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No Tardies Allowed

by Michelle Johnson

Locked doors, no one in the halls, no hall access during class without valid passes, and students in the cafeteria. These situations and many others are the results of the new Tardy Center Policy.

This new policy will not allow students to enter class after the tardy bell rings. All students who are tardy to class are to report to the Tardy Center (the cafeteria) and sign in. Students who are tardy are not allowed to make up missed assignments.

Those students who have an unscheduled class second through fifth periods are also required to report to the Center. Any student who does not sign in will face suspension for defiance. Excessive tardies will result in loss of credits.

Many students here at Santa Clara seem to agree that this new policy "sucks."

Kristie Nathan, a senior, asks questions many would like to know. "Isn't school a place to learn? Isn't that the whole idea? I think it's kind of stupid

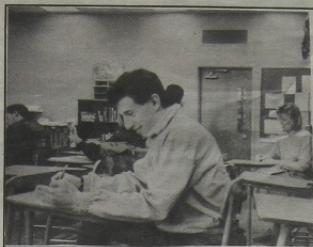
to miss a whole period of class just because you're late by a few minutes."

Another senior, Dianna Gallagher, thinks this new policy is ridiculous. "I hate it! It sucks for 'us' unscheduled people. It's like we're being treated as prisoners! We need a new system, although, the extra minute seems to help."

Even junior Michelle La Frankie does not like it. "Students shouldn't be forced to miss the entire class just because they're a little late. Sometimes students have good reasons for being late. But with this new policy it doesn't matter; you miss the class anyway."

However, teachers seem to like the new policy.

"I can't really say anything, but it seems to be working," Mr. Amaral said when asked about the new policy. The only question asked now is, "How long is this policy going to last?"



Integrity Questioned

Suggestions have students running like "cheat" as

by Leslie Shevick

A new cheating policy is in the works for Santa Clara High students. The reason? Is it because of too many incidents? No, the main reason the policy is being discussed is due to its usage in other high schools, namely one in La Jolla. Vice Principal Pastorini attended a seminar concerning various types of cheating policies.

"The cheating policy had four different categories concerning different types of cheating. It was a comprehensive policy taking everything into accommodation," he says.

He is in favor of an "integrity policy" as he calls it.

"If a student will stoop to cheating now, what will he do later in life?" he says. Both Mr. Pastorini and Mr. Passantino agree that if the students suggested their own policy, it would be considered.

"It's the best way to go," Mr. Passantino added. But how do the students feel about this? Ms. Quail, chemistry teacher at Santa Clara High, uses the "Honor

System" on all of her tests. She trusts her students to report any episodes of cheating. Have any been reported? Yes, there has been some finger-pointing going on. Ending some of her tests are questions about cheating.

"Have you witnessed any incidents of cheating?" Most of the responses were negative. Almost all of the students wrote that they were too busy working on their own tests to notice. "How do you feel about the Honor System? Is it working?" The students emphatically agreed. The Honor System made them feel trusted and responsible.

Teachers should be aware of the problem, but for the most part it's something personal that the students should learn to handle themselves, comments junior Beth Bernhardt.

Senior Marlies Taysman is very concerned about students' rights being violated. "The students lost control on the issue of a tardy policy. We didn't find out until it was too late. We want to make sure the students are consulted seeing as it affects us the most. There is a man, Bruce Badrigian, who had an extremely severe cheating policy. We've shown no need for such a strict rule."

Bruce Badrigian is a high school teacher whose classroom, he says, was full of cheating students. He became fed up and decided

SC Ranks Top 5 in Excellence

by Becky A. Hatch

Santa Clara High School has been selected as a semi-finalist for the Distinguished High School Award and was observed by a group of educators on February 2.

The group of educators' main purpose in visiting Santa Clara's campus was to verify the content of the written proposal made by the teachers

and department chairpersons. Along with our school, four other schools made the semi-finals. They are Homestead, Gunn, Overfelt and Monta Vista.

When all of their visits are complete, the outstanding schools will be announced in April.

Lending a Helping Hand

by Lan Truong

Amnesty International will soon have a chapter at Santa Clara High. At the helm of this local chapter will be senior Oliver Rosenblatt, along with faculty adviser Tim Goode.

Rosenblatt sees this as an opportunity for the students of Santa Clara to put their collective voice to a positive use - to try and free a political prisoner, or "Prisoner of Conscience," from the abuses of censorship and the injustice of jail. The club will attempt this through letters.

A chapter adopts a prisoner and can write him or her only one letter a month. However, there is no limit on writing to government and prison officials. A chapter has the ability to flood a country with letters.

The idea is to focus attention on the prisoner. One piddly little letter can be ignored but thousands of letters are a bit harder to put aside.

But Rosenblatt stresses that the meetings will not be huge letter-writing parties. The overall purpose is to get students more involved in and aware of the world. He sees a need for action, not apathy.

Says Rosenblatt, "These things are things which, if you don't pay attention to now, it'll come back and haunt you in ten or twenty years. I just want the students of Santa Clara to be more aware of what's going on. It's their world too."

Students Receive High Honors

by Michelle Johnson

Last spring twenty-five percent of the top twenty-five percent of students here at Santa Clara took a test in American History and/or Geometry, known as the Golden State Exams.

In the nation only ten percent of the students taking these tests received high honors or highest honors. But here at Santa Clara, eighty-four percent received high

honors in the Golden State Exam for Geometry.

For the American History Exam, eighty-two percent of the Santa Clara students who took it received high honors (top six percent).

American History award winners: Dale Burgham, Alicia Davis, Geraldine del Prado, Alan Jen, and Don Tanaka.

Geometry award winners:

John Bailey, Todd Bernhardt, Robert Buscher, George Chang, Mike Chavez, Mike Cordova, Aaron Crawford, Anthony Guerrero, Don Ha, Eric Hale, Jody Kirk, John MacGregor, Khos Nguyen, Thanh Nguyen, Devin Pruden, Brian Rosenblatt, Erin Tauchimoto, Niana Watson, Karen Willis, and Sam Yi. Congratulations to those high honors award winners!

Tardy Policy: Here to Stay?

by Kyle Cornelius

Student council members have talked to both Mr. Pastorini and Mr. Passantino about the new tardy policy. Student council agrees the policy does work, even though it is not liked by students.

Students with open periods 2-5 dislike it the most. These students must report to the tardy center every day. Although many complaints have been made, the policy will stay the same.

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Losing Our Privileges

by Mr. Privilege

While other seniors in the nation are enjoying their last year in high school, seniors at Santa Clara High are being held prisoners. Where are their senior privileges?

After eleven tedious years in school, the seniors deserve respect and better treatment from the administration. Instead, they are treated as irresponsible people. The few privileges they have are being taken away one by one.

Not long ago seniors could relax on the senior benches during their free periods, but with the new tardy policy sitting on the benches during these times are now prohibited. What are the benches doing there if seniors are not allowed to sit on them?

It would be impossible to give the seniors all the privileges they ask for, but surely some reasonable privileges could be instituted.

Initially, seniors should be

allowed to have their own guaranteed parking spaces. This would not only solve the parking problems but reduce tardies as well. It is about time to give the seniors some "seniority."

In addition, a "Senior Lounge," which would serve as a place to do work, to socialize, to hold senior meetings and to rest, should be allowed. Not only would this provide a private place for the seniors, it would also decrease the amount of people roaming through the corridors during class.

Furthermore, seniors should have the choice of taking their finals. In most cases, finals do not have a tremendous effect on seniors, so why make life difficult for them at the end of the semester?

Although education is important, senior privileges should not be overlooked.

by Joan D. Cerezo

The controversy over the new tardy policy has affected students in many ways. The new policy hammers down on those who are not prompt to class. Students are not allowed in halls to use their lockers during class without a valid pass. Those who have unscheduled periods 2-5 are permanently assigned to the Tardy Center in the cafeteria. No teacher will allow students to enter class after the tardy bell rings.

The one effect students dislike the most is that the

students who report to the Tardy Center are not able to make-up missed assignments or tests.

Here are some quotes from concerned students and teachers:

Chris Balmonte, sophomore, "I disagree with the Tardy Center procedure about the students who are not being able to make-up assignments or tests. It should not effect them. It's not fair."

Tony Lazaro, senior, "It's alright. Everyone is getting to

class on time."

Peter Oh, junior, "It works, but it's too strict. It is hard on those who can't make-up tests. I think high school students are responsible enough to make it to their next class."

Ms. Quail, Chemistry teacher, "I do not like the policy when it gets in the way of my tests."

The overall feeling seems to be mixed. There are some gripes and some commendable agreements about the new policy. Some like it, but do not like the effects.

Slave to the Bell

Ask Blabby

Dear Blabby,

There is a girl, well come to think of it, an extraordinary gal whom I think possesses the most beautiful personality. I have her in one of my classes and I am sure she does not know I am madly in love with her. In time I really want to let her know how I feel. Unfortunately, I don't know when that time will come because I lack the cour-

age to tell her. Can you please give me some suggestions on how to let her know I have feelings for her?

Desperately Seeking
Her Heart

Dear Desperate,

This gal must be special according to your descriptions. First of all since you know her already and have a

established friendship, do not try a pick-up line, just try to invite her to a place where you both are comfortable. Maybe, get a bite to eat, or spend a relaxing day at the beach with some friends you associate with. This can not guarantee her heart, but it could not hurt your friendship if you two do not hit off romantically.

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Putting a Stop to Hunger

 by Lan Truong and
Tanya Machnick

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Live-Aid made us aware of the famine in Ethiopia. Now, one and one-half years later, Ethiopia is on the edge of another famine.

A world-wide organization called The Hunger Project is dedicated to averting this imminent tragedy. The Project is working on the transportation of food and medical supplies to ravaged lands, but this is not possible by goodwill alone.

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This is a chance to make a difference in the world. Why let it slide?



Comedian Wows Santa Clara High

by Leslie Shevick

Students filed into the already cramped boys' gym. They waited in anticipation for comedian Michael Pritchard. Many kids were wondering why he would be speaking.

"There has to be a message here somewhere!"

Actually, there was. Imbedded deeply in his routine, Michael had slipped in a message without anyone noticing. The main point he seemed to be stressing was to learn to make choices in life and

to start living.

His routine was jam-packed with hilarious sound effects, including imitations of various family members, cars passing by and gunfights with his son.

His jokes were mostly centered around families in general, telling how he survived life as the smallest member of his own family. They went from wacky to wild. Everyone could relate to his jokes.

He portrayed his family as go-

thillas and other types of that basic category. He referred to the gay community, and how he supposedly saved someone from major reconstructive surgery.

Michael Pritchard only started his tour of schools here at Santa Clara High. From the incredible response he has received already, it looks like he is on his way!

Celebrating with Class

by Becky A. Hatch

February 3 was a special day for Values and Spanish teacher, Gary Edwards. It was his fiftieth birthday, and he celebrated it with the students in his present classes, alumni from last semester and students from year's past.

Each class period he celebrated with his students. First period surprised him with a cake and a poster-board with students' signatures. They also gave him a mug and a "Values 88" t-shirt. His second period class formed a half-circle and sang "Feliz Cumpleaños" (Happy Birthday in Spanish) in front of a video camera.

Michelle Johnson, senior, commented, "It was cute because at the end of the class we all stood in line and gave him hugs."

Best and Worst of '87

by Kyle Cornelius

Many things happened last year. Liberace and Fred Astaire croaked, the pope paid a visit to America, and Gary Hart got into a bit too much "Monkey Business" when he discovered rice was not that good of a dish. But who cares about that? I think it is about time that I give my year-end awards to the best and worst of 1987.

Best Drama

"The Last Emperor." I still think that kid breast fed way too long.

Best Comedy

There are two winners because both of these highly comic films garnered a laugh or two from my belly. They are Robert Townshand's "Hollywood Shuffle" and "Raising Arizona."

Best Action Film

Arnie loses. Yes, both "Predator" and "The Running Man" were great action films, but Mel Gibson was just too exciting when he took a leak in the great flick "Lethal Weapon."

Best Horror Film

"Hellraiser." A jigsaw puzzle made of a human face. Brilliant, just brilliant.

Worst Drama

This category had no competi-

tion. What film had no story, no acting, dumb dialogue, and a lead actor with the brain of 30 dead moldy banana slug's? Yes, that's right, "Dirty Dancing."

Worst Comedy

"The Squeeze." This film was so bad, it was more interesting listening to the two guys behind me talking lovey dovey to each other.

Worst Action Film

Dang, I actually thought that "Master of the Universe" was going to be the action epic of all times. I was wrong.

Worst Horror Film

A tie. If you wanted to see something that would put coma victims into an even more eternal sleep, you should have seen "Prince of Darkness."

Overrated Film of the Year

"La Bamba." You know that he's going to become a can of SPAM at the end of it. What is the point?

Most Obnoxious Acting in a Film

by Man or Beast
Madonna in "Who's That Girl?" But hey, at least she shaved her armpits.

Concert Update

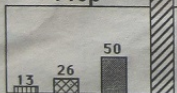
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Soccer Kicks Midseason Slump

by Oliver Rosenblatt

When the Boys Varsity Soccer team lost against Gunn 2-0 on February 12, it determined their placing in the CCS playoffs. The first time the two teams played, the Bruins won. The Boys Varsity Soccer team finished its season with a 7-4-1 record, compared to 2-7-2 last year.

After getting off to a quick 3-0 start, the Varsity Soccer team hit a hard slump, losing their next two games and dropping to 3-2 in league play. The two consecutive losses came in games against Paly and Los Altos, games which Santa Clara dominated and should have easily won. Both games were characterized by sloppy playing and missed opportunities. Goalkeeper Francisco Gomez injured himself during practice and it was unlikely he would return for the remainder of the season.

With a 4-1 romp over league contender Mountain View, and a narrow, but convincing 2-1 victory over Gunn, last year's champion, the Bruins continued this winning streak with an undramatic, almost routine 3-0 shut-out against Milpitas. This streak was led by the outstanding defense by Mark Aldridge, Eric Ferreira and Chris Verna who filled in for the injured Francisco Gomez. Steve Pentecoff scored the go-ahead goal for Santa Clara in each of these games. Eric Parsons and Tony Azevedo took care of the rest of the scoring.

Suddenly, Santa Clara was back in the thick of things, sporting a 6-2 record, one game out of first place. Now the scene was set

for a showdown with first-place Wilcox High.

As the teams sloped onto the rain-wet field at Wilcox it was apparent that neither team would give an inch. After five minutes of play, Steve Pentecoff missed what was to be Santa Clara's biggest opportunity of the day, missing the Wilcox goal by barely a foot.

"It was just unlucky, I guess," he said later.

Both offenses were strong, but both defenses rose to the occasion. The result of this 70-minute brawl was a scoreless tie, which left the Bruins with a 6-2-1 record and one-half of a game out of first place. A few days later, Santa Clara improved this record to 7-2-1 with a 1-0 victory over Paly.

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In their first playoff game, Santa Clara defeated Los Gatos 2-1. Goals were scored by Eric Ferreira and Eric Parsons.

Swimming Resumes at Santa Clara

by Oliver Rosenblatt

On February 1, the Boys Swimming and Diving teams started practicing for this year's season. They were not in the pool, but in the weight room—the pool has a leak and is VERY cold. According to Coach Sutton, the team should be in the water when the students return from Winter Break.

This year's Varsity team will be looking to repeat last year's

successful season in which they were tied for first place in the SCVAL after the dual meets. However, they were limited to third after league finals, in which the lack of depth in the team came into play. On a high note however, the Bruins finished fourth overall in the CCS, beating out their competitors from the SCVAL.

To have another successful sea-

son, this year's team will have the able assistance of last year's mainstays Erik Colvill, David Haile and Jason York from the Santa Clara Swim Club. Also returning to the team this year are Todd Klipfel, Chris Deroset and Oliver Rosenblatt.

This year's season will officially get under way with two non-league matches with Live Oak on March 8 and a spot in the Serra relays on March 19. Coach Sutton hopes to field several strong relay teams for this meet, and seeing what kind of talent he has, this should not be too hard for him. But until then the team will be in the weight room and in the water, making a splash as usual. The SCVAL will be tough again this year, but the Bruin swimmers will rise to the occasion.

Boy Cagers Win Finale: Finish 5-17

by Brian Goldenberg

The Santa Clara boy's varsity basketball team ended its S.C.V.A.L. season on a high note by blowing out Los Altos 74-48. Jeremy Everett and Chris Strunk led the Bruins with 27 and 16 points respectively.

But the 1987-88 season had few high points for Santa Clara. They finished league play with a 2-10 record and 5-17 overall. They fought adversity the whole season but still "tried hard to the end," in the words of Coach Dean Giles. The team's good attitude also kept them going.

Another high point was the Bruins' first league victory, which came against Mountain View by

a score of 37-34. The teams leading scorer throughout the season was Everett, who averaged 18.6 points a game. Rich Narciso and Hank Torres also played well.

Down points for the Bruins included a 33-70 thrashing at the hands of Palo Alto. Sloppy play was characteristic of many of the games. Some even saw some fights, as was case in the second Wilcox game, which the Chargers won 55-48.

As a solution to the difficulties the basketball team had this year, Giles suggested the school, "fire the coach and hire a magician."

Bruins Roaring for '88

by Brian Goldenberg

Last year the Santa Clara High basketball team came close, so close to being in the CCS finals against eventual champs, Belarmine. The heart-breaking 3-2 semifinal loss to Oak Grove is a bitter memory and has left them hungry and determined to make it back to the playoffs, and, this time, win the section championship.

Second year varsity coach, Pat Esposito believes the Bruins have a strong shot at being at the top of the CCS at the end of May. "This year's team is going to be as talented as last year's." Our goal is to go for it all because this is the year it can be done.

It will not be easy for the Santa Clara nine and Esposito, who will be assisted by Esposito's brother, Tom, to duplicate last year's 20-5, 15-3 record. Catcher Matt Marks and shortstop Ralph Madonado, both of whom are now playing at San Jose City College, will be missed from the 1987 Co.S.V.A.L. championship squad.

The '88 Bruins are a talented group that is both versatile and has good depth and will benefit from the experience seniors. Leading the returnees are pitcher Jody Kirk (12 wins and only 1 loss in two years at S.C.), pitcher-outfielder John Kern (380 avg. in '87), and shortstop Tom Nicoscia (.280). Other standouts are Al Benavidez and Steve Blanchette. Top newcomers include infielder Troy Sper-

ling and catcher Marc Wilkinson.

Pitching, defense, and offense are all strong points for Santa Clara this year. The pitching staff is led by Kirk and Kern, who will be supported by some other talented arms. Benavidez, Kern, Sam Hernandez, and Ken Evans combine speed, strong arms, and heads-up play to be what Esposito feels is, "one of the best outfielders in the league." The left side of the infield is also solid with Nicoscia at short and Blanchette holding down the hot corner.

On offense, the power will be supplied by Benavidez, Evans, Kern, and Sperling, while Nicoscia will be a good solid hitter. Benavidez will also be a top base stealing threat.

Another factor that will be a strong point for the Bruins this year is the improvement in coaching. Last year Esposito had difficulty controlling his players at times, but this year, "Coach Esposito has developed a hard-headed attitude that will help the team immensely," according to Jody Kirk. Kern also added that the coach has more confidence in himself and has a better grasp of what he is doing.

The Bruins began their season last Saturday when they played Santa Teresa at Washington Park. As far as strategy goes, Esposito wants to, "take one game at a time and make sure everybody knows what the goal is (to win CCS)."

Inconsistency Plagues Girls' Basketball

by Richard Lee

A once promising season for the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team is plagued by injuries and inconsistency. A couple of losses could have been avoided had the team demonstrated more teamwork.

"We're playing inconsistent and without confidence," stated Coach Meyer. Shooting a mere twenty-five percent from the floor and turning the ball over more than they could afford, Coach Meyer decided to slow

things down. They will concentrate more on ball handling in the future.

Going to the play-offs seems hopeless to the team, so the team is looking toward next season. The team will lose much of its height from the graduating seniors. Fortunately, Erin Tsuchimoto, Gloria Nevarez, Lisa Monzon, and Lisa Wallace, who started this season, will return next year.

of the entrants thought the 49ers would beat Denver, and five others predicted San Francisco would beat Cleveland. Because there was no winner no one will get the coveted prize of a free pizza. Better luck next year.

No Dice, No Pizza

Sorry folks, there was no winner in the Super Bowl contest. Of the 13 entries received, no one predicted the Washington Redskins would romp over the Denver Broncos 42-10. No one even predicted the Redskins would make it to San Diego. Nine

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