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Seniors Graduate in January

by Marites Tayuman

Graduation for some seniors is just around the corner-January. These students have taken and passed all the required courses and tests.

How did they accomplish this? Some students went to summer school to acquire credits and pass the courses they needed. Others concentrated and put everything they had into school work to achieve their goal of early graduation.

Although they are considered graduates they won't receive their diplomas until the traditional graduation date arrives-June 16.

What will they do after January? Here is what some seniors had to say:

"I think it's great that I am able to graduate early. I will be going to West Valley in February, but I will have more spare time to do what I want."

Lisa Hill

"I think graduation early will be helpful to me because I will have a head start on college. I plan to go to De Anza and later transfer to a four year college to get my teaching degree. Of course, I can't start at De Anza until April. I will be working and doing a lot of skiing in the mean time."

Kay Lawrence

KENNY SHIELDS

Tragedy has struck Santa Clara High School this December as one of our students,

In Memorium

Kenneth Shields, died December fifth as a result of Muscular Dystrophy. Kenneth was a 17 year-old junior, and was often seen whizzing down the hallways in his electric wheelchair.

Kenneth was described as "Quiet but friendly" and not very talkative. Muscular Dystrophy is a hereditary disease which attacks and wastes muscles. Kenneth will be missed by all,

Make A Wish

by Michelle Johnson

For some a wish is the closest way that their dreams will ever come to reality. Some wish upon the first star they see, others wish upon a falling star (if they are lucky enough to see one), and some throw coins into a wishing well.

This year's Rotary Interact Club is hoping to make some of those wishes come true by sponsoring "Make a Wish." It costs \$.50 and the only requirement is that the wish be a grantable one. Some of the wishes asked for this year include: bids to the Christmas Ball, a large pizza paid for and delivered during lunch, Mr. Fiore's return to Santa Clara for even just a day, a debt paid for them, a paid dinner for two, and a very special one to everyone at school - peace and joy for their Christmas and New Year holidays.

Since there has been no election in the club, the acting president, Don Tanaka, hopes to grant at least five wishes, "but it depends on how many we sell." The club will grant these wishes during the week of December 14-18.

Giants Find The Way To San Jose

by Brian Goldenberg

Yes, it's true, the Giants will be playing in San Jose next year. Well, sort of. The San Francisco Giants have agreed to move their minor league Class A team from Fresno to San Jose. The little Giants will replace the San Jose Bees and play at Municipal Stadium.

While it would be great if the team that won the National League Western Division moved to the South Bay, the San Jose Giants will offer a better quality of baseball and should be more successful than the Bees, who lost a franchise

record 103 games in 1987.

Fans will get a chance to see two teams with potential major leaguers, instead of just one. The independent (not affiliated with a major league club) Bees were composed of players trying to make a comeback from alcoholism or drug abuse, or those who were not quite good enough to play for a major league organization. The Giants will be supplied players from within the organization and also include a handful of Japanese minor leaguers.

The San Jose franchise now has a

new manager and new owners. Palo Alto natives Tony Cox (chairman and CEO of Showtime) and Richard Beahrs (senior vice president of HBO) bought the team from former owner Woody Kern for \$400,000 and hired Duane Epsy as their manager. They promised that Municipal Stadium would have better baseball as well as better hot dogs in 1988.

Dealing With Stealing

by Brian Goldenberg

This year Santa Clara High School has been plagued by a rash of burglaries. The thefts have occurred all over campus, from the boys' locker room to the hallways and the front parking lot. The items being stolen range from clothing to radios and the most common selection, money.

"I am very concerned about it because there have been more [thefts] in the first quarter this year than in the past two years combined," says Vice Principal Pastorini.

Another concern among the faculty is that kids turn around and sell the stolen merchandise for money that they use to buy drugs.

Because the school accommodates kids from all sections of society, students should be careful

with what they bring to school and try to avoid carelessness. To discourage theft, Mr. Pastorini urges students to avoid locker sharing and to be sure the door is shut when closing it. For those who need a lock for P.E., Mr. Pastorini

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Guns at Christmas

by Oliver Rosenblatt

Around Christmas time, most of the popular charities send out their appeals for money, because Christmas time is the "giving" season. One that particularly caught my eye was an appeal by San Jose Chief of Police Joseph McNamara, who spoke for the group known as "Handgun Control, Inc." In this appeal, he asked for signatures to a petition to have Assembly Bill 768 reintroduced into the State Senate. This bill would make it a felony to carry a handgun in the passenger compartment of any vehicle without a police approved license. An interesting paradox is that in the state of California it is a felony to carry brass knuckles in your glove compartment, yet it is perfectly legal to have an unloaded handgun on the seat next to you, even if there is a box of cartridges right beside it.

This bill was introduced during a rash of freeway shootings that plagued California earlier this year, and was backed by law enforcement officers throughout the state. And yet, as sensible as this bill may seem, it was voted down by the Ways and Means Committee of the Senate by a 9-8 margin.

Now what would make half of the 23 senators afraid to vote, and the other half vote against such a bill? This is where the National Rifle Association comes in. Seven of the nine legislators who voted against A.B. 768 had received campaign gifts from the NRA, and thus voted against the bill. This is the kind of help the NRA relies upon in the Senate, when it wants to legalize the sale of handguns by mail, the sale of machine guns, or the sale of armor piercing bullets, whose only purpose would be to blast through bullet proof vests that police officers must often use. The reason that the NRA is so vehemently opposed to any handgun legislation is unclear. They seem to want to prevent handgun control at all costs.

But the question is, while handgun control is definitely feasible, does it work? It seems so. As an example, handgun control exists in Great Britain. While the United States had 1900 fatalities per 50 million as a result of handgun use in 1986, Great Britain had 8 (!) fatalities per 50 million. That's a 237-to-1 ratio.

If handgun control, why oppose it? Only a deaf dumb and blind person would not see that it is sheer insanity to ignore a menace such as uncontrolled handguns, or the NRA for that matter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

By Joan D. Cerezo

Three Santa Clara students received awards this month at the annual Academic Decathlon Awards Banquet for their successful performances at the Decathlon.

It's been Santa Clara's ninth year of competition with Mr. Mix as our advisor. Last year, the team placed twenty-fifth out of twenty-seven schools. This year the improvements are many, but it would not have been a success if it were not for our dedicated coach, Mr. Mix.

This year our all-out intentions were to upset and take first. We did not but the accomplishments are many. We surprisingly placed twelfth out of twenty-seven teams. The remarkable jump from the bottom about to the top third was an enormous leap.

Academic Decathlon is a nationwide competition. Students are given comprehensive subjects during

the one-day competition. Schools compete using nine students, who are divided by their grade point average. The sections are Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity.

The team has worked enthusiastically hard after school, during lunch, and even on days when school wasn't even in session. It would have never been a success if it were not for those dedicated teachers who wanted to give us just a little bit of their volunteered time, to educate us on a variety of subjects.

Team members were excited about the experience. "It was neat, but nerve racking" said Anahita Forati, a member of the Scholastic division. "It was exciting competing against other schools in the county."

Rosette Isip, a member of the Honors team, won first place in the interview category at the awards banquet held at

the Hyatt Regency on Tuesday, December 8. She earned a rare perfect score of a thousand, the most one can get on any section of competition. For overall success in this category she received a gold medal, a plaque, and a certificate. She also won third place in the essay category.

The following students were awarded certificates for demonstrating excellence in these areas: Jeff Staiman placed third in Mathematics and well in Economics, and Anahita Forati took second in the interview category for her scholastic division.

Although we came a couple of hundred points behind Wilcox, we worked as a team and our efforts showed enormously and are well-worth commending.

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Eat in Style

by Joel Mettler

If you think you're all set for the Christmas Ball, maybe you should think again. Have you thought about where to go for dinner? Well, if you haven't thought about it consider these things. Do you want to spend a lot of money for a good meal in a fancy restaurant? What kind of food do you like? What kind of food does your date like?

Here are some restaurants you may want to consider if you want to go to a really nice place. Remember that you are going to spend about \$35 per person at these places.

Gervais- This is an excellent French restaurant located at 1798 Park Avenue.

If you like French food, this is the place to go. For reservations call 275-8631.

Paolos'- This continental restaurant is the home of some of the best food in San Jose. It is located at 520 E. Santa Clara Street. For reservations and information call 294-2558.

Emiles- Another Great French restaurant, probably the fanciest and one of the most expensive restaurants in San Jose. The food and service is outstanding. Emiles is located at 545 south Second Street in San Jose. For reservations call 289-1960.

Most of these restaurants are moderate to fairly expensive. Consider the following: If you go to a less expensive restaurant, you may feel a more out of place in your formal attire. But if this does not discourage you or your date, you might try Burger King. Or you can even cook for your date at home.

Wishing Well

It's Christmas time at Santa Clara High and here are some people and what they want to make their Christmas special.

Krista Mervfield wishes for "a wall repair kit."

Bridgette Volore wishes for "a diploma and a snowy Christmas."

Vyonne Villarreal wishes for "a gray Toyota 4x4 with a gorgeous babe in it."

Jeremy Everett wishes for "a big red train and a pig, baby, pig."

Brad Wurzel wishes for "a Hula-hoop, a set of Mickey Mouse ears and boxers with Santa Claus on them."

Jody Kirk wishes for "a cheerleader wrapped in red ribbon."

Mr. Adams wishes for "Ping golf clubs and plaid knickers."



DEAR BLABBY

Dear Blabby,

I want you to prescribe a remedy for my problem. It concerns my curfew for the Christmas Ball. My parents want me to come home early. How am I supposed to have a nice and fun time if I'll be restricted to a certain hour. Give me something to persuade (SIC) them to let me come home at a reasonable time.

Cut-off too early

Dear Cut-off too early,

Tell them that this occasion comes only once a year. I think that you are entitled to your own curfew so long as, you are responsible home and making sure you're there all in one piece.

Dear Blabby,

I think that this Christmas will be fun and enjoyable, but I'm worried about those who are less fortunate than I. Give me something to start out with. Even in a small way.

Fortunate

Dear Fortunate,

It's nice and honorable to know that there are

people just like you. Start out by donating to the Salvation Army some good, but old toys that you may have in your closet. A child will love a toy and it will probably give you a heart-felt smile to know you are making a child's Christmas even more enjoyable.

EVENT UPDATE

Grateful Dead
Oakland Coliseum 12/27-28
12/31

Stevie Ray Vaughn
H.J. Kaiser Auditorium - Oakland 12/31

Giorgio - New Year's Eve Party
Trade Show Concourse-SF 12/31

Cheap Trick
The Stone-SF 1/2

Harlem Globetrotters
Memorial Auditorium-Stanford 1/13
Oakland Coliseum (2 games) 1/16

Batteries Die

Once upon a time, there was a young filmmaker named Steven Spielberg. He made the top grossing film of all time, "E.T." Anything with his name on it was a hit. But then something went wrong. His movies started to do bad at the box office. It started with "Young Sherlock Holmes." It continued this year with "Harry and the Hendersons" and "Innerspace." Now he will lose all power at the box office with his new film "** batteries not included."

This has to be about the lamest movie I have seen all year. It is about five people whose apartment building is about to be torn down. But they don't want to leave. So one night, little flying saucers come to help them.

At this point in the film, I was laughing. It was just so dumb, it was unbelievable. It could not be any worse than it was.

I was wrong. Then came the dumbest moment in motion picture history. The two flying saucers gave birth to three little baby flying saucers. I laughed so hard at this moment in the film, I almost puked all over the theatre. But that was mild compared to the other people watching.

"** batteries not included." has won my award for the lamest, most idiotic, pitiful movie of the year. It is just nothing more than a waste of time. The only people that could enjoy it would be retarded, blind, deaf, mongoloid children who have never seen a movie in their lives. Don't even waste your time.



Shots on Goal

by Oliver Rosenblatt

In what is considered by many to be the best start of a Bruin Varsity Soccer Team in many years, this year's team boasts a 2-1-1 record going into the league. The season starts on December 16 with a tough away match at league favorite Mountain View. This record includes convincing victories over Andrew Hill and Fremont, by scores of 3-1 and 4-2 respectively. The tie was with Del Mar, in a game that Del Mar managed to tie up on a bad

referee's decision and an "own goal", in which Tom Montes accidentally knocked the ball into his own net. The only loss came in a very lopsided game with Pioneer.

Coach John Azevedo is approaching this season with cautious optimism. While telling his players that they have a chance at the league, he makes no promises about it.

This year's team is a very experienced one, with a good portion of the players

playing their third year on Varsity. Mainstays include two-time MVP Eric Ferreria, midfielders Mark Aldridge and Steve Penticuff, forwards Rob Russell and Eric Parsons, and defender Dale Burgham. Some very promising talent for future Varsity teams is also present this year with sophomores Tony Silva (midfield) and Chris Verna (goalkeeper).

Soccer season promises to be a very exciting one, and the Bruin Soccer team is looking better than ever!



Jeremey Everett scores against Blackford

Varsity Hoops by Brian Goldenberg

The varsity boys basketball team is a young, inexperienced team in the middle of a rebuilding year. Coach Dean Giles does not expect as much of this year's team because of the number of young players and the lack of size and depth. His Bruins' roster is dominated by 11 juniors and includes 1 sophomore, 2 freshmen, and 3 seniors.

Coach Giles admits that the team is not as good as past squads, mainly because "no one else has really played much except (senior guard) Jeremey [Everett]." He is the only returnee and is expected to shoulder much of the responsibility both on the court and in the locker room.

Giles sees this team as one that is getting better every game but still has a ways to go. "Players are still finding their roles on the team and trying to do too much. Once we learn to play together, things will start to jell." On offense, Giles hopes to have a ball controlled team with some fast breaks mixed in. He also hopes to use the 3-point shooting of Everett as a weapon. "If we play within ourselves and control the tempo, we'll do well." Also, the defense is not very strong and will be tested every time out.

As for this season, Giles thinks that it will be a struggle to stay out of the cellar and tough to top last years record of 9-12 and 5th place finish.

So far, the Bruins are off to a 3-6 start. They won the consolation round of the James Lick Tournament and finished 7th in the Wilcox Tourney.

Serving Up Awards

by Lan Truong

There are many thrills in playing sports - the smugness of hitting a home run, the triumph of a touchdown, the delight of serving an ace.

Another thrill is receiving recognition for contributing to a team, and that is what the Sports Banquet is all about.

Gathered at the Fall Sports Banquet were members from every team. It was a night when every member received recognition and a select, talented few were awarded the titles of M.V.P., Most Improved, or Most Inspiring. They were:

Varsity Football M.V.P. -

Jeremy Everett
Most Inspiring - Jeremy Everett
Most Inspiring on Special Teams - Brian Bugera

Varsity Tennis

co M.V.P. - Jenny Kim
co M.V.P. - Suzanne Bui

Varsity Volleyball

M.V.P. - Nada Sredanovich
Most Improved - April Crawford

Cross Country

Boys' M.V.P. - Bam Gobets (frosh-soph)
Nick Huard
Derron Dike

Girls' M.V.P. - Tiki Wilcox
Most Inspiring - Simon Raines

Varsity Girls' Swimming

M.V.P. - Kirsten Krengel
Most Improved - Geanie Nino

Varsity Water Polo

co M.V.P. - Jason York
co M.V.P. - Marc Wilkinson

J.V. Tennis

M.V.P. - Maricris Contreras

J.V. Girls' Swimming

M.V.P. - Katie Dwyer
Most Improved - Tiffany Rice

J.V. Volleyball

M.V.P. - Denise Kowal

Sophomore Football

M.V.P. - Mike Rudd
Most Inspiring - Larry Moreno

Outstanding Athlete

by Brian Goldenberg

Robert Dlabik is one of the best 156 lbs. wrestlers in the CCS, and even the state. The S.C. senior and two time S.C.V.A.L. champion finished 4th in the CCS tournament and second in the state competition last year. He also went on to the Junior Nationals in Iowa and hopes to make a return trip this summer. Dlabik's short term goals include winning the CCS and state titles. He attributes his success to hard work and having "the best coach around," in J.D. Robbins. Robert hopes his hard work and success will translate into a possible scholarship to Arizona St.

Mat Mania Hits SC

by Kyle Cornelius

This year, the Santa Clara Bruin's wrestling team has had a slow start. Undefeated in the league last season, they have suffered two losses in a row this year to Cupertino and Independence.

But don't let that fool you. They will come back strong. They still are determined to be undefeated in league. They are being led by their coach J.D. Robbins.

The team is in great shape this year. Among the top wrestler's are Robert and Larry Dlabik, Louis Barcelos, John Kern, and Jimmy Goodson.

Coach Robbins believes in staying with the basics when it comes to coaching. And right now, he thinks he has eight of the best coaches helping him.

So, come on out and support our great Bruin's wrestling team at their next match to help cheer them on to victory.

Season's Greetings

Reaching the Top

by Richard Lee

Coming back from a solid season, the girls' varsity basketball team looks better than ever. "We're good, and we will be a contender for the league title," stated Coach Meyer.

The biggest obstacle the team faces this season is the height disadvantage. Averaging five feet six inches tall, the team will have to compete with the taller teams in the league such as Mountain View and Milpitas which include six footers. But Coach Meyer believes that the quickness of the team will make up for it. "Being consistent this season is the main key to our success," said Coach Meyer.

Three outstanding juniors will lead the team this season. Ebin Tsuchimoto will

continue to make plays happen with her magical passes. Forward Gloria Alvarez will power her way to the hoop. The big surprise in the league will be Lisa Wallace. She thoroughly confuses her opponents with her "abdulish" moves under the basket. The other two starters, Sabrena Gavia and Laura Monteiro, will contribute to the shooting and rebounding. Lisa Monzon, Denise Kowal, and Kelli Sledd, three standouts from the bench, will deepen the bench. They have already shown star potential in the few pre-season games.

Coach Meyer and the team have very high hopes this year. "The girls play very hard and they play exceptionally well

together. I'm extremely proud of them," commented Coach Meyer. Linda Walsh, former All-American from University of San Francisco, will help Coach Meyer and the team to accomplish their goal of winning the league title. So watch out for the red hot Bruin Girls' Varsity Team.

CCS Round Up

by Brian Goldenberg

The 1987 Bruins finished the football season 5th in the S.C.V.A.L. with a 2-4 record and ended up 3-6 overall.

Despite their record and second division finish, Santa Clara managed to place five players on the all-league team. Three players were first team selections, while two more made the second unit.

Seniors Jimmy Goodson (offensive tackle) and Peter Postlewait (linebacker) were first team picks along with junior wide receiver Danny Cerrato.

Starting Anew

by Mary Ann Hilario

The name of the game is... "Junior Varsity Basketball!"

Watching the team practice, the first thought that came to mind is... "Misfits!" But that is a wrong conclusion because they're not. They are just a team who enjoys a little fun, but when it is time to learn they go all out!

Starting players are Mike Kuizon, Eric Strunk, Oscar Blauchet, Don Kim, and John Alvarado.

Coach Burriesci states, "Mike Kuizon is one of the best shooters on the team." Eric Strunk is another good shooter because when the team played St. Lawrence, he scored 16 points.

The players encourage and cheer for each other. However, the most helpful benefit would be if students would come out and give them some support.

Bruins earning second team honors were senior quarterback Jeremy Everett and junior defensive end Ray Gates.

In the CCS football playoffs, Live Oak, lead by a strong running game, defeated previously undefeated Santa Teresa 38-15 for the 4A championship. In the 3A division, Saratoga outlasted Monterey 12-10.

The CCS's cross country Division 1 was dominated by Bellarmine and the girls from Leland. Both won the team titles. Ian Champeny of

Bellarmino (brother of Santa Clara graduate Marta Champeny '87) was the boys' winner while Jennifer Ashe of Leland placed first among the girls. Santa Clara's freshman runner Tiki Wilcox finished second to Ashe.

In other CCS finals, Bellarmine defeated Los Altos 10-8 for the 4A water polo championship. Mountain View topped Los Gatos for the 3A title. No. 1 rated Fremont was also victorious over No. 4 Los Altos in volleyball.

Intramurals Here to Stay

by Haruko Takahashi

During lunchtime last year, the Spirit Commission held various contests but there were no integrated sports activities. Badminton, basketball, and a few other sports were held during lunch period but they seemingly catered only to the elite. This year there are intramurals, sports for the athlete and the non-athlete alike. The idea for intramurals started with the school staff, who believed that there was a need to unite the student body. Mr. Adams, student activities director, says, "When I was at Santa Clara six years ago, there was a strong intramural program in progress."

Last year, Mr. Hayashi revived the program. This year they are continuing the intramurals. He and Mr. Adams are working to get the enthusiasm back into lunchtime sports. Some of the plans they have include badminton, basketball, intertube water polo and indoor soccer. Their plans, however, were delayed due to various factors, sparking a rumour that the school had stopped the intramurals. According to Mr. Adams, however, nothing could be further from the truth.

"Mr. Hayashi was busy coaching the football team," Mr. Adams answered, "so things slowed down. Besides, there is no reason to stop the intramurals. There is a lot of student participation."

He is not disappointed in the students' attitude toward intramurals either.

"There is plenty of enthusiasm from the students," he says.

Many students enjoy the intramurals so there are no plans to cancel them. Hopefully, they will become a permanent part of the school's activities.

Sports Quiz

by Brian Goldenberg

All answers are names of athletes who attended Santa Clara or Buchser High.

- 1. Quarterback who went on to star at Cal and later in the NFL?
- 2. One of the top lefthanded pitchers in the American League?
- 3. 1980 American League rookie of the year?
- 4. Defensive lineman for Stanford?
- 5. 2 swimmers to win Olympic gold medals (1 male; 1 female)?
- THE STUMPER
- 6. The last Olympian to attend Santa Clara High School?

Contest Corner

by Brian Goldenberg

With the NFL season winding down and the playoffs just a couple of weeks away, the Tribune wants to know what you think. Who will win Super Bowl XXII on January 31 in San Diego? If you think you know, write it down. On your entry, include the two teams who will play for the

championship, the final score, and your name and grade. Deposit entries in the contest box in B-3 and only one "guess" per person. The winner will receive a free pizza. Students and faculty are eligible. Contest ends Friday January 6, 1988.

Answers
1. Steve Bartkowski
2. Buchser, 71
3. Mark Langston, 78
4. Joe Charboneau, S.C.
Eric Volta, S.C. '84
5. Mark Spitz, S.C. '68; Donna Devorona, S.C. '65
Shigeo Ogata, S.C. '78
6. Japan under T.A. '84

German Student Breaking New Ground

by Lan Truong

Heide Pilarczyk is a stranger in a strange land. She is a German posing as an American high school student and is having no apparent trouble or reluctance fitting in.

Not affiliated with an official foreign exchange organization, Heide is part of a private exchange of daughters between two families, her own and the Rosenblads.

Before she came to America, Heide had no real opinion of America and Americans. She had only the awareness that most Germans thought all Americans chewed gum, watched T.V., and drank Coke. The Germans believe the American educational system is too generalized.

Heide has a very definite opinion of America. SHE LOVES IT!

Says Heide, "In Germany, we have no school activities and here we have football and Spirit Week and all this stuff! I love the people. They are very friendly and very open and very helpful. They don't get angry when I have problems with English."

Going to school here has been quite a change for her. Explains Heide, "In Germany, we don't have the same classes every day. The schedule is different each day, but the weekly schedule is the same. We have thirteen subjects each week, not just six."

This school is easy. The tests are easy because of multiple choice and you could (sic) pick and choose which one goes best. In Germany, we only have essay tests and that makes it hard."

A different schedule and test format are not the only changes she has had to endure. She has experienced the delight (stress?) of traveling from class to class. In Germany, the students don't go from room to room, the teachers do.

One change Heide has grown to enjoy is lunch. German schools don't have lunch period, just short breaks of 10-20 minutes between classes. The students usually take this time to socialize and eat a snack, such as bread from home.

For now, Heide is quite content breaking bread in America.



Catching the Spirit

by Melody Pichay

Every year, people around the world celebrate Christmas holidays in their own unique way. While folks here in the United States are busy preparing for this holy festivity, why not take a look at the other side of the globe to find out what is keeping the others busy during Christmas....

Africa: People here leave the cities and spend Christmas in their hometowns. There is midnight mass before Christmas and a nativity play for all to see, while their specialty food, *roast beef*, is served.

Philippines: Midnight masses and traditional carollings are performed 16 days before Christmas. Christmas lanterns, called "parols," are hung on windows as signs of warm welcome for everyone.

Mexico: People here observe the midnight masses and carollings also. Yet, Christmas just wouldn't be complete without their ritual game called "pinata".

Australia: Speaking of being unique, Australians spend

their Christmas at the beach, where the temperature reaches over 100 C! They put up Christmas trees with artificial snow on top.

Sweden: Swiss children, as signs of hope and a new beginning, parade through city streets wearing over-sized miters (hats like bishops wear) to drive away the "evil demons."

France and Italy: Like most Europeans, the center of celebration here is the creche or crib, which is the reenactment of the manger scene.

These are just a taste of what it is like abroad and what to expect at this time of year. Meanwhile, watch out for that mistletoe hanging on the doorway!

by Leslie Shevick

Calling for Crisis

The phone rings, and a comforting voice responds. "Hello, this is the Fashion Crisis Center. May I help you?" Another sobbing girl tells her anguished story.

The Crisis Center receives calls about all kinds of problems. It is the job of the FCC employee to soothe the rattled nerves of both boys and girls, especially tonight.

Tonight is the night of the Christmas Ball. People have anticipated this event since the beginning of the year. This night students are, to put it bluntly, stressed out.

Again the phone rings.

"Hello, Fashion Crisis Center. May I help you?"

A quivering voice responds,

"Yes, I... I need help!"

"Ok," responds the employee,

"first I want you to take some deep breaths. Can you do that for me?"

"Yes," she replies. There are some breathing

noises in the background.

"Now, what exactly is the problem?" he inquires.

"I...I CLASH" she says, with a high pitched whimper at the end.

"That's okay! What is it that clashes?"

"My...my nail polish clashes with my lipstick!" she cries.

"Well," (a pause as the employee mulls over the problem) "wear clear lip gloss!" he says triumphantly.

"OH THANK YOU!" she cries. She makes kissie noises and then hangs up. The counselor rises from his seat and smiles happily. Another disaster has been cleverly averted.

Why would a fashion crisis center be such a necessity? This is a question that is pondered by many, but is comprehended by only a few.

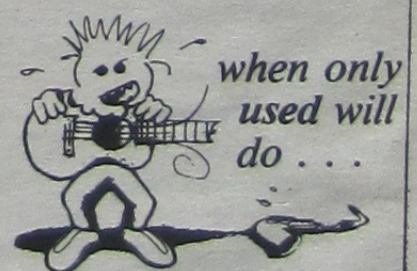
Says Dr. Ruthie, who runs the center, "The teenagers view this evening with the highest

regards. All the time and effort put into it makes the difference. Inquiring for a date, debating about what to wear, finding a new date, wondering if their first date would have been better. All of this is important in the miniature mind of a teen."

Since this clinic is helping those with fashion troubles, students have nothing to worry about.

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WHAT'S UP?

SENIORS . . . are rounding up their candy sales for the Disneyland trip scheduled for the end of May. The estimated cost is \$160. For more information contact Mr. Borrer in B-1 or Jeremy Everett.

JUNIORS . . . start preparing for the SAT now! Sign-up for the test prep sessions offered by San Jose State. For more information call (408) 277-2182. The cost is \$75.

PARTIES . . . The Christmas season is in full swing! Everyone is planning a party, and the foreign language department is no different. It is sponsoring its annual cultural festival on December 18. The Spanish Travel club is also having its own festivities; they are organizing a party for December 22. Members in the French Club are getting into the Christmas spirit by planning a carolling party at a convalescent hospital during Christmas break.

RALLY . . . for basketball and wrestling teams. The rally is scheduled for January 8. But do not wait until then to show your support for these teams - come to the next game! There will be tournaments during Christmas vacation. See the sports page for details.

COMEDY HITS SC . . . when Michael Pritchard visits on January 20. He is a well-known comedian, who was the opening act for the Pope in San Francisco. He will speak at either an assembly for the entire school or a workshop for the school's student leaders. Mr. Adams is still working on the preparations.

DONKEY BASKETBALL . . . is coming on January 27! Faculty and students will battle it out riding high on live donkeys. Stay tuned for details.

WILDERNESS CLUB . . . Some upcoming trips that the club has planned include a whale watching trip in Monterey on January 23 and the sold-out trip to Yosemite that takes place February 15-20. Twenty-four students will enjoy the beautiful park. They will hike to waterfalls, explore caves, and go snow shoeing, cross-country skiing and ice skating at an outdoor rink. They will also have a formal dinner at a first class hotel.

Although Yosemite is sold out, it is not too late to sign up for the whale watching trip or the four day backpacking trip to Pt. Reyes, scheduled for May 27-30. Any student interested should go to the weekly meetings held each Thursday at lunch.

Stealing cont.

suggests students should look at it as an investment and not be afraid to pay a few extra dollars for a quality lock.

In an effort to crackdown on this problem, the administration is dedicated to beefing up security on campus. "We need more security in the locker rooms and halls in order to protect students' rights. Last year we had Tony [Flores] to monitor the halls. We need someone like him around to push kids back in class," says teacher Chuck Kappen. "You'd think they (the students) would be more mature when they got to high school. Values have changed from the 50's and it really makes you wonder about the kids' parents and the type of upbringing."

Colby Rennert, a freshman and recent victim, suggests that the criminals be suspended and possibly transferred because "it's costing people a lot of money." Junior class president Brian Watson comments, "It's

pretty lame," in reaction to the the news of campus burglaries. Watson went on to say that afternoon school is not good enough for offenders. "They should lose school privileges and be put on an activity suspension." He also suggested that wrongdoers pay for damages.

Punishments for stealing include suspension and sometimes transferring the student(s). When a student is caught stealing, the police are called and the parents are notified.

Gifts for Keeps

by Melody Pichay

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the malls - not a minute to spare, not a thing left untouched. People, young and old, roam around in every corner trying to get the perfect presents for friends and relatives.

Trying to grab the perfect gifts at this time of year can be a lot of pain

because of the sky-high prices. It used to be easy to find a store that had almost everything for everybody. Kids of all ages and races are growing up differently and have different interests in life. In other words, to find the right gift for someone is to know that person's special interests.

course, new players, but they need more time and experience to really compete with the caliber of play.

Despite this, Franklin Kim is still confident that the team will pull together. "We can be second, again. I know we can beat Los Altos and Wilcox."

However the team fares, the players can prove their individual mettle on January 30, 1988, in the Andrew Crowley Memorial Tournament. Says Mr. McFarland, the team advisor, "We should do well. We have some good individuals. Jeff Staiman and Franklin Kim should do especially well."

The gift doesn't even have to be expensive - it is the thought that counts. If all these gift-giving ideas fail, the best alternative would be to just stay home and share the happy feeling of this special occasion with family and friends. Christmas does not always mean giving, but also sharing.

Chess Team Reaching from Bottom

by Lan Truong

The S.C. Chess Team is hoping to cross the line between hope and reality. The hope: finishing second in the league. The reality: languishing in the bottom half of the league standings.

This year's team is a far cry from the team of last year, the team which came in second to Fremont, the stronghold of chess champions. The only returning players are Jeff Staiman, Franklin Kim, and

Breathalyze Me

by Richard Lee

Consuming alcoholic beverages during school activities has been one of the biggest problems this year. Fights and conflicts are often caused under the influence of alcohol, but the main concern of the administration is drinking and driving. The school wants students to be able to enjoy themselves during school functions and also to get home safely afterwards.

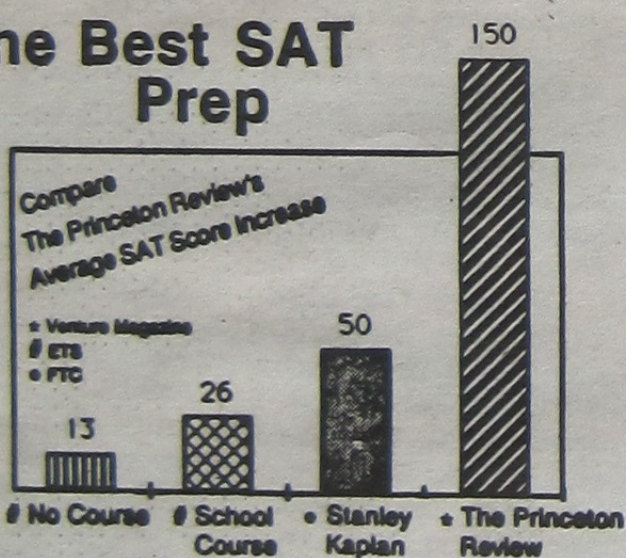
There has been a rumor about the use of a breathalyzer before dances. This system has been successfully used by both Homestead and Monta Vista High schools. When Mr. Adams, Dean of Students, was questioned about this possibility, he replied, "We want the students to have sober fun during dances and games. The school rules must be followed since they are school activities. We want to trust the students' judgment and not be forced to use the breathalyzer."

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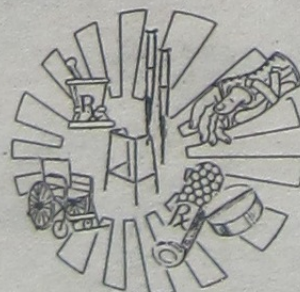
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