeking advanced degrees at University of California-San Francisco. The six bay area schools are California State Universities-San Francisco, San Jose, & Hayward, University of San Francisco, Samuel Merritt/St. Mary's College, and Holy Names Nursing College.

The impact of the 17% drop in enrollment in nursing is beginning to be felt. As a result, the nursing profession is placing renewed emphasis on competitive pay scales,

scholarships/financial aide, and encouraging nurses to pursue B.S.'s and advanced degrees such as a MBA-Nurse, Masters of Science-Nursing, and Ph.D.'s.

Those who desire additional information regarding this event are encouraged to call Lt. Col. John Shirley or Captain James Aiello at (415) 567-407C or 3038 (collect).



## EN SOIREE



by Holly Fleming

Get ready Santa Clara because the most popular show on campus is coming up. The biggest extra curricular event of the year which involves over 100 students and staff has approached us. It's the 1987 En Soiree.

This year the annual talent/variety show will feature singing and dancing beyond compare.

This week wrapped up auditions, and the week following vacation the tech crew will start getting it all together. Dress rehearsal is May 11th and the show is Thursday May 14th and Friday May 15th. The show will be in the cafeteria at 8:00 p.m. both nights. Tickets are \$3.00 per person.

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# NORDSTROM NOTES AND OTHER JIVE!

By the Eyes and Ears of Style

When I first wandered into the new store at Valley Fair, I could tell that something was up. Live piano music, salespeople everywhere, and so many bold and daring outfits one after the other. Outside I ran, to check the sign. My intuition had been right. I was in NORDSTROMS! Quick, where's my charge card?!?!?

Nordstroms, which opened on Feb. 13, is definitely the finest store in Valley Fair. Before the closest was found at Stanford, now we have this outlet at Santa Clara. The clothing is the same type that you would find, but these are the better brands, not the imitations, the genuine article. The interior is exactly like the Stanford one, and there is the same piano and tuxedo-dressed player at the beginning of the stairway, but the atmosphere seems somewhat different than at the latter. It seems more relaxed, and the people seem more confident.

I spoke with Ken Little, one of the supervisors, and when I asked him what Nordstroms offered that the other stores don't, he told me that it was the customer services. He also said that in each department there was a certain article of clothing that they offered for less than the other stores. On to their clothes selection...

Most of what's hot can be found in Nordstroms. While there, I spied their wide selection of hair bows, which are getting even more popular after Fergie wedded the Duke. You can find them in every color of the rainbow, and even in some he left out. Lace, satin, or cotton, they're hot in any form. Check the other column for the extreme low down on bows.

Some popular spring colors: peach, aqua, turquoise, pink,

yellow, and white. Pastels seem to have swept the season.

A chic accessory seems to be earrings. Seen everywhere, hoop-shaped earrings are now the item in every fashion and accessory shop. Earrings in gold and silver are found more and more often.

Are you tired of carrying "loose stuff" around? Huge, leather-type purse-bags are climbing the fashion charts. They're big enough to carry anything from pens to books. These bags are also found in every possible color, even silver and gold.

Earrings are just getting bigger and bigger, and also getting brighter. Laurence Bott has an excellent collection to check out. They are in bold AND subdued colors, usually with a wild pattern in gold on top. SORRY GUYS!!!

For the girls to wear and the guys to look at, swim suits and leotards are getting smaller and skimpier than ever! You can find them with everything from plain colors to bright wild cartoon characters such as Betty Boop, Jetsons, even Mickey Mouse!

Speaking of Mickey Mouse, Disney characters are coming back and Emporium has an entire section devoted to them. Carved beads are out, and sterling silver is in. Bracelets, earrings, you name it and you can find it in sterling silver.

One important rule to remember when you buy, make sure to add a bottle of silver polish to your list, they tarnish very fast!

One definite item to buy this season? A puffy heart, either in silver or gold on a medium length chain. They were perfect for Valentine's Day gift giving. Guess who got one???

Until next time, check out the new store, and don't forget my motto, if you can't spend your money, spend someone else's!!!!



## MAN ON THE STREET

What's your favorite practical joke?  
By Leslie Anne Shevick

Your bed has been short sheeted, your house has been T.P.'d (toilet papered) and your toothpaste has been switched with Preparation H. Rushing to your calendar, you see that your wildest fears have been confirmed. It's April 1st!

A million plans run through the minds of S.C.'ers as we approach April Fool's day.

Shelby Pound's idea of a joke is whoopee cushions and those mustard containers that squirt out yellow string.

Barbara Wahl's favorite joke is telling people their shoes are untied when they're not even wearing shoes with laces. Sound too tame for you?

Julie Wiese once cut the bottoms off a certain person's underwear.

Andre Jatho's idea of a joke is quite extensive. You take a bunch of garbage bags, and...

I'm not saying to go put sugar in someone's tank and cause hundreds of dollars in damage (thanx, Nick B. Scott) but hey! We all love a good joke, right?

Scott Clayton wants to toilet paper a certain Spanish teacher's house and car.

As for me, I just like making people laugh. So this year, when you plan someone's practical joke, remember, laugh!

## DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE YOU!

By Tanya Machnick

To conform is to submit and give in to the ideas of others.

It is to lose your self direction and purpose.

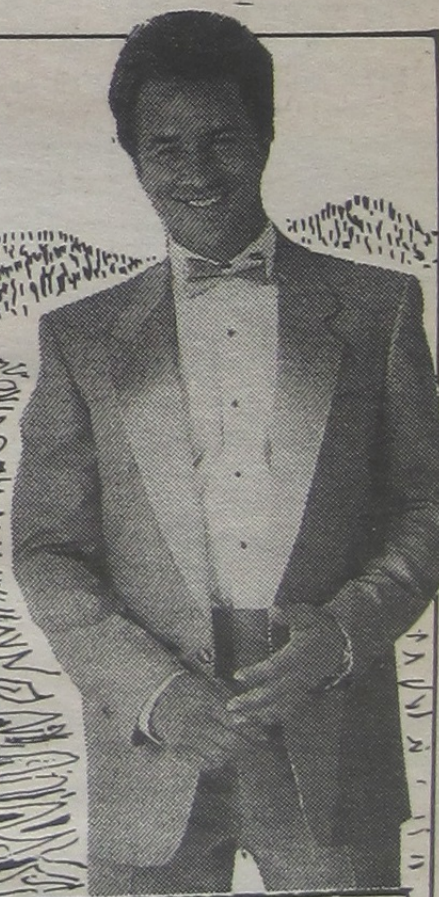
Don't follow--lead.

Use your own abilities, don't conform to fit "a type", but be an individual.

Forget it if people laugh, they only don't know themselves, they are just trying to fit in.

Whistle a different tune from anyone else... and don't be afraid to be off key.

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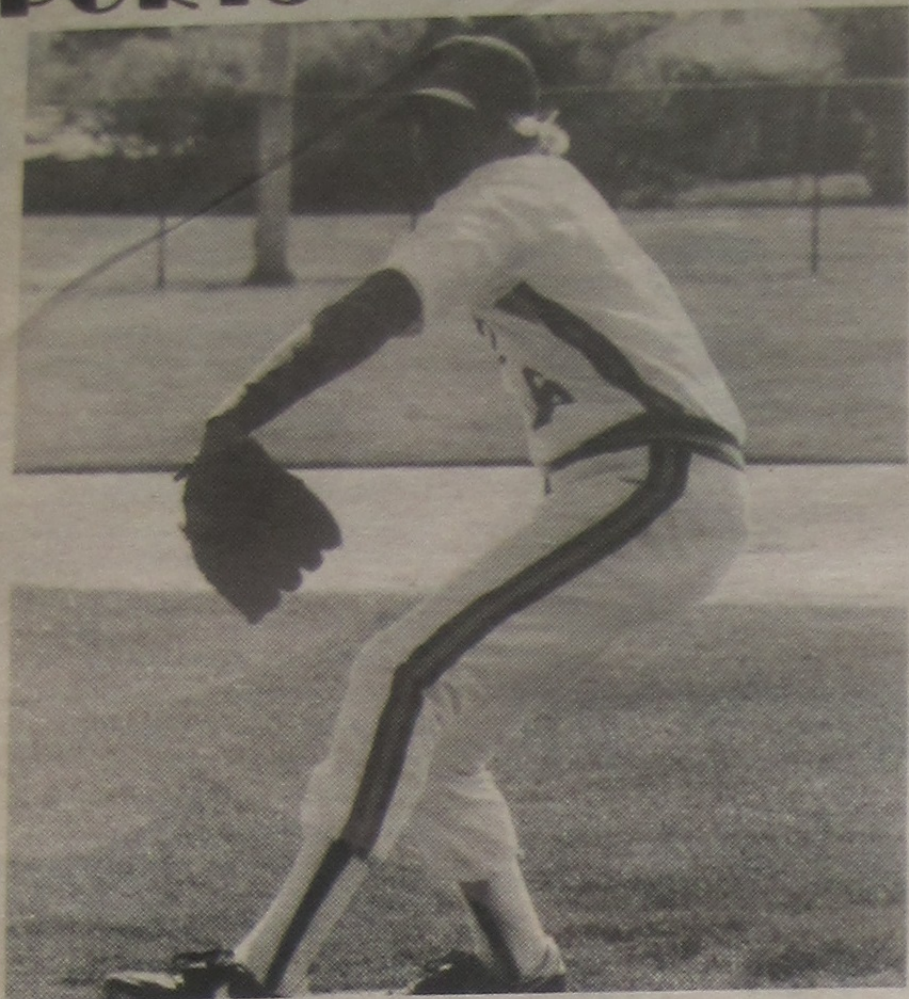
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# SPORTS



## OUT IN LEFT FIELD!

By Dave Monk

The Santa Clara Varsity baseball team is already off to a great start for the 1987 season. Talent and experience are two very important factors in the team's success. Our school has a very rich baseball tradition that includes three consecutive league championships and this year's team is looking for a fourth title.

The year 1987 brings a new head coach for the Bruins. Last year's Sophomore coach, Pat Esposito, has taken over as the Varsity coach again this year. Esposito is extremely committed to the team and the players. He has great knowledge of the game and is very enthusiastic in his coaching method. "I know we'll like him more and adjust to his style as the season goes along," said senior pitcher Joe Ponce.

So far, in nine league games, the Bruins have a record of seven wins and just two losses. Their overall record is ten wins and three losses. The team almost ran out of luck against archrival Wilcox on March 11, but managed to pull out the win when Albert Benavidez scored from second base to break a tie in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Bruins won Wilcox again in the second round. There have been several high scoring games including a 15 to 1 win over Mountain View and a 20 to 5 win over Milpitas.

The team gets leadership from three-year player Ralph Maldonado, who has just recovered from his serious foot injury in time to start the season. Seniors Ken Alarcon and Frank Melendez are co-captains along with Maldonado.

"The pitchers have been our strength so far... they've really come through," said junior Albert Benavidez. Seniors Joe Ponce, Chris Oswald, Manuel

DeLosAngeles along with junior Jody Kirk are the starting throwers. Strong relief is provided by knuckle baller Oswald and junior John Kern. Kern entered late in the first Wilcox game to record a win.

The enormous hitting potential of the team had not been fully realized during the very beginning of the season, but the team is definitely doing well now. The Bruins managed to score eight runs in just three innings against Live Oak on March 12. On March 6, senior Frank Melendez hit a home run in a game against Milpitas. Also Ken Alarcon and Steve Wilson both hit homeruns against Los Altos. "We hit moon shots," said Chris Oswald.

"They have to think in order to win," says coach Flore. Defense is a key to winning ball games and the Bruins have improved. Continued strength in all areas should help the Bruins to a great 87 season.

"We'll go to CCS and take first or second," said Ponce confidently.

Sophomore baseball is also underway. A strong team, led by new coach Ty Goodman, is looking forward to a winning season.

Both teams would really like support from all of the students. Game days are Wednesdays and Fridays. Come out and watch the Bruins win.



## TENNIS

By Beth Bernhardt

Spring is here, and who were the first to pull out those T-shirts and shorts? The Boys' Tennis team, of course! They've been out on the courts, wearing out tennis balls (and the soles of their shoes) to start out the season in tip-top shape. With the supervision and advice of Varsity coach, Mrs. Holand, and JV coach, Mr. Bernhardt, the team might have the season they've been hoping for: a winning one!

The team is composed of nine Varsity starters and eleven JV starters, with a few reserves for both teams. SC Singles tennis has been looking good, but there has been a little problem with Doubles. Says JV coach, Mr. Bernhardt, "It's just difficult to find players who like each other, play well together, and most importantly, support each other."

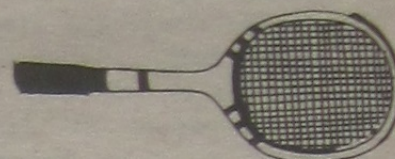
The season has just begun, and both Varsity and JV teams are ready to do a fine job, especially the five JV players from Buchser, who are excited to be a part of high school tennis.

Who will give SC the biggest challenge? Probably any of the schools in the Los Altos, Palo Alto area, where there are many talented players. But no matter how we do with any of these teams, you can be sure the SC Boys' Tennis team will play good tennis.

Just a quick tennis update: all the players have shown improvement since the season started. Both doubles and singles, varsity players have toughed it out with some challenging opponents, such as Gunn and Los Altos.

Unfortunately, their efforts could not top these advanced players as the season has progressed, the varsity players have not yet defeated another team.

The JV players deserve the same amount of credit, yet they have pulled through with a victory over Milpitas. They hope to be accounted for another victory before the season's end.



## TRACK

By Tanya Machnick

This year we have been lucky enough to have a lot of runners come out and join our track team. With this new strength, we hope to win several meets and reach some personal records. We have already participated in some Saturday non-league meets and placed with our shot-put and discus teams. Our first league meet was March 19th against Mountain View. We didn't win, but we came close with our Varsity and Frosh-Soph teams. Victory doesn't look far away.

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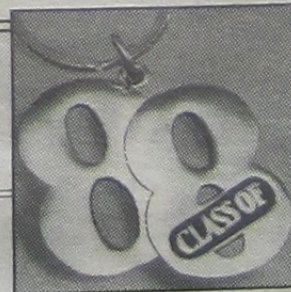
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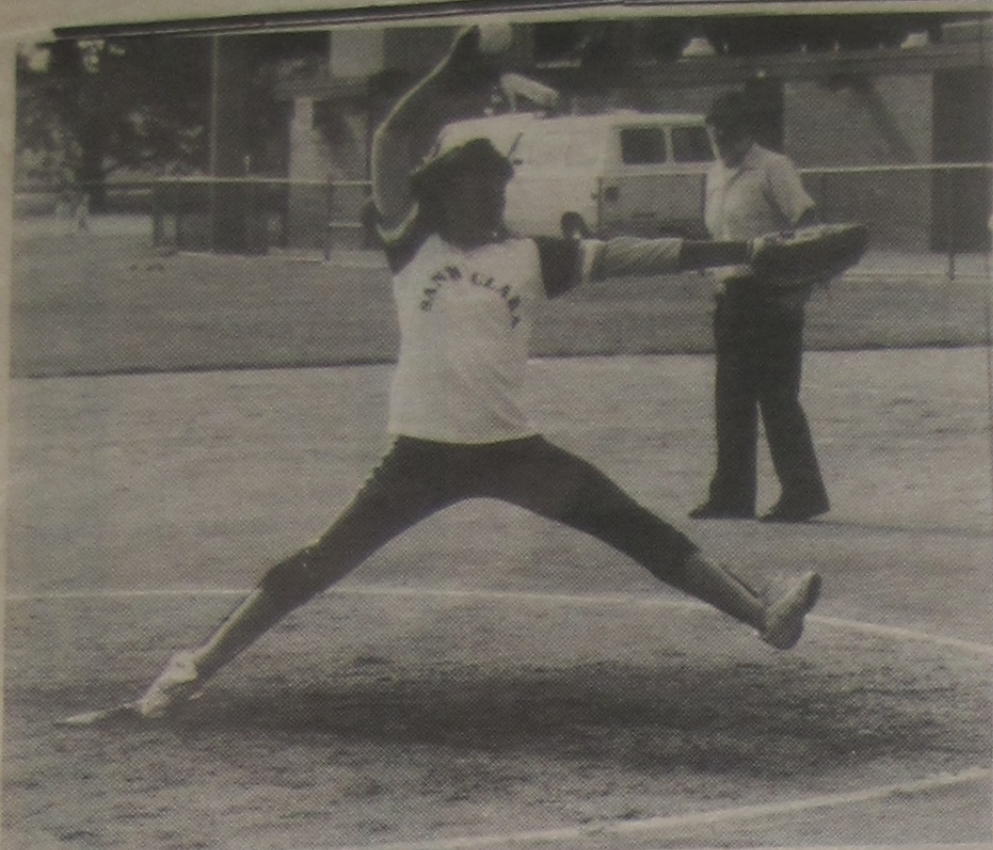
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## softball

by David Monk  
and  
Kim Maxwell

Sophomores: Gloria Nevarez (pitcher, short), Teresa Acuna (right, catcher). The potential and spirit are here once again with the coach Jean Johnson and Jamie O'Campo as the assistant coach.

The Varsity home games are at Central Park on Wednesday's and Friday's. Be there or be square!

The Coach for this year's J.V. softball team is David Banderas and assistant coach Diane Franco.

The team has a record of 1 win and 4 losses. With pitcher Trisha Esposito and Tina Cardinas with catchers Joni Fazo and Sue Gibson.

Their win against Los Altos they slaughtered them 28-12. Tami Westbrook hit a home run which drove in three runs. The players are: Tami (3rd), Diane (right), Gina (1st), Natalie (left), Joni (catcher), Tina M. (1st), Tina C. (pitcher), Suzanne (catcher), Trisha (pitcher), Marina (2nd), Leulla (short), Didi (center) and Kim (left). They are coached by David Banderas, and Diane Franco.

The whole team works together every day from 3:15-5:15, and boy do they get a workout. Not only are they out there to play softball, but they are out to have fun. So hey, the next time you want to go see a real good game, stop by and take a look at them. They are well worth the time.

very slow start and they have not picked up any speed whatsoever. They have not yet won any matches this season. The Bruins play each of the six schools in the league twice. The team gained experience early this year playing non-league matches against such schools as Mitty. They have also participated in tournaments.

Golf is truly a game of skill and maybe just a little luck. The team is hoping for a good year and a better one next season. "We'll be the greatest next year," said team member Joe Escalante.



By Dave Monk

Golf is a sport that some people may not even know exists at Santa Clara High. It does and the season is underway. The golf team plays one or two matches a week against other schools in the league.

This year's team is a young one the players are improving their skills all of the time. Mr. Hayes is the coach of the ten-person team again this year. I did not say ten men because there is a woman- Erin Haney. Mr. Hayes said the team is developing skill with practice.

Not every player on the team gets to play each match. Golfers are determined for a certain match from their scores on a practice day.

After a practice round, only the top six golfers are chosen to play in the next match. The team's home course is Fairway Glen located near Agnews.

The team got off to a very,

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## FRESHMEN

by Holly Fleming

Since the Santa Clara High School changeover took place six years ago, the initial plan by the school board was to eventually reconstruct the four year high school. This whole plan was done to create an equal division between two high schools, and two junior high schools, thus cutting back on expenses and reducing the pressure of a budget crunch which has effected the entire state.

Next year both Santa Clara and Wilcox will be taking not only incoming sophomores, but also freshmen. Two classes from Buchser will come to S.C. and the same will come from Peterson to Wilcox. Some are concerned about the merge of classes as Santa Clara is so much smaller than Buchser. Will it cause problems of over crowdedness? Some students from S.C. seem to think so.

"The hallways today are so crowded, you can barely get to your next class on time," states a concerned junior. "I don't know how they expect to fit another 400 kids into this place."

To control the problem Santa Clara has installed nine new portables to contain the new students. One of the teachers now teaching out of one portable believes it is not a good idea. "This isn't even my own classroom, I borrow it for a science class when the regular teacher has prep. My prep is in my car."

Principal, Don Bordenave believes the idea is a good one.

"Four years is a more efficient time for students to get their feet on the ground and become more involved. I believe it will create a more complete high school experience." He thinks that the reaction of the students is an important factor concerning the success of the merge. "The maturity level may at first cause friction, and being crowded is a disadvantage, but next year will be the only one which will be this way." The school board believes that enrollment for 1989 will drop to 1,750 from 1,905 in 1988.

Sixteen new teachers are coming to S.C. next year from Buchser and Peterson. They visited the campus this week. Together the new and old members of the staff will go to Buchser the 29th of April for orientation.

Besides just adding teachers, the school is thinking about extending the passing time between periods, and also offering more classes during 0 and 7th period.

This year's sophomores and juniors are concerned, but they are heading at it with a positive attitude and are welcoming the lower calassmen. Principal Bordenave believes, "It is going to work out to be a very positive action."





# FEATURE

## pranks con't

70's when kids were protesting and doing drugs, causing fights, and killing each other. "We don't do that."

At the beginning of the year there was a pact made between the Juniors and the Seniors. This included no eggs, garbage, or other destructive materials that could permanently cause damage. So far this year both have lived up to their end.

"We can't even hang posters, or play ball in the quad," says Whitehead, "and these activities do not cause problems."

They all agreed that to hold down a student only makes them want to rebel more. So is it really a power game between staff and students? "They expect us to become adults, keep up grades, and get into college. We have to equal out the stress somewhere by just being kids, and this is our way of doing that."

There used to be a club called Block SC, sort of a high school fraternity. "It used to be the 'In' club," they say. "But now, because they clamped down so hard on us, it is virtually non-existent."

"We love this school, I think it's the best," says Ocampo. "We don't want to do anything to destroy it for good. We are only trying to have a good time, and be what next year we cannot, a kid."

We are reminded constantly by those older who always say, "The best times in my life were the ones spent in high school." They were also the worst.

Faculty isn't going to approve actions which are going to interfere with the educational process, but students should be aware to use precaution and good judgement before making any unexcusable mistakes.

Students are willing, if the staff agrees, to compromise. They say they will no longer use toilet paper on campus or any other kind of perminate destructive materials, if the staff doesn't make such a big deal out of whatever they do. "The staff always has an excuse for rationalizing why it's wrong to do anything."

The Seniors agree to clean up anything in which they change, alter, or bring up on the Senior benches. "The only reason for changing the benches is because the same old thing gets boring, if we stack them or move them they will eventually get moved again for the same reason."

Remember the old cliché, "What comes around goes around, and it's not always so pleasant."

Being a student myself, pranks are an activity that is memorable and fun, yet staff seems to think differently. "I believe it's all self-defeating" says Mr. Pastorini, "I can understand kids not caring about another school, but why would they want to destroy their own place? There is a fine line between simple mischief and vandalism, and the problem is drawing the line. Where will it stop? If we condone a small action, kids will say, 'What can we get away with this time?'"

Briefly speaking with Mr. Bordenave directly following the unsuccessful walkout, he said, "School is a place for an education. It's also a social place. Those few

who will spoil an innocent prank can turn it into an uncontrolled group action. It could escalate without students meaning for it to do so." They believe it's hard to draw the line between a practical joke and real trouble. Where do you point the finger and appoint afternoon school and suspension?

High school is what we make it. It is a time for friendship, learning, and eternal memories, yet that doesn't mean we have to sit down and watch it pass by. Get up and do something to make it the best time in your life.



## FASHION

By the eyes and ears of style

Hey all you fashion lovers out there! The eyes and ears are back. This time with the latest in fads, fashions, and even beyond.

One of those hot items for this season is JEANS! Jeans are back and doing great. You'll find different styles and shades of blue-- bleached, tinted, any way possible! One of those items that seems to have hit the charts is a jeans jacket. You'll be able to find it in blues, blacks, whites, even different shades sewed up together! Some popular brands are Guess, Esprit, and Levi's.

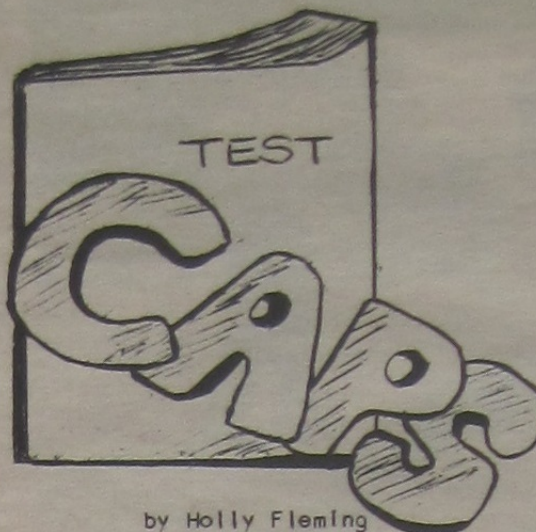
But then, what's a jeans jacket without pins, broaches, chains, and clip-on watches? The in-thing is to put anything possible on them. Just be creative. Who knows, maybe your ideas will become a fad all around school!

As I mentioned before, clip-on watches will soon be a hit. Already found in some parts of the states, these watches have gained popularity. Just clip them on everywhere. They're called LeClip Watches and can be found in many weird, new wave designs.

Another successful item is hair bows. (SORRY, GUYS!) You've probably noticed many gals around school wearing them.

These bows are found in many styles, shapes and colors. They can be made of lace, silk, or ribbons material even with different shapes and patterns layered over one another.

Have you noticed how modernized styles from the 50's and 60's are back? Minis in every style are the newest clothing article found. Seen in pastels or jeans material, this item seems to come back in style every so many years. The shorter seems to be the better!



by Holly Fleming

We all remember the grueling time of year when we had to dig out our 2 pencils and fill out those dumb bubbled test sheets of CTBS and CAPS. The only good part about it is missing geometry but we all forget what it's really for.

According to Mr. Mix, counselor in charge of the testing, "These tests provide us with a tool, a quick snap-shot of where we stand nationally and statewide."

The California Assessment Program (CAPS) Tests measure how we compare to other schools statewide, depending on what comparison score band we fall into. We are placed in a band with other schools which are sociologically similar. This is so we are not put up against Los Gatos and Saratoga. This year all test scores improved from the past 6 years. Reading + 1.7, written expression + 1.2, spelling + 2.1, and mathematics went up .4. Mr. Bordenave says, "Some kids feel tested out but the reason for having the tests, is to use it as a planning tool to improve educational programs."

The California Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) is geared towards how the school measures up nationally. The results are given individually in case you want to know how you measure up against the rest of the nation. These tests show strengths in educational programs and departments that need improvement.

Students improved 31 of the 36 scores for 1986-87. The thirty-four of these 36 scores are highest in five years.

The principal and staff are proud of this year's increase and hope that it improves even more over the years.

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Smoking is going out. 



# One alcoholic's mistake touches many lives

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The 1968 Camaro sat in the parking lot outside the tire shop after its new wheels had been installed. The new shiny chrome rims beautifully offset the deep black of the car, as did the white letters on the new tires. The owner of the car and his friend drove up to the lot and were amazed at what they saw. The new spoked wheels looked even better on the car than they had hoped.

The owner didn't even wait for his friend's old red Chevy pickup to completely stop before jumping out to look closer. They both walked around the car, taking in every angle. The owner suddenly looked distraught.

"I told them to lock it when they were done," the owner said with disgust, pointing to the unlocked door.

"Seems you can't trust anyone anymore," his friend said.

On the way home the owner of the car couldn't wipe the smile off his face. Even though he couldn't see the wheels from inside, he knew they were there, and knew how good they must look spinning.

He was proud as he passed cars going down Monterey Road, leaving smoggy San Jose behind to the clean air of Morgan Hill.

The little green Honda pulled carefully away from the main entrance of Santa Teresa Hospital. In the car were the two proudest people in the world. This husband and wife had produced the most precious thing in the world, and they were taking it home for the first time. Their son was celebrating his third day of life.

The mother sat in the passenger's seat holding the young boy wrapped in a soft white blanket. At the light at Bernal and Monterey Roads he looked at his wife and his new son and noticed she wasn't wearing her seatbelt. They exchanged the small light package and she strained to reach around to get the seatbelt hanging over her shoulder, but her sore abdominal muscles wouldn't let her reach it.

He returned the baby to her and the light turned green and he made the left turn on to Monterey Road.

At Bailey they encountered another red light, and he reached behind her seat and pushed the seat belt forward so that she could reach it easily. He took the baby, and she secured the belt over her shoulder.

Jesse's mother was having her fiftieth birthday this particular Wednesday night and relatives from all around were coming to the surprise party. Jesse went up to San Jose to get his brother Rick who had no way of getting down to the party which was being held in San Martin. The brothers hadn't seen each other in more than a year and were happy to be together again.

On the way back they picked up a 12 pack of Budweiser just in case there wasn't enough at the house. As they drove toward their mother's they each drank a can to celebrate their reunion. They talked about old times and updated each other on what they had been doing over the last year. As Rick finished his can, Jesse was almost done with his third.

They got off the freeway in South San Jose to stop by a store to get Lifesavers, Certs, mouthwash or something to hide from their mother the fact they had been drinking. They were running a little late and Rick suggested that they take Monterey home since there were fewer cops and less traffic. By the time they went through Madrone, Jesse had added another aluminum can to the paper bag in front of Rick. It now held six.

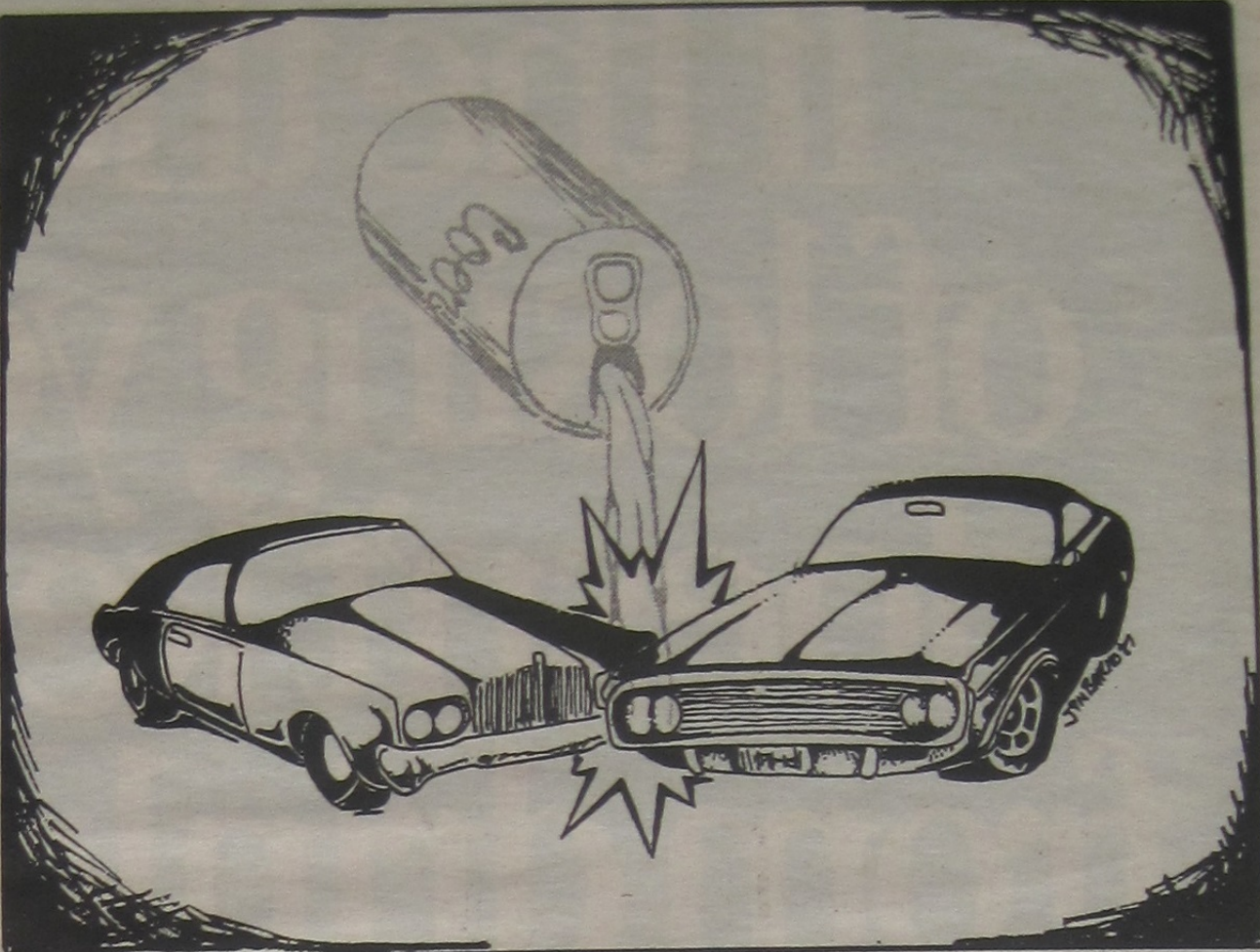
The green Honda pulled up to another red light, this one at Cochrane. They were almost home.

The black Camaro with the red pickup behind it was also coming to the light at Cochrane. In the right lane was the green Honda. In the right center lane was a Volkswagen van. All three vehicles were going straight through the intersection into downtown Morgan Hill. The driver of the Camaro thought the Honda would probably go faster than the Volkswagen and he changed lanes and stopped behind the small car. The pickup did the same and stopped behind the Camaro.

**'His foot searched desperately for the brake pedal, but found only air.'**

Jesse decided he had had his last beer before arriving home and popped a couple more peppermint Lifesavers into his mouth. It was beginning to get dark, and the little Pinto station wagon sped up so they wouldn't miss the big surprise.

Jesse also planned to go through downtown Morgan Hill and stayed in the right lane. Even though he had been through this intersection a hundred times, he forgot there was a stop light here and didn't notice the stopped cars until they were right in front of him. His foot searched desperately for the brake pedal, but found only air. He swerved to the shoulder to miss the pickup, and then swerved back toward the cars to miss the guard rail between the Capri restaurant's parking lot and the shoulder of the road. The Pinto's front left side smashed into the rear quarter panel of the Camaro, pushing the car into the next lane, right up next to the van. The collision changed the direction of the Pinto so that it was heading straight for the intersection, with only the Honda in its way. Because it had



pushed the Camaro out of its way, the Pinto hit the stopped car squarely in the rear, still moving about 45 m.p.h. The two cars slid into the middle of the intersection amid sounds of shattering glass and metal on metal.

The cooks in the Capri came out the back door to see what had happened and went back in to call the police and an ambulance.

The right rear wheel of the Camaro had remnants of the tire left on a crescent shaped rim. The right rear side of the car was smashed inward, and four skid marks traced the path of the car from where it was originally to where it stopped. The driver was lucky and sustained no injuries. He got out of his car to see the extent of damage.

The mother sat in the front seat of her car crying and holding her baby. They both appeared to be uninjured. The father checked on his wife and son, undid his seatbelt, and got out of the car.

Jesse was drunk, but knew he was in deep trouble. Rick just sat there, saying, "Oh man, oh man," over and over. Rick got out to find the other two men on the shoulder of the road near his car. He walked over to them, doing his best not to look drunk. He started to apologize, but he couldn't say anything. He heard sirens near and thought of the police.

"If anything has happened to my wife or my baby—anything," yelled the new father, "I'm gonna rip your goddamn face off!" It was obvious he was restraining himself from doing so anyway.

Jesse felt for his wallet in his back pocket. If he had no ID, the police wouldn't know who he was. He reached in his pocket and took it out as discreetly as possible. He thought of the bag of cans in the front seat. He opened Rick's door so he could see the bag, and get to it. He walked back away from the door,

and dropped his wallet on the ground. As he tried to kick it under the car, protests came from the other two men. The Camaro owner went over, picked it up, and placed it on top of the car.

"That's yours, and you're gonna keep it!" he yelled.

The fire truck from the nearby fire station was at the intersection first. As the attention of the small crowd gathering turned to the large truck, Jesse grabbed the bag, and was trying to deposit it on the shoulder like it was there all along, and wasn't his. The rattle of cans immediately returned the attention of the bystanders to the drunk.

Again the Camaro owner intervened. He yelled at Jesse and made him throw the cans back in the mangled vehicle, in front of Rick.

**'If my car ever gets hit, the officer thought, let it be with this moron in it.'**

The fire fighters looked for injuries and others put up flood lights to counteract the growing darkness. As the police arrived, the attention of the growing crowd again turned away from the three men. In the confusion of the police trying to organize things, Jesse slipped behind the light of the fire engine, and over the railroad tracks to some nearby houses.

Someone noticed him and

alerted the policemen. They went after him, and brought him back handcuffed. His rights were read to him as he was searched against a police car in the parking lot. One of the officers was opening the patrol car door when a senior officer came up and stopped him.

"Why don't you put him in my car," he said motioning toward a car parked in the middle of Monterey, with lights flashing to keep oncoming cars out of the collision. If my car ever gets hit, the officer thought, let it be with this moron in it. Jesse was put in the car, and left alone in the dark in the middle of traffic.

Jesse was convicted of felony drunk driving and is serving a year in jail; it was his second offense. His brother Rick served 30 days for contributing to the accident.

The baby sustained only one injury, but he, his parents and Jesse would have been better off if it had been fatal. It is speculated that during the accident he was thrown from his mother's arms and hit the dashboard with his head. His underdeveloped skull couldn't adequately protect his fragile brain. He is mentally retarded. His parents have to live with Jesse's mistake every day. Every time Jesse sees a mentally retarded person he will regret what he's done, and he will wish he hadn't gotten drunk that night. But Jesse's wish comes too late.

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**Have a Safe and Happy Easter**



If the thought  
of losing your life  
doesn't keep you  
from drinking and  
driving, imagine  
losing your license.



Drive drunk and you could have a date with death. Get caught, and all your dates will be with Mom. Don't drink and drive or ride with a drunk driver.