

## Santa Clara Times

### SAYING GOODBYE

Kyle Cornelius

"He's great!"  
"He's awesome!"  
"We love him!"

These are reactions that you would expect to get from Santa Clara High students when talking about Mr. Fiore, former assistant principal at Santa Clara High. But these words came from the students of Wilcox High School.

This summer the Board of Education decided to switch the principals of Wilcox and Santa Clara High Schools. They thought that a change would help the school improve. So Mr. Bordenave went to Wilcox and Mr. Passantino came to Santa Clara.

Mr. Fiore and Mr. Bordenave had been friends since 1948. They had also been working together for 26 years. And now the assistant principal was also open at Wilcox.

When Mr. Bordenave asked Mr. Fiore to come to Wilcox, he took his good friends offer and went to Wilcox.

Mr. Fiore is looking forward to his next three year at Wilcox, after which he plans to retire.

"Everyone has been cooperative the students are nice, and the campus is nice," says Mr. Fiore about the Wilcox population and campus.

### Spirit

By Joel Mettler.

There are going to be a few tired seniors and juniors at Santa Clara around Homecoming this year. Reason? Rambo missions. Late night Hit-and-Run T.P. expeditions. Several students will be staying up all night either trying to protect their houses or completely envelope someone else's house in toilet paper. For the most part, it seems, freshmen and sophomores do not have anything to worry about.

"The people who are the most likely targets of the seniors will be the

### TRADING



### Mr. Passantino Back Home at Santa Clara

Yes, welcome back to Mr. Passantino, who has returned to Santa Clara High after six years at Wilcox High and ten years at Peterson High School. Welcome back because Mr. Passantino started here at Santa Clara some 30 years ago. Some juniors and seniors might be wondering why Mr. Bordenave and Mr. Passantino switched high schools this year. The Board of Education has a policy of changing elementary school teachers every few years to keep things from becoming stagnant. This year they decided to do the same thing with our high schools for the same reason.

### Measured

leaders of the Junior class", says one senior paperer. Some juniors claim it goes the same way for the Seniors.

"We're just going to get back at the seniors who do our houses"

Some students have expressed a fear of being egged or vandalized in a more serious way than just being toilet papered. Although this has happened, things usually don't go that far, according to the seniors.

"We try to not let it get that out of hand. We really want to try to avoid anymore criticism than we already get."

### PLACES

### S.C. Welcomes New Chemist

by Becky A. Hatch

Ms. Quail is our new Australian born chemistry teacher. She has just recently moved to S.C. from Wisconsin. Even if you don't have chemistry, you will know Ms. Quail, because she is a teacher who is always recognized by her great smile.

Living in California allows her to be closer to her daughter, who is a student at Stanford. Living on the west coast also gives her access to travel to Australia and visit her family.

Her impression of Santa Clara is that it is a very good school. She is very enthusiastic about being here. She also liked Mr. Passantino's idea of S.C. trying to be "one big happy family."

As a chemistry teacher, she has many thoughts about the well-being of her students. Most students and just about everyone else might feel stress from time to time. A lot of it is caused from all of the responsibilities placed on people from their families and society itself. The idea of being one big family can bring students and teachers closer together. Ms. Quail is aware though, that some students may be unhappy or depressed. She knows though that some problems cannot be solved, "but sometimes just being more aware can help."

In her opinion, some students are being short-changed. Not by school,

Although we were all sad to see Mr. Bordenave and Mr. Fiore leave us, our new principal is enthusiastic about our school. Mr. Passantino feels that "the school is somewhat limited because of its small size and enormous student body" (1950 students), but is "very impressed with the spirit of the students." Mr. Passantino says he is also very impressed with the teachers and staff here at Santa Clara. He said many of the teachers personally offered their support and ideas. Mr. Passantino feels "very open to ideas and suggestions that might benefit our school."

### In Rolls

"Some people take the T.P. from pizza places but most people get it from home or just buy it."

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# OPINIONS

## A BALL OF LIGHT

Oliver Rosenblatt

When most of you returned to school on the second of this month, you had your schedule, the football team, your math class, or the cute blonde in the seat next to you on your mind. My mind, however, was on something completely different, something that I had read that morning on page 1 of the Mercury News: under the heading "Tragedy on the Tracks" was the story of a 52 year-old Vietnam Vet named S. Brian Willson, who, in order to delay a munitions train that was carrying arms for the Contra rebels in Nicaragua, knelt on the tracks at the Concord naval weapons station. The train did not stop, and, as two other protestors jumped out of the way, plowed into Willson, severing his left leg, mangling his right, and deeply gashing his head, as his wife of 11 days and other protestors looked on in horror.

It is easy to brush this off as an accident, or the result of a suicidal maniac's effort to gain attention, but this tragedy fits neither mold because Mr. Willson had so much to live for. He was a member of VFW post 5888, the so called "renegade post" because of its' opposition to U.S. involvement in Central America. He had just married Holley Rauen, whom he had met on a trip to Nicaragua several months before. The protest at the Concord naval weapons station was partly his brainchild. Why, then, did he not jump out of the way when the train came bearing down on him? The answer is simple: He didn't jump because he had the guts to do something which most of us would be afraid to do, namely to stand up (and suffer) for his beliefs.

For the past weeks, I have been paying close attention to any news or updates on Willson's condition. His condition is now good, and he has been moved from the hospital to a rehabilitation unit. The most amazing thing in all this is Willson himself. He is happy and upbeat, and cheers up all those that come to visit him. He encourages the protestors who continue to protest at Concord. His mother describes him as a "Ball of Light", who brings happiness to all that come to see him. Not bad for a man that lost both legs to a train that may have knocked him down, but not his convictions. The world definitely needs more Brian Willsons.

Brian Willson made the ultimate sacrifice for his convictions, actually taking physical pain and suffering upon himself to have his view heard. One does not always need to be so drastic about it, however. You could start by defending someone that needs help, like a freshman, even if it means everyone will laugh at you. It's a small price to pay. The next time someone wants to drag your convictions through the dirt, stand tall, think of Brian Willson, and laugh in their face. One of the best ways to feel good about yourself is to know that you stood up for what you believed in, and didn't let anyone push you around.

## ASK BLABBY

Dear Blabby,  
Help!!! My friends from Buchser have deserted me! How do I make new ones?

Alone in a Crowd

Dear Alone in a Crowd,  
So your junior high school buddies have deserted you to be in a school mostly composed of kids who are the same age or older than you? Making friends isn't that easy depending on who you want to socialize with. Don't be hesitant when being social. Remember all the things you can do with a friend? There's a lot to think of between

two people than there is a person all alone to his or herself. Don't limit yourself to the number of friends you can have or the things to do.



## Join a Club!

By Mary Ann Hilario

Interested in joining a club this year? If you are, SCHS has a wide variety of organizations that students are able to join. Here's an overview of what is open to you:

### CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION (CSF) --

Advisor Ms. Livak

A state chapter organization that is operated solely by participating students.

CSF members involve themselves in services for school and money earned goes toward field trips. Students apply every semester. See Ms. Livak in A-3.

### CHESS CLUB --

Advisor Mr. McFarland

Students represent SCH in conquering other players in tournaments. Members teach and battle one another to learn more strategic maneuvers. Inquiring students see Mr. McFarland in D-3. Games at lunch on Tues., Wed., & Thu.

### CHINESE CLUB --

Advisor Miss Richardson

Beginning its fourth year, members share ideas and learn about ancient Chinese culture. They have sponsored the New Year's Dinner and Dance, sold candies and crystals. Every two weeks on Thur. in B-6. Stop by and meet new friends.

### DRAMA CLUB --

Advisor Mr. Kiely

After school activity which focuses on creating plays and teaching students to become actors. They hope for more plays, attend theaters and other activities. Meetings are Thursdays at lunch in B-8.

### FRENCH CLUB --

Advisor Ms. Dawson

Students learn about modern France. Members are the key to excitement. Money goes toward trips to San Francisco to see French movies, operas and to taste French food in an elegant setting. See Mrs. Dawson in F-3.

### GERMAN CLUB --

Advisor Mr. McHan

Designed to increase interest in the German culture and language, members make their own club shirts, go ice-skating, celebrate Germany's Oktoberfest, and travel to Europe and Germany. Money are raised by selling Gummi Bears, and catalogue gifts. Lunch meetings in E-3.

### SPANISH CLUB --

Advisor Mr. Sanchez

The Spanish "Travel" Club aims for fascinating trips to Mexico and Spain, using money from dances, selling candy-grams, and many projects. Some

possible activities

include: Spanish Camp, festivals, movies, and dinners. Biweekly in F-4.

### VIETNAMESE CLUB --

Advisor Mr. Webb

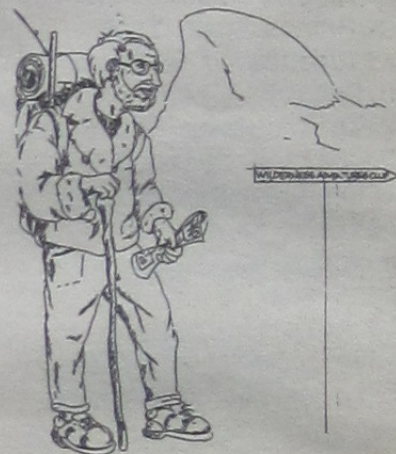
Members engage in social activities that enhance and enrich the high school experience. They sponsor dances, take field trips and have volleyball tournaments. Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at lunch time in P-2.

### WILDERNESS ADVENTURERS CLUB --

Advisors

Mr. Stuefloten and Ms. Quail

Members learn how to work and study in the outdoors. Houseboating on the Delta, exploring Yosemite Valley and the High Sierras provide members experiences in wild life. Backpacking on the Point Reyes National



Seashore, students engage themselves on how cavemen travel! Outgoing students come at regular meetings Thur. in D-1 during lunch.

### YEARBOOK CLUB --

Advisor Mr. Gwartney

Highly motivated students make the high school yearbook! Members show an ability to produce an organized account of the school's progress during the year. With help from outstanding students, and support from the administration SCH produced a winning 1986-87 yearbook. Thurs. at 3:00 p.m. in the Yearbook Room.

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## Think About It



by: Mel Pichay

Want to have an exciting and challenging school year? Get involved! Mr. Mix, the Academic Decathlon advisor, is looking for outstanding students who love to have a "little" competition.

The team meets for seven weeks preparing themselves to meet with 33 other schools to compete in ten different categories. These categories include economics, fine arts, math, science, history, literature, composition, speech segments, an interview and the last one which they call the super quiz.

Although Academic Decathlon welcomes everybody with a 3.0 GPA and above, only six people, mostly juniors and seniors, get to compete in the finals. However, it wouldn't be such a total loss for the rest for the time they spend in one room for seven weeks will prepare them for when their turn comes.

"I think the best benefit of being a member is that you get to learn more stuff about... and math and science that you wouldn't normally get in a regular class", says Geraldine del Prado, a senior and a two-year member.

However, Irwin Kim, last year's member, who is now in college, has a different view about the benefits of being a member. "I think it's the free food they serve us..... right before they torture us."

With two experienced members coming back this year, Geraldine del Prado and Rosette Isip, a junior, it's obvious that this team is already in a roll. So don't be left out---sign in with Mr. Mix in the counselling office---TODAY!!!



## Chemist

but by working long hours at low paying jobs. Sure those paychecks will buy luxuries, but students must realize that an education is a once in a life time opportunity. There are a lot of clubs and activities here at S.C., and she encourages students to get involved.

Being a high school teacher appeals to Ms. Quail a lot because she enjoys working with people. We are all very pleased to have her here at Santa Clara.



## FUN WITH FLAGS

by Leslie Shevick

The Captain Lorelai Tolentino and Co-captains Kim Habgood and Brenda Rucker have high hopes for a great season.

"Colorguard is a fun and exciting group to be in, plus at the games, the opposing team doesn't seem quite as tough when you're carrying a six foot flag pole!" said Kim.

But seriously, Colorguard is a lot of fun. There's even a trip to Disneyland being planned. Hope to see all of you at the games!!

What's a "Colorguard" anyway? Hmmm, they're not cheerleaders of any kind, they're not Bruinettes, and they don't substitute in for the football players, so who are they?

Colorguard is the flag team here at Santa Clara High. This year, there are 16 girls on Colorguard, and you'll see them working after school every day to perfect their routines. They perform at half-time, in the rallies, and at parades.

## "Big Shots" backfires

"Big Shots" is the newest film from Ivan Reitman, the maker of "Ghostbusters." It tells the story of two young boys, Obediah and Scam.

The movie starts with the death of Obediah's father. Grieving, Obediah runs away from home. He is mugged and loses the watch his dad gave him the day before he died. Here he meets Scam, a ten year old con artist living on his own.

They take off in

Kyle Cornelius search of the watch. Along the way they have some beer, eat some twinkies, rob a pawn shop, and steal a Mercedes with a dead body in the trunk.

I expected "Big Shots" to be a funny action film. Instead I was greeted with one of the most boring films of the year. The acting was second rate, the script stunk, and the movie was just plain dimwitted.

On a scale of one to ten, I give this film a 3.5.



## They Aren't So Bad

by Leslie Shevick

Most people feel that the freshmen should have stayed at Buchser, the sophomores were expected, but another whole class? There's barely enough room for us! How many more portables can we fit in the parking lots?

Most people, though, seem to be adjusting pretty well to the sophomores (although it was pretty funny when the class of 90's sign fell down) and the freshmen.

"I don't mind all these new faces everywhere."

"They really help out by making larger sports teams and have lots of spirit at the rallies."

We've all seen the shirts around school, "Freshmen go back to Buchser and take some of the sophomores with you." Although somewhat cruel, it seems that that's the general feeling the juniors and seniors hold.

"They're taking up our oxygen!"

"The halls are so crowded."

"They are immature and they don't belong here."

Okay, guys, go easy on them. We were once freshmen too, although some of us won't admit it. We got picked on for being the new kids, so we're only holding up a tradition.

## Check It Out!

by T. Smith

### 1. Judy Blume; What Kids Wish They Could Tell You

In 2,000 letters every month teen-agers everywhere open their hearts to Judy Blume. She helps them feel less alone by discussing topics such as sibling rivalry, divorce, step-parents, families that aren't "like everyone else's", school and friends, changing bodies, dating, sexuality, drugs and many other topics.

### 2. Off-Roaders Handbook How to Go Fun Trucking With a Two or Four-Wheel Drive

This is where the fun begins! Learn how to prepare your two-wheel drive or four-wheel drive rig for off-pavement pounding, and how to limp home if something breaks. Includes tips on choosing and installing off-road accessories such as tires, wheels, shocks, lift kits, lights, winches, fuel tanks, skid plates, rollbars and more.

### 3. What To Do If You Or Someone You Know Is Under 18 And Pregnant

Every year more than one million teenagers in this country become pregnant. This book outlines the three paths available: abortion, adoption, or having the baby and raising it herself. What does each option mean in terms of her present and

### 4. The Encyclopedia of Super Heroes

The first Who's Who of the world's most dynamic crime fighters! This fascinating book is a collection of more than 1300 of the most accomplished of all crime fighting characters from comicstrips, literature, television, the movies and video games.





# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

### '87

by Oliver Rosenblatt

As Danny "Jiggs" Cerrato raced down the right sideline, eluded the last Saratoga defender, and danced into the endzone, a thunderous roar went up from the Santa Clara benches: The Bruins had just scored their first touchdown of the 1987 season! Moments later, Tom Nicosia added a booming extra point kick that soared through the goalposts.

The score was now Saratoga 28, Santa Clara 7. And this was only the second quarter.

Both teams went on to add two touchdowns to that score, resulting in a final score of Saratoga 42, Santa Clara 20. Not exactly the kind of score a coach would hope to have in his opening game, but, considering that Saratoga is ranked number 5 in Santa Clara county, and

that the Bruins had a respectable 312 yards in total offense, this game becomes just a bit more bearable.

The next game against Leland didn't start out very promising either. After the opening kickoff, the Bruins were pinned down inside their own 10 yard line, and, on only the second play of the game, lost CCS-ranked wide receiver Vern Enriquez to a shoulder injury. That was the beginning of the end. Despite the determined offense of quarterback Jeremy Everett and wide receiver Danny Cerrato, and some outstanding defensive play by noseguard John Kern and cornerback Ken Evans, and a rousing pep talk at halftime from all the coaches, the game still ended as a 20-7 loss for Santa Clara.

The game against Del Mar also had a shock-begging. In the first quarter, the Bruins fumbled in their own endzone, Del Mar recovered, and grabbed a quick 6-0 lead. Santa Clara soon found a rhythm,

and at halftime the score was 14-6 in favor of SC, the highlight of the half being another long bomb pass from Jeremy Everett to Danny Cerrato for a touchdown.

The Bruins continued to dominate the game in the second half, scoring ten more points while allowing only six. The final score in SC's first win of the season was 24-10. Naturally, the spirit in the locker room after the game was very high.

The Bruins' first league game ended in a tragedy. After going into the fourth quarter with an 18-6 lead, Mountain View managed to capitalize on some crucial Santa Clara miscues.

A shanked punt by Jeremy Everett gave the Spartans the ball at Santa Clara's 48 yard line with three minutes left. They drove downfield, and scored a touchdown, tying the score at 18. The extra point gave them the win. Sean Moore valiantly attempted a long fieldgoal that came up short. This game, however, is no reason to give up on Bruin football. The Bruin is back, and roaring louder than ever!

## TAKING OPTIMISM IN STRIDE

Lan Truong

"We should win our division," says Mr. Goode, coach of SCH's cross-country team. The reason for his optimism is simply this - the cross country team is enjoying a boom of membership and talent. A boom which has pushed membership from 15 to 34.

And the reason for the boom is simple also. Athletes, in sports such as wrestling, basketball, and soccer, have realized the value of getting in shape before their season starts. Many see cross-country as the perfect machine for that.

The team itself, seen by Mr. Goode as "one of the strongest potential varsity teams we've ever had", is composed mostly of juniors and seniors.

Prominent among these are Nick Huard, Chris Dugan, and Robert Dlabik. Among the girls, it is senior Jennifer Lenk, who has "been a leader in her attitude", and freshman Tiki Wilcox, an outstanding runner.

Of the underclassmen, sophomores Bryan Adan and Bam Gobets stand out.

Mr. Goode does have a concern, though. The girls' team, with four, is considerably less than that of the boys' team of twenty-seven.

"We desperately need girls to make impact on this school," he says.

Practice is after-school, for about 2 hours. Anyone interested can see Mr. Goode in B-3.

## Setting Up

by Becky A. Hatch

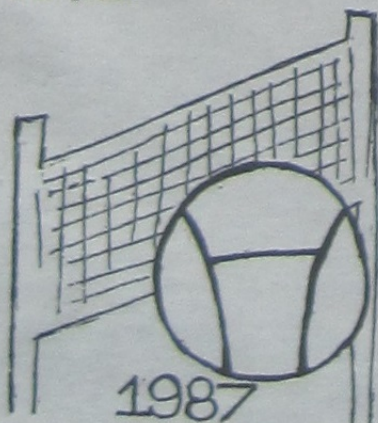
"They are a scrappy little team," says coach Lee when describing his varsity team. In spite of the team's recent series of losses, he remains very optimistic and is pleased to see such an enthusiastic team.

Although they are not a very tall team, they are fundamentally strong and have good ball control. Michelle Johnson senior, feels they have a lot of potential. They are playing a tough league and have faced fairly stiff competition.

Returning seniors: Michelle Johnson, Erica Krause, Anahita Forati, Sue Gibson, Nada Sredanovich, and our returning junior, Lisa Wallace, are very enthusiastic about the sport. Several members of the team went to camp to work on and improve their volleyball skills.

The team is also made up of some new faces and talent like juniors, Patty Monzon, April Crawford, Angela Soza, Trisha Esposito and two fine varsity sophomore players, Beth Carlson and Lisa Monzon.

The Bruins are trying to be consistent and strong in every aspect of the game.



## Developing Past Love

by Lan Truong

Ms. Holand, coach of the girls' tennis team, is excited about their season and optimistic about the team. She says that all the players have a great attitude and are enthusiastic.

"We're gonna build," she said. She sees this year as a year of rebuilding with seven returning players and fifteen new players.

No. 1 singles senior Martina Hrnecir is expected to be a strong competitor in her slot. Junior Erin Tsuchimoto, no. 2 singles, with improvement and refinement of her natural talents, can hold a strong second.

According to Ms. Holand, the rest of the returning players - Jenny Kim, Jenney Wang, Geraldine del Prado, Kathy Kong and Shirley Wu - have shown great improvement. Combined with new recruits and given time and practice, this team can form a competitive force.

As to the future of the team, Ms. Holand expects them to beat Wilcox and Milpitas and upset one of the Big Four (Gunn, Palo Alto, Mt. View, and Los Altos).

## Promising Future

Kirk Westbrook, the new and enthusiastic coach of the girls' swim team, has 32 promising Bruin hopefuls this year (32 swimmers and 2 divers). Four juniors and seniors - Kathy Dillon, Sandrine Henery, Audrey Layman and Sandra Surina - will pass the torch to the strong new freshmen and sophomores.

Although the girls finished fourth in championships last year their toughest opponent continues to be Gunn. Westbrook is optimistic about the team's future, despite their past record.

His expectations rest on freshman Heather Crabb, sophomore Lanelle Dike, junior Merrill George, sophomore Sabrina Smith and freshmen Angela Stambaugh.

Two strong contenders for Central Coast Section championships this year are freshmen Kirstin Krengel and sophomore Jackie Combs.

## Water Fight

by Becky A. Hatch

The Santa Clara Waterpolo team is ready for an outstanding winning season. They placed second in a consolation round at the John Schmidt tournament, their first event of the season. They wiped out Fremont and Live Oak high School, two tough competitors from last year. All of their hard work outs and training has paid off.

They have a total of 14 games. Coach Sutton is confident they will easily place in the top third, allowing them a big chance at victory in the C.C.S. championships.

They are a fast and strong team. Coach Sutton gives them a very tough work-out each day. They swim about 30 min. each day and work on the skills needed to make a strong and unbeatable team.