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SC "ladies" pucker up for judges



photo by Don Tanaka

DURING the Miss SC pageant on May 4 and 5 (left to right) Chris "Christina" Strunk, Robert "Martini Fetteccini Linguini" Cassanovas, Chris "Greedy Gretchen" De Cremer, Peter "Latta Goo" Postlewait, James "Rhonda Goodwrench" Laden and Greg "Juanita" Sylvia show what they have to offer in the swimwear competition.

Changes stirring for next year

Benton Street divider is only one of the many changes for 1989

by Lan Truong

Next school year is not just another year. Santa Clara High will be instituting many new changes.

For one thing, school will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:34 p.m. because of a district busing schedule. All freshmen, sophomores and juniors will have to take six classes. Seniors, by state mandate, must take five classes.

Economics, by state mandate, will be a requirement for graduation and psychology will no longer be taught.

In addition, the music department will have two full-time teachers; one to handle the band and orchestra and the other to teach the various choirs. One of the teachers will be paid for by a generous Hewlett-Packard grant. Hewlett-Packard, incidentally, is also paying for a music teacher at Wilcox High School.

Members of Student Council and of the Spirit Commission may be required to take a new Leadership Class. This class will be the nucleus of the student government. Access to this class will be by invitation because it has a mere forty spaces. It will be headed by Rod Adams and Mary Kindig.

The future of the dreaded afternoon class is uncertain. Its survival depends on whether the school can come up with the necessary finances to support it.

Several equipment purchases are on the agenda, including fifty typewriters, ten sewing machines and some IBM clone-type computers. The computerization of the library will also continue.

An expansion of the sports program is also planned. Santa Clara will be recruiting three new coaches. One will be working with the football team and the second is a paraprofessional for weight training (in other words, this coach will look after the weight room and work with weight-training enthusiasts). The placement of the third coach is still tentative.

Mr. Rod Adams, assistant principal, hopes to involve the school in more community service activities and furthermore hopes to incorporate more student recognition programs.

Sustained Silent Reading (SSR), though under criticism as pointless and a waste of time, will still be a part of school life. The District Board wants the program continued and besides, says Principal Charles Passantino, "I think it's a good opportunity for kids to slow down and read something they like."

The English staff is currently working on a proposal to insure that students read books, not newspapers or magazines during SSR.

Because of the jams caused by vehicles waiting for a chance to turn exit left, Benton Street will have a cement divider installed. In the future, cars may only turn right onto Benton Street.

The parking situation will also continue to change. The infamous poles will divide the main lot; students get the far section, teachers will receive the entire near section. All other parking sections will remain the same.

Also under consideration is the possibility of issuing student parking permits. This, however, is wholly tentative.

Contrary to a popular rumor, the senior benches are not being dumped. The administration sees no problem with them, and Mr. Passantino hopes that future seniors will get together and keep up the tradition of painting them.

Santa Clara is also facing a rash of teacher retirements and relocations. John Dalton, will be retiring as will John Pleasant and Warren Dunn and Julian Julian have already retired.

In addition, Olga Luncford and Sal Burriesci will be teaching at the junior high school level. Bob Amaral will be returning next year to teach for the first semester and will then retire.

However, despite the amount of teachers leaving, a new unidentified math teacher will be joining the staff of Santa Clara next year part-time.

The controversial tardy center will still function. The administration is satisfied the amount of reduced tardies.

Furthermore, a new cheating guideline is to be introduced by next year's Student Council. Says Passantino, "It's not a policy because a policy denotes strict rules. I like to call it a Code of Honesty among students, a set of guidelines to keep by."

However, despite the many possible changes, pending School Board elections, held this fall, may alter the present and future policies in this district.

SC wins award for performance

by Richard Lee

Santa Clara High School shall be recorded into history as one of sixty-two high schools recognized as California Distinguished Schools of this year on June third of the year nineteen hundred eighty-eight.

"I'm proud of the educators and students who have been working hard to respond to the public's demands and expectations for our schools," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig.

"It is important to take the time to acknowledge their efforts and accomplishments. This recognition serves not only as a reward for achievement, but as motivation for other schools to strive for excellence," commented Honig.

Out of more than 800 competing high schools, a group of 120 were nominated based on indicators such as California Assessment Program (CAP) scores, Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores and student enrollment in academic courses

in the fall of 1987. Once nominated, the schools wishing to apply had to complete an application.

English teacher and SIP coordinator Marcia Skuse sacrificed a substantial amount of time to complete the application which provided information about instructional practices, staff development, curricular, school activities and student achievement.

After the application was reviewed, Santa Clara High, a semi-finalist, received a site visitation from the state and local educators.

Representatives from each school will be invited to the June 3 awards ceremony. Corporate leaders, state and national legislators, the State Board of Education are only a few who will participate in the ceremony.

Other award recipients in the county are Gunn, Monta Vista, Mt. View and Overfelt High Schools.

Seniors must take finals

by Leslie Shevick

One of the major questions on both teachers' and students' minds today is whether or not the seniors will be made to take finals. Two seniors, Anthony Butler (president of the senior class) and Tanya Machnick (senior class representative) presented their opinion to Mr. Passantino.

On June 9 the seniors will be told whether or not they have successfully passed their courses. Finals are planned for the week of June 15.

"By the time that you take finals, you already know whether or not you will be graduating. The finals would be irrelevant," comments Tanya.

Mr. Passantino agreed with them, and then took his decision to the department heads. "Finals should be given if there is a purpose. If there is no purpose, they shouldn't be given."

However, the department heads disagreed. Their decision was that it was a valuable experience for the seniors to take

finals before college.

One option that teachers may consider is to give their finals to the seniors before June 9. One teacher highly in favor of this is Mr. Quill, chemistry teacher. Her plans are to give the tests to all of her students before June 9.

The students have a different view of mandatory finals. Comments freshman Beverly Mcarville, "I don't think that the seniors should have to take finals because all of their other privileges have been taken away. They should be able to relax now."

"I don't think that we should have to take them because Mr. Passantino mentioned when he came to this school that we wouldn't. I think it should be up to the student," says senior Renee Huff.

Junior Shirley Woo thinks that "It's their last year, they deserve a break. I don't think they should take them."

For this year, seniors appear to be stuck with finals as they, however, be different next year.

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Committed students deserve applause

It is not often that the faculty allows a student to have a major say in the planning of a major school event. It is even less often that a student is actually in charge of such a major event. But in this year's En Soiree such a rarity has finally happened. With Mr. Kornder gone, Tricia Wiertel has shouldered the awesome responsibility of bringing over 25 acts to the stage in a very short time.

Tricia and her staff and crew, notably Jerry Cintas, are to be commended for the excellent job they are doing. Rehearsals are running smoothly and a great show is beginning to take shape. By sacrificing their time and making an enormous effort, the crew has made possible what at the outset looked to be a very shaky venture, due to lack of student and faculty support. By making such a great effort, Tricia has continued the tradition of great Santa Clara High School talent and variety shows.

Though the superb organizing of Mr. Kornder was a hard act to follow, Tricia and her crew, assisted by Mrs. Johnson, have done so admirably and with a great feel for the show. So when you go to see the En Soiree this year, remind yourself of the fact that a student has made this all possible and that she and her tireless helpers deserve all the applause they will be given on opening night, May 19.

Parking poles have school seeing red

Many things seem to happen here on campus without the knowledge of the Student Body. One of these things is the newly installed parking poles. The argument against these poles is that the poles only add to the traffic by moving the congestion from one exit to the other.

These poles were installed in the front parking lot, located on Benton Street, during spring break. The main reason for these poles was to control the parking flow and for safety.

The only thing that the poles have accomplished is moving the congestion of exiting from two exits to one. There seems to be no improvement with the congestion of parents waiting afterschool to pick up their children or teachers parking in student parking areas.

If the administration wanted to control the traffic they have not accomplished this by a long shot. In fact, it seems to have had the opposite effect. There just seems to be less student parking and more teacher parking which is rarely full.

With the addition of the parking poles, congestion has only gotten worse. If the administration had forewarned the Student Body may have had a different reaction.

Santa Clara High garners top award

Santa Clara High School was recently honored as a California Distinguished School for 1988. Santa Clara joined sixty-two other high schools throughout the state who were honored as recipients of the award from the State Department of Education headed by Superintendent of Public Instruction, Bill Honig.

The awards are given every two years to recognize schools who have provided quality programs and whose students have made great achievements in these programs. SAT scores also play an important role in determining what schools receive the awards.

In distinguishing a school, the Department of Education recognizes the hard work and care of the staff and students of Santa Clara High School exemplified during the 1986-87 school year. The establishment of student-centered programs has helped propel the Bruins into an elite class of secondary institutions.

Successful programs here at Santa Clara that figured in the final decision include: student recognition, school improvement, learning styles seminar (a program dealing with potential dropouts) and even afternoon class.

The overall efforts of the faculty and students have combined to produce an achievement to be shared by all. This award is one we can all be proud of and gives the school added prestige and respect.

The extraordinary efforts teachers and students have expended in providing quality education has made us deserving of congratulations. So pat yourself on the back, S.C., you've done well.

ASB lacks fair say in student related matters

by Michelle C. Shonk

"You bet your ASB!" proclaimed slogans supporting Keven Bennett. But is he really the one to make things happen at Santa Clara High next year? Last year the students thought Anthony Butler was their man. Is it the candidate or the system that is lacking?

Apparently it is the system. Whenever a controversial issue comes up students can be overheard saying, "Student Council is doing nothing!" But is this really the case?

"It's hard to say," comments Butler, ASB President, about next year's officers. According to Butler, the resources are limited in the things they can accomplish.

Why, then, hasn't the Student Body seen any results? Butler questions, "How can we represent the students when we don't really have a say in things? We listen to opinions, gripes, complaints but it doesn't seem as if a change is being made."

Ideally, the interaction that occurred between Student

Council and the Administration was during the tardy policy situation.

On the other hand, the Administration has not always been as considerate as it was with the tardy policy. In some instances, it is as if informing Student Council is an afterthought, as in the case of the senior benches.

Despite the strong leadership Mr. Adams has provided, communication is weak. He acts as a "good mediator" and is "really pushing for the students," but obviously more interaction between students and faculty is a must.

According to Mr. Pastorini, he doesn't often think of the students because he doesn't directly work with them (Student Council). Maybe that is the whole problem: the students are not thought of or included in some decisions.

Student Council should be informed far in advance of any new policy that affects the students. The Administration and the Student Council should decide what

types of concerns in which the Council can have a say.

For instance, issues directly related to student privileges, like the senior benches and finals, should be related to Student Council so that they may respond, and leave the others, such as the tardy policy, the parking poles and other disciplinary actions, to the sole discretion of the Administration.

Furthermore, it should be specifically agreed upon that the Administration will notify Student Council of any possible changes that will affect the students.

Student Council is the link between the Administration and the Student Body. If that link breaks, what do the students have left? Not much.

Next year's Student Council, led by Kevin Bennett, will have a tough time getting some of the things they want. Maybe Bennett and the rest of the officers need to get their heads out of the clouds and face reality. Don't make promises you can't deliver.

Put ceiling on election spending

by Oliver Rosenblatt

In the last week and a half before the ASB elections, all candidates began to campaign quite vigorously, putting up posters, flyers, and the like. Some campaigned more than others, most notably Kevin Bennett, who ran for, and subsequently won the office of ASB President.

Bennett had T-shirts made up, which were worn by his numerous supporters. The school lockers were all but inundated with "Bennett for President" flyers.

"Bennett for President" was rubber stamped onto a "Watson for President" poster, which might be considered an example of campaign smear tactics. Otherwise it was a fair race, until you begin to compare the amount of campaign spending by each candidate.

While Brian Watson spent almost nothing on his campaign, and therefore had only limited influence on the Student Body, Kevin Bennett

poured almost exorbitant amounts of money (donated by family members) into his campaign. Thus, he gained much more publicity.

While there is nothing to be said against campaigning, some sort of spending limit should be imposed on student elections.

The reason that a spending limit should be imposed is that it is not fair to those with only limited funds available to them to have their opponent win basically on name recognition, and maybe not on merit. Not everybody can afford to have T-shirts printed up, to make zillions of copies, to make enough posters for every school wall.

Since students in high school hardly vote based on merit anyway, it gives the person with less campaign spending even more of a disadvantage because people will automatically vote for a name they recognize. If the candidate's name appears at

every corner, it is almost assured that he will win, no matter what his or her qualifications are.

I feel that a \$150 spending ceiling for all ASB elections and a \$75 spending ceiling for all grade level elections, is more than adequate. This would assure that those wanting to make a real "statement" about themselves could still do so in a reasonable manner.

Also, those with limited funds wouldn't drown in their opponent's propaganda.

A spending ceiling would not make all campaigning impossible, it would just make it more reasonable. In order for any election to remain democratic, it is essential that all candidates be given an equal opportunity to present themselves to the public. It is important that one is not more visible because he or she has more money.

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COMMENTARY

Letters to the editor

"Your paper deserves better . . ."

Dear Editors:

The March 18 issue of *The Bruin Tribune* included a front page article on Jeff Staiman, "the only student in the Santa Clara Unified School District" to become a National Merit Scholarship finalist. You specifically mentioned Wilcox as lacking a finalist. Not so. Wilcox High School boasts not one but two National Merit finalists, Doug Alder and Tony Pham.

To preserve the integrity of your paper, please advise your reporters to research the facts next time before you publish a front page story.

In addition, I found Kyle Cornelius's article on Oscar nominees highly offensive. I realize he may have been feebly imitating the writing style of "Joe Bob Briggs," the notorious drive-in movie critic, but

he hasn't the wit nor the talent to pull it off. He writes, "We see enough goofy looking naked people for those commercials of starving Africans." Yup, people dying from hunger is a real knee slapper all right.

Cornelius also demonstrated his ignorance when he asked, "Who would name their kid Pu Yi?" This would be mildly offensive if it weren't so laughably inane. Someone in China might say, "What idiot would name their kid 'Kyle'?"

Please, your paper deserves better than Cornelius's cheap shots at women, Asians, and world hunger.

Lisa Chen
Wilcox High School

Please note that a correction regarding the National Merit Scholarship finalists was made in the April 15, 1988 edition of *The Bruin Tribune*.

The Editor

Losing out on Prom

by Joni Thissen

One day I was informed of some drastic news — chicken for dinner at the Prom. Why chicken? Well, it seems that it is the only selection on the meal ticket at this year's Prom. This is what got me thinking about the decisions Santa Clara students do not get to make. First, it was the tardy policy. Now it's the Prom. What are they trying to do, bring Russia to Santa Clara High?

For years I've been dreaming of the Prom. I dreamed it would be a special night, at a special restaurant with only seniors — no juniors. But no, my dream was shattered by the decisions of others. I think that as seniors we should get to make all the decisions concerning our Prom.

It seems the only people who get any say in the matter are the administrators and the student council. If we can have a school vote for things like cheerleaders, then it would be nice to have a senior vote regarding the Prom. Why should a small group of people get to make the choices for the entire junior and senior classes?

That is the first thing that really bugs me about the Prom — the juniors. Why do they have to be included anyway? Can't they wait until next year? The seniors consider this a special night and most would like to make it a senior activity only. This way, the juniors may have their

own Prom with their class or save it for their senior year so it is more memorable.

This year's Prom theme is "The Time Of My Life," from the movie "Dirty Dancing." Did I have any say in that matter? No. Most schools, such as Gunderson High, hold a senior vote and not just the people who had time to attend Student Council meetings.

The next thing that hogs my hooter is the choice of dinner at the Prom. The problem: there is no choice. It is chicken. Now if we had the chance to go out to dinner, we could order what we want at the restaurant we want, whether it's expensive, romantic or just plain unusual.

The last thing that really bothers me is the Disc Jockey. I admit that a lot of people like KSOL, but it is definitely not the number one station of the senior class. Even KWSS would be slightly better to dance to.

If I were to choose, I would pick KSCU not to say they are much different than KSOL or KWSS. I observed them at the Christmas Ball and they played the same songs we always hear at our school. You'd think they would play some of the ordinary songs, but the "Fishbone" I requested three times was never played.

I hope that for next year's seniors and seniors to come will make some serious adjustments to make their money worth it.

Amnesty International works

When first I heard of Amnesty International I thought *Oh no, another prententious, money-grubbing, good cause organization.*

It was on MTV, I think, that I saw an A.I. commercial. A long one, as far as commercials go. Various celebrities and released "prisoners of conscience" appeared on the screen telling whoever might bother to listen to commercials a little bit about A.I. The two concepts that filtered through the other bits of praise and people were the letter writing and "prisoners of conscience."

With that commercial I first became aware of the imprisonment and frequent torture of people because of their political or religious beliefs. The idea of sending letters to governments to protest torture and unjust imprisonment intrigued me, but simply sending letters did not seem enough. Thinking it to be a wonderful idea, I dismissed it as ineffective.

Enter Santa Clara High. Later, I've learned of a chap-

ter of A.I. has been established here. Remembering the commercial I had seen, I thought that perhaps I could learn more.

It seemed to be common sense to do all I could to help another person out of inhumane conditions. I began asking chapter advisor Tim Good more about A.I., and learned that it is effective; the amount of letters sent to one government can help.

And now I have unofficially joined our chapter. I have already written and sent several letters and have become involved in explaining A.I. and passing out information to students here and at De Anza College. I no longer doubt A.I.'s effectiveness.

Recently, our chapter sent three letters to the West Bank. They had cut off all supplies to the village Kabatiya, dependent on the West Bank. Today we received word that supplies are again being sent to the village, influenced by A.I. letters.

Matthew Estrada

"Do we really need to prove our academic proficiency . . ." again?

"No finals in '88," votes senior Jody Kirk and 155 other seniors in the May 6 "Yes or No to Senior Finals" poll. All 156 seniors surveyed believe that seniors should not take finals and only one out of 156 believes that seniors should be given finals, regardless of their grade in the class.

Three teachers answered they would give their senior students finals this year, even if given a choice, while three other teachers replied seniors would have to take finals only under certain conditions.

Regardless of this overwhelming opposition to finals, however, the department heads intend to enforce the policy requiring all students to take finals, including seniors.

Yet seniors expected not to have to take finals because Wilcox's former principal, Charles Passantino, did not require senior finals at Wilcox.

The above results were obtained from a poll which consisted of two parts: a teacher opinion question, and a student section of a yes/no and an opinion question. Also, seniors who wanted to express their opinions were allowed to do so in the comment section.

Some reasons received for why seniors should not have

to take finals include: "After 12 years of school, do we really need to prove our academic proficiency one more time?" — Tanya Machnick.

"Finals do not show what the student has learned anyway. One has to cram for it whether one is doing good in the class or not." — Chris Nielsen.

"If the grade is fine, leave it alone!" — Alicia Davis.

If teachers are given a choice, however, not all want to give finals. Some say they will administer finals second semester only. Others will give finals, but allow seniors to take the exam early.

Reasons for why teachers give finals vary. One teacher believes it is a good review. Another teacher says, "I need to know (if) they've been mentally present this semester."

I sympathize with both sides on this issue. Many seniors believe they should get a break before another four years of education, and teachers believe seniors need to keep a standard in order to do well in college.

Although there appears to be no change concerning the senior finals policy for this school year, I think the administration should consider finals optional for next year.

Ask Blabby

Dear Blabby,

I have a problem and I don't know what to do. I think I'm starting to care more about one of my friends. He has always been there for me and I for him.

Recently I've become jealous with the girls he's been seeing. Sometimes, I just wish he would see me as he does those other girls. I'm tired of being treated as one of the guys. I don't want to ruin the friendship we have, but I want more. Help!

Green eyes

Dear Green eyes,

Since you are good friends with this guy, do not jeopardize your friendship for something that may not last. You probably have a better friendship with him than the other girls could ever hope for.

He may see you as his special friend, one to laugh and to cry with, but see the other girls as mere acquaintances. What more could you want?

Some girls do not even have friends of the opposite sex that are there for them. Be glad the two of you are even close friends. You have a great friendship that is not worth risking and possibly losing.

Dear Blabby,

There's this guy in one of my classes that I've started to like a lot, but I don't know if he likes me. We talk and laugh together and sometimes I see him look at me kind of funny. Does that mean he likes me too?

We'll sometimes sit in class and look at each other with a mutual laughter in our eyes or we'll just sit and stare at each other. Sometimes, though, I get so nervous I can't even look him in the eyes or even talk to him. He notices, and always asks me what's the matter. I'm too scared to tell him I like him, but I'd like to have the chance to really get to know him.

Hopelessly helpless

Dear Helpless,

There seems to be a magical chemistry between you both by your actions. If you have the curiosity, ask him what he is doing this coming weekend. If he is not busy, invite him to the movies.

Don't be shy him because he might be thinking the same thing. You never know what might happen, but if you don't try you might regret not ever asking.

So stop drooling and get into action to become better acquainted with him!

Dedicated students keep En Soiree tradition alive

by Becky A. Hatch

Make plans to attend this year's talent and variety show, the En Soiree on May 19 and 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets should be bought in advance because seating is limited and has been known to sell out in the past.

The show features a wide variety of bands, playing music ranging from love songs to medium rock to "wild drums."

Paula Branco, winner of several regional awards, will dance. The Bruinettes have put together a number to "One" from "A Chorus Line." Kristy Johnston and Anthony Butler will sing some of their favorite songs.

The band "Jade" will also be featured. Masters of Ceremony Jeremy Everett and Don Tanaka are working on their own ideas for the "fillers."

For the first time in the history of the En Soiree, the show is being directed by a student—senior Tricia Wiertel.

Tricia has not found her job directing the technical crew, led by Jerry Cintas, or the cast of sixty performers too difficult because Mr. Kornder, former director of the show, left notes that included how to organize the show and how the weekly production should progress. "It gets easier everyday," commented Wiertel.

The show was off to a late start due to the loss of Mr. Kornder. At first it was impossible to get a teacher to take his place, but because of the dedication of the students and teachers, the tradition of the En Soiree lives on.

Mr. Adams, a newcomer to this continuing tradition, has enjoyed producing the show. "I was interested to see people who are so musically talented," he commented.

With the loss of two weeks practice time, the performers and the technical crew have had to

work hard at putting the show together on time. The auditions had to be completed in four days with no call-backs. Mrs. Johnson, the show's coordinator, is pleased with the "great attitudes among the performers and their willingness to cooperate and work together."

Not only is the En Soiree an opportunity for many talented students to perform, but it is also an opportunity for students to acquire training in sound, lighting, producing and directing.

Many students consider the En Soiree to be an integral part of being a Bruin and would hate to see it die. However, this may be the last chance to see the talent that some of the fellow students possess. Student should make an effort to attend the En Soiree this year to support those who have dedicated so much time and effort into making the En Soiree a success.

Local dance clubs heat up nightlife

by Joni Thissen

What? No parties? What are we going to do now? Go dancing? But where?

If this sounds like a typical conversation that comes up every weekend, read on to find out about the various dance clubs in the area.

ESSEX - located in the El Paseo Shopping Center on the corner of Saratoga and Campbell Avenues, across from Westgate. For ages 18-20 it is five dollars to get in and seven dollars for 21 and over. ID is required. Essex is open from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"The best nights to go are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays because many people go on those nights and have the most fun," says senior Lynn Thomas.

MOTHERS - located on Stevens Creek and Lawrence Expressway. It is for 16 to 21 year olds. The cost is five dollars and the music is mostly top 40 and soul. The dance floor is not very big but there is a place to get a breath of fresh air.

"Mothers is the best place to go. It plays cool music and the women are hot!" says James Laden.

ONE STEP BEYOND - located on Martin Street in Santa Clara. The price is seven dollars to get in. The age limit is 17 years old or over with ID. The music is a little more modern, but the scenery is a bit plain. One Step Beyond has fashion shows in the daytime on Saturdays and Sundays and evening concerts during the week.

by Kyle Cornelius

I have a dream. A dream that at this year's Prom none of that vile rock and roll or soul music will be played and that only the wholesome tunes of the Benny Goodman Orchestra will be played. I have a dream, that... I better stop because when one very famous person spoke of his dreams he got a head wound instead of getting his wishes granted.

I am king of the movie-going public at Santa Clara High. I see and know all. So I feel that it is my duty to inform the public of a change in theatre prices. Starting Friday, May 13, at the Century 21-24 and Century Town and Country theatres the

A little further up the coast in San Francisco are four other exciting clubs that are well worth driving that extra mile.

VORTEX - located on California Street in Palo Alto. The cost is five dollars for 18 and over with ID. On Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and Mondays (in the summer) it is also open for 14-18 year olds. The music is modern rock and there are video screens, fashion shows and live bands.

PALLADIUM - located on Broadway Street in San Francisco. The Palladium is a dance club for 18 year olds with ID. It opens from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and it has three small dance floors. The music ranges from rap to heavy soul.

THE DASS - located on Fulton Street in San Francisco. The cost is eight dollars and it is open from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., Wednesday to Sunday nights. You must be 18 to get in and ID is needed. The music is mostly modern rock with a little soul. They have frequent fashion shows and on Saturdays, there are reggae music videos.

CLUB X - located on Fourth Street in San Francisco. It costs five dollars to get in with ID for people 18 years or older. Club X is open from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. and plays modern music. It features video screens and a two level dance floor.

"Club X is a great place to go if you want to be yourself and have fun!" comments Julie Austin, senior.

Shows cost more dough

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I am king of the movie-going public at Santa Clara High. I see and know all. So I feel that it is my duty to inform the public of a change in theatre prices. Starting Friday, May 13, at the Century 21-24 and Century Town and Country theatres the

price of a general admission ticket will be raised from the current price of \$5.75 to \$6. The cost of a ticket for a junior will go up to \$5 from current price of \$4.75.

This price may seem ridiculous to many, but I find it to be very reasonable. With the prices of making motion pictures increasing, and the cost of living getting higher and higher this move is very logical. It is also convenient since in the next three weeks "Willow," "Crocodile Dundee 2" and "Rambo 3" will be released.

Remember, you have been warned in advance of the new price change. You heard it here first... from the king.

49er's star shines in Bay Area



photo courtesy of Brian Goldberger

RONNIE LOTT has made himself one of the most successful 49ers both on and off the field.

by Brian Goldberger

San Francisco 49er Ronnie Lott "is the closest thing humanly possible to a heat seeking missile," according to former Washington Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann.

Lott is both a well respected athlete and person. He is one of the best defensive players in football. He is known for his aggressive play and his bone-jarring hits.

Lott has been an all-pro six out of his seven years in the NFL and has been an instrumental part of the 49ers' two world championships. He has been a leader by example and has provided his teammates with motivation and inspiration.

As a resident of Santa Clara, Ronnie Lott is a recognizable and influential person in the community. He likes to get involved with kids. "I want to see them do well.

Through motivational speaking I can talk to [kids] about bettering themselves. Hopefully, I can influence them to work hard in school and do the right things," says the six foot, two hundred pound defensive back.

"It's so easy not to get involved, but all it takes is a little time and effort," he states.

In dealing with fans, Lott is not bothered by the attention he gets when he goes out. "I just talk to the people. I'm a fan too. I'm an armchair quarterback. I'm just getting there a little slower than most people."

With his football success, doors in the business world have opened up. Lott has numerous investments and owns real estate throughout the Santa Clara Valley.

One of his most successful ventures is The Sports City Cafe, a

restaurant located in Cupertino. He is an owner along with several other 49ers, but does not occupy himself with it too much. "I try to get involved with them, but I have my responsibilities towards football. I am mainly a part-time owner or limited or general partner."

When he first came to the Bay Area in 1981 as the 49ers' number one draft choice, Lott was looking for a place to live. He chose Santa Clara because he wanted to be different. "I didn't want to have to deal with football players the rest of my life. I know that... being exposed to other areas and other people would enhance my life, which it has."

Also, Lott chose the Mission City for the comfortable feeling he gets from the community. "It's more low key here [than in the city] and I enjoy the down to earth people," says Ronnie.

As a child growing up in Rialto, in the southern part of the state, Lott did it all. He played football, basketball, baseball and ran track.

In his senior year of high school, he was offered numerous football scholarships from colleges ranging from the Midwest to the West Coast. Lott chose USC, not only for its academic program, but for its strong standards too. "I knew if I graduated from there, it would give me the opportunity to prosper in other areas."

He went with football because "That's what everybody said I was the best at. I didn't want to play football. I wanted to play basketball. It's turned out pretty well. I don't have any regrets. I just wish I had a jump shot," said the easy going Lott, jokingly.

When he was in high school, Ronnie held a summer job with the City digging weeds out of the streets. When he wasn't working, he found other ways to make money. Odd jobs like cutting lawns and selling lemonade

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PAULA BRANCO AND MATT YETKA share fame as they lean against each other in the quad. Current Song Girl, Paula hopes to go to college and then open her own dance studio. Matt wants to continue pursuing a career in music while going to college.

"Moonwalk" bores, Terence D'Arby roars

by Kyle Cornelius

Whoa. The Prom is here. And I don't have a date. It's just as well, though. If I asked just one teenage babe, all the other young bimbos' hearts would be broken because it is widely known that I am the teenage Patrick Swayze.

Women surround me all the time, salivating on my feet. Yes, all of you vivacious Santa Clara High vixens, I am talking about you. But rejoice. I have decided to take one of you under my wing. But so that no blood is shed in catfights between you, I will pick one of you in a democratic way.

As King Kamehameha day approaches, slave girls, your greatest nightmare has come to life.

Terence Trent D'Arby. I remember a few months ago when no one was listening to him. I was though. I was listening to this unknown because I wanted to hear the music of a guy who said he got into rock and roll so he could "get laid." But it was not cool at the time to listen to him.

Then all of a sudden somebody discovered his music was good, and everybody jumped on the bandwagon. No problem. Go

ahead, listen to his music and watch his videos. But I saw him live at the Fillmore on May 1.

Backed by his eight member band, "The Bojangles," TTD put on an electrifying show. From the opening notes of "Jumping Jack Flash" until the ending of his version of "Under My Thumb," no one could take their eyes off him.

He was music personified. He was hot, he was cool, he made the bimbos drool. It was the greatest concert I have ever seen and will probably ever see.

Currently, in stores is Michael Jackson's book "Moonwalk."

It is a book about his life and how it started out with a little strife. But Tito learned to play the guitar and their glory days were not far. Then the world came alive for the kids in matching polyester, The Jackson 5.

Jackson tries to convince us that his life is sad. It is this book, not his album, that should be called "Bad."

Seniors recognized for artistic talent

by Joan Cerezo

When this year's senior class voted for superlatives in the category for the most talented seniors Paula Branco and Matt Yetka came to mind.

Paula Branco has been involved in dancing for fourteen years. She got her start at the age of three when she was walking by a dance studio with her grandmother. She cried until her grandmother took her inside and signed her up.

She started with jazz and tap, then later took up ballet and acrobatics. "This was all after I changed companies. Now I don't take ballet anymore, but I am still working hard with the other three types of dance," remarked Paula.

Now, Paula teaches younger children and people of her own age at Mary Ann's Dance Company. Later, she hopes to open up her own studio if she does not make it professionally on Broadway.

"My life has been very busy and stressful, but without dancing I don't know what I would do. The best part is the performance because I love to entertain a crowd," Paula expressed.

She has dance for Mary Ann's Dance Company for eleven years, but she plans to go to De Anza for two years. She hopes to transfer to Santa Clara University with a

scholarship in dance arts.

Claiming fame along with Paula is Matt Yetka. He has been playing the drums for six and a half years. He enrolled in his first lesson on his twelfth birthday.

Matt's motivation started when his next door neighbor started playing the drums, which is when he decided to play pots and pans in the back yard as a little kid. From that time on he has wanted to play the drums.

"Drumming has giving me a lot of self-confidence, a chance to meet a lot of people and most of all it's given me a dream," Matt repeated.

He has been in a band for a year and three months, but recently the band broke up. "I haven't been looking for a band because I am currently taking lessons from Jimmy Degrosso, the drummer of Y&T (the rock group). He has shown me a lot and he has given me a chance to become his friend."

"After the lessons are over I will look more seriously for a band, but for right now I have a few bands that I am interested in," replied Matt.

After high school Matt plans to go to West Valley to pursue music, and if everything goes right, he will be off to the University of Las Vegas to major in hotel management.

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High school grads strive for cash

by Becky A. Hatch

What are seniors planning to do after high school? About 65-70% plan to go to a four-year university or a junior college.

One option for the students who is not interested in going to college to pursue a degree is to go to a technical trade school. Most of these students feel industrial arts is their strong area in high school. Trade schools can help the student receive recognition in a particular field.

Michelle Okashima has chosen to go to University Technical Institute, a traditionally male mechanical school, for her training. "It will get me recognized and make me more qualified for a job," she commented.

Stacey Teicher (class of '87) completely supports herself as a full-time waitress and student at San Francisco Community College. Although her expenses run about \$550 a month, she manages to save about \$200 monthly. She commented, "It's very hard in the beginning. There are a lot of bumps and problems, but stick with it. Things will go smoother and it will be worth it."

Mr. Students who are planning to attend a Junior College or a University will work at part-time or full-time jobs. These jobs range

from restaurant work to odd jobs in offices.

Many students find jobs while still in high school and others find them through parents, friends or relatives.

For other students, these jobs mean more than just a job to work their way through college. Some students are starting their careers right out of high school. Many will attend trade schools to gain the skills needed for their career choice.

Many jobs require technical knowledge learned "on the job," while other jobs will help pay for the student to acquire skills at private institutions, community colleges, trade schools or adult education schools.

If a student is unsure of what career field he/she wants to go into, he/she wants to go to college or where and how to get a job, the Career Center at our school can provide help and advice. In addition, it has job leads posted for students to pursue. Companies will notify the Career Center when they are looking for students to fill openings.

The career training and career planning service at local community colleges can help students choose the career path and course of study that is right for them. Most programs can be completed in two

years. Some only require a few courses to attain a certificate in a specific field.

The cooperative Work experience at Santa Clara County community colleges allows students to try out a career field while studying. The student gains both college credit and a salary while working in a local business or industry. Placement services and job listings are provided to help the student find jobs while in school or after completion of community college.

Choosing a career field that is right for you is one of the most important things a person does in his/her life, which is also why it is one of the hardest choices to make for most seniors.

There are places for students to find help and guidance in choosing a career suited to higher needs, interests and capabilities. One good source to keep in mind is the counselling, work experience and financial aid information available at local community colleges.

There are several advisement centers for students who are thinking about their future career and who need assistance. NOVA/SEED can also help students find jobs. For more information students may call (408) 247-6854 in Santa Clara or (408) 730-7246 in Sunnyvale.

Proud teen mom grows and learns with daughter

by Leslie Shevick

When many teens are forced to make difficult decisions, they usually take the easy way out. However, this is not the case with Grace Adriatico. A good student, involved in school sports, former member of both Brunettes and Colorguard,

"Jozelyn was born on April 9, 1986. I decided to keep her because she was my baby. Even though people [tried] to talk me into giving her up, I didn't want to. I love her very much," comments Grace.

Even with the many obstacles facing her in the future, she still plans on continuing to college. "I do plan on going to college. I want to go to Foodhill or West Valley College and major in fine arts and fashion," she says.

Her favorite subject is art, and she is very grateful to her art teacher, Mr. Dalton, for assisting her in her artistic endeavors.

Eighteen-year-old Grace has had many struggles in her life. She does have some regrets. She mentions her father, who passed away shortly before Jozelyn was born. "If I could go back and change anything in my life, it would be that my father would be able to see Jozelyn. I wanted him to at least see his first grandchild. I miss him very much."

She hopes to have a career in which she can utilize her art skills. "What I really want to do as a career is to become a fashion designer. I have also thought about being an art teacher."

Grace would also like to use her dance skills in her future. "I love to dance. My main points right now are to use my art skills, hopefully with fashion - whether it's designing, marketing, or choreography."

"In my future I know I will be a proud parent, and I'm sure that

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Photo Courtesy of Grace Adriatico

FRIENDLY CLOWN helps Grace Adriatico celebrate her daughter's second birthday. The party was held at a relative's house and gave both parents an opportunity to spend valuable time with Jozelyn.

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Bruins dream of future success

What are your future plans?

Ayla Devletsah, '90: I plan on going to college and studying to become a nurse.

Marielis Jimenez, '89: Maybe join the Air Force, but going to college is my real plan.

Jennifer McDaniel, '91: To go to college and become a football player...or a nun.

Danielle Patty, '88: The most important goal is to make my life as challenging, rewarding and happy as possible.

Eric Hallen, '88: To go to college. After that, maybe go into business.

Bam Gebeta, '90: I plan to move to Mexico for five years and become a Mexican citizen. After that, I can outsmart the border patrol and sneak into California. Being an illegal alien, it should be fairly simple to win the lottery and gain my U.S. citizenship again.

Matthew Yarborough, '88: Sleep a lot, make lots of money, (a whole lot, millions) attend a reputable college, get a masters degree in music, and then dress like a slob and play local clubs.

Amy Rasone, '91: Be the best I can be or enter the Army. One of the two.

Christine Yeater, '89: To go to junior college and transfer to State to major in psychology.

Jennifer Moore, '91: To change my name to Fluffy and maybe work for a living.

Pryia Kanugo, '88: Major in Foreign Policy at the University of Beirut, start a bath-house in the Sahara Desert and retire to Tibet.

Mark Iverson, '90: To major in biology and travel to the Galapagos Islands on a scientific expedition.

Sandy Fratini, '89: Quit my job, kill my boss, veg for a summer, go to college, get my degree and pursue a career in advertising.

Kate Stoddard, '88: Go to England, find a job, buy a ferret, get a wardrobe, do good in college and start a good, happy, prosperous life. After that will see.

Emily Newby, '90: I plan to meet Inspector Gadget in a dark alley.

Robert Cornell, '88: Be a vegetable.

Jennifer Bowen, '91: Whatever comes up.

Nail Dayvannan, '89: To attend a four year college and major in business. After that I hope to be successful and live it up.

Beverly McCarville, '91: To go to college and become a kindergarten teacher or a marine biologist.

David Johnson, '88: To be the richest man in the world.

John Freitas, '90: To graduate, go to a four year college, find a job in the electronics field, be happy and make lots of money.

Gert del Prado, '88: To go to college, have a career and marry the man of my dreams or nightmares (whom I haven't met yet) and then have 2.5 kids and live in a big house with a white picket fence (on a hill). Oh yeah, no more BART trains for me!

Bryce Devinecent, '90: I'd like to attend UCLA and pursue a career in acting or possibly become a professor of Shakespearean Lit.

Kathy Kong, '88: Just to go to some Ivy League university, earn lots of cash, swing party, be a Mrs. and raise some brats.

Brett Howell, '91: Maybe go to a junior college and take a course in fashion merchandising so I can be some kind of designer.

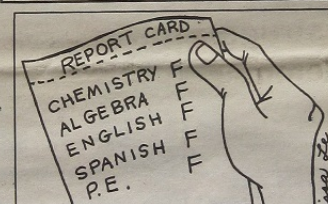
Margaret Franco, '88: Be a famous singer and crush Madonna.

Low self esteem. But my best bet is to move to Oregon, become a full time music teacher, settle down with my cat and my dog and pray that my parents stop my rotten!

Katie Moore, '91: To go to San Diego State, major in business and party my head to the limit.

Lisa Bartlett, '87: Hit the beach, party and work. Then two years at West Valley and then transfer to State.

Justine Orme, '90: Start a band with Rachel, travel, go to college and study art, music and dancing.



Why students fail

by Melissa Le

Every year a graduating class of seniors stands proud to say it can say that behind it stands four years of work and study. And is this really true?

Do seniors speak the truth when they say that high school involves rigorous work?

According to senior counselor Jack Scardina, this is true. "This year we will have 410 seniors graduating."

Unfortunately, around 25 seniors will not. "The reasons are clear," he continues, "why some seniors fail. Some of them have worked hard in their freshmen and sophomore years and their junior year, suddenly get a case of senioritis in which they feel that after all those years of hard work, they will now kick back in their final year."

These students do not realize that doing well in their senior year counts, too.

Basically, the definition of doing well, according to Mr. Scardina, consists of a few elements that about everyone is

familiar with. This includes coming to class, showing effort in doing the work, passing the given tests, and even asking the teachers for help. If all this is shown, the student will definitely pass.

Students who are unable to graduate, for whatever reasons, seldom realize the importance of hard work.

Mr. Scardina reports that the 25 nongraduating students do plan to graduate in some way. "This year we will have 410 seniors graduating."

For the most part, many of them choose to go to Adult Education or a local community college as a substantial way to earn the units they still need.

Others will find summer school is what they need in order to earn needed credits. There is also the minimal percent that will choose to finish high school later on.

Mr. Scardina says reassuringly, "There are ways to deal with this problem. One of the ways is to identify the

College-bound seniors struggle through high school demmas

by Mel Pichay

Is there life after high school? The answer to this depends entirely on someone's individuality or purposes in life. It is a mere matter of split decisions, so to speak.

For most seniors, college may either be the end or the beginning of the rest of their lives. Now, in their dimming days as a senior, this is the time when they think back to their years of school and ask themselves, "What do I really want out of my life?"

As years go by, however, seniors seem to find themselves asking this now very unpopular question less, as they become more aware of the possibility of success in life.

"It appears to be, right now, that we're going to have fewer

non-graduates and [that] we're going to have a higher percentage of graduates from this class [1988] than ever before," comments Jack Scardina, Santa Clara High's senior counselor.

There are about 437 seniors this year and approximately 415 from the class of '88 are expected to graduate in June. This is, for the most part, an impressive improvement over the years.

Out of those 415 will be graduates, about 70% are going to college. For Santa Clara High, this is about the average for college-bound seniors.

Statistically speaking, however, only 15% of this year's class are bound to a four-year college or university, while the remaining 55% will have to settle for a community college due to the expense of four-

year schools, not meeting the requirements or not knowing what to be.

"Either than pay the money and go away or get themselves committed to a four-year college, they'll go to a community college instead and kind of tread water for a while, and then move on," says Mr. Scardina.

For some, a community college may sound like a "lower end" way of spending their college years. This may not be so, if they are careful in choosing the right classes.

College is supposed to be exciting. Nobody has to dread its arrival. (Besides, isn't 12 years of preparation more than enough?)

So seniors, at last, relax and resume with the countdown till graduation.

During the seventeenth century, the Great Plague sent dread throughout Europe. Over a third of the population of Europe perished in the Plague. But in the late twentieth century, North American high school seniors are experiencing a more lethal disease - senioritis.

What is this mysterious disease that so frightens seniors? By definition, senioritis is the tendency to goof-off at school.

Early symptoms of the disease are not doing the assigned work, not paying attention in class, sneaking out at night to go to the mall and vegetating in front of a television set watching "Wheel of Fortune."

Senioritis hits seniors at different times, but most seniors first notice their sickness by the end of the first semester.

College applications are in and grades become less important, so why do you work?

Second semester is the time to put pencils and books away and enjoy life. With the Senior Picnic, the Prom and other senior activities, who has the time for school work? Seniors try to get as much out of the last few months of high school as possible.

Senioritis is suffered in many degrees. Some are severely in-

clined. Not so. Along with all the fun and joy in the senior year comes the frustration and pain.

Seniors who plan to continue their education have had to cope with excruciating college applications. Seniors who plan to work after graduation have to plan for their future. Car owners have to work to support their cars and to raise money to participate in the senior activities. Who in their right state of mind could do all that

'I'm not learning less; I'm just doing less homework.'

- Jeff Staiman

and still pay full attention to school?

Senioritis could be thought of as a blessing, not a curse. It gives seniors one last chance to enjoy life before they step out into the real world. "After twelve years of school, you have a release of pressure," commented Chris Bautista.

Life is much simpler in high school. But one must not let senioritis take control. The consequences could be quite severe and graduation could be at slipping. Then twelve years of hard work will go down the drain.

Summer is approaching and senioritis is at its peak when the weather is hot. Rub on the oil and drink Kodak-Cola. There are only a few weeks left in high school. The only possible cure for senioritis is graduation!

Uncle Sam helps kids build lives

by Jeff Staiman

Uncertainty of the future is one of the most common worries among Santa Clara students.

But not going directly to college may not have any plans after graduation. One Santa Clara student who has his future all planned out is Carl Tuttle. Carl is joining the Army.

Until last year, Carl had never considered joining the Army. "I was the last person I expected to be in a recruiter's office," he explains, but the benefits that the Army offered changed his mind.

The Army, Carl says, offers great job training and experience

(Carl wants to be a police officer, and many educational benefits. The Army also provides free housing, up to \$25,000 for college after leaving the Army (for four years in the Army; after two years one receives \$17,000, the option to take college courses while enlisted and help in getting loans for cars and houses).

Since one of the main reasons Carl joined the Army was to see the world, he chose to serve in West Germany. Carl's contract with the Army guarantees that he will serve in West Germany for one and one half years. At the end of

that time he may choose another place to serve, such as Hawaii, Australia, Japan, Brazil, Italy or England. Carl can travel anywhere in the world for ten dollars.

The Army is no longer for men only; women make up almost one quarter of the Army. They have the same opportunities that men do. Women may choose from the 360 different fields of training that the Army offers, except for those related to combat.

"The Army is definitely not for everyone," Carl says. But for some, the opportunities that the Army offers are unmatched.

Bruins beat up on Milpitas 3-2 to clinch fifth consecutive title



photo by Don Tanaka

COMBATANTS: Santa Clara's Hank Torres fires a fastball to Milpitas' Jason Tyrus. The two fought briefly after the Bruins' 3-2 victory on May 4 at Washington Park. With this game, the Varsity baseball team raised its record to 16-1, 19-3 overall.

by Brian Goldenberg

As Santa Clara prepares to take their 19-3 record (as of May 12) into the CCS playoffs, they find themselves ranked fourth in Northern California, ahead of number five Bellarmine. But in the Santa Clara County rankings, the Bruins are second, only four points behind the Bells. In addition, Esposito's squad is number one in California in Division AAA.

While both pitching and hitting have been strong for the '88 Bruins, the hurlers have played a major role in the team's success. "Our pitching staff has been the reason we've won half of our games," says Coach Pat Esposito. In the May 4 game at Washington Park, between Santa Clara and Milpitas, a brief scuffle followed the Bruins' 3-2 SCVAL-clinching victory.

The table was set when Milpitas shortstop Jason Tyrus was tagged "extra-hard" by Troy Spiering on a play at first base.

Then, as the two squads went to shake hands after the final out, words were exchanged. In defense of himself, sophomore

Hank Torres hit Tyrus in the mouth after the Milpitas player swung at him.

After all was settled, the outcome of the game was still in Santa Clara's favor. Torres pitched five innings of two-hit ball with nine strikeouts. Kern held Milpitas scoreless in the final two frames and the Bruins banged out ten hits.

Going into the bottom of the seventh, Santa Clara was down by one. They pulled it out on a two-out, two-run double by Kern, scoring Al Benavidez and Ken Evans.

The rematch was set for May 9 at Milpitas. This time it was just good clean baseball. The only things thrown this day were baseballs. The Bruins extended their winning streak to ten games to raise their league record to 16-1.

Evans starred at the plate with a 4-4, 3-bi day to add 45 points to his average, which now stands at a team leading .420.

Senior Pete Sredanovich improved his record to 2-0, while

allowing three runs in five innings. He received help from the team's relief ace, Kern, who notched his fifth save.

A week before, Santa Clara played on the road against Mt. View where they engaged in their second straight extra-inning battle. Like the last game, the Bruins rallied in the top of the eighth to grab the win. A one-out rbi single by Benavidez scored the winning run.

Three days earlier, a twenty-three hit attack paced Santa Clara enroute to a 17-5 victory over hapless Los Altos (0-16). The Bruins scored five runs in the first, four in the second and three in the third; two to a Francisco Canyon home run.

Jody Kirk picked up the win as he settled down after giving up five runs in the bottom of the first to pitch four scoreless innings before giving way to Kern.

The Central Coast Section playoffs start on May 17 and the Bruins will be in quest of a title that has been Bellarmine's the last three years.

Lott optimistic about 1988

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earned him an honest dollar. "I was one of those kids who tried anything to earn money."

Even though Lott has been fortunate in making money, he does not throw it around. He appreciates what he has because he knows that it will come to an end some day.

If an athletic career did not work out for him, Lott believes he would have gone into the Air Force. "My dad was in the military and it provided a good life for him. It has almost the same type of lifestyle (as football) as far as discipline and having the ability to work hard in what you're doing. I enjoy being in that type of environment."

The 30 year old 49er, who recently celebrated a birthday on May 8, plans on playing football for a couple more years. After he retires, he hopes to coach either high school or college football. In football, Lott lists the 49ers' championship seasons of 1981 and 1984 and his two appearances in the Rose Bowl with USC as highlights in his career.

In comparing Super Bowl XVI

and XIX, "The first one was definitely better than the second. If you look at the team we had and how we won it, you couldn't tell me that we did win it. It was the biggest year of my career," says the seven year veteran.

Another big moment in Ronnie's life came when he and other 49ers, including Joe Montana and Dwight Clark, sang with Huey Lewis on "Hip to be Square." Among his peers, Lott admires retired Chicago Bear, Walter Payton the most. "The reason I admire Payton is because not only on the field does he work hard, he works hard off the field too. He has done a tremendous job throughout his life and succeeded. Not too many people can say that," explained Lott.

"I really admire and respect a person like that; one who has worked hard and gives it his all year in and year out. I try to follow in these type of guys' footsteps and emulate them because that's how you learn in life."

As for 1988, he is very optimistic about San Francisco's chances. "We have a team that is capable

of going all the way and that is a good feeling to have. But we can't sit there and say we had a great year [13-2 in '87], because 13-2 doesn't mean anything if you don't have a Super Bowl ring."

Also in '88, the 49ers will be moving their headquarters to Santa Clara. Lott is very excited about the move, not only because of the shorter drive, but because of the support he and the Niners have received from the community.

On May 26, the 49ers will be coming to Santa Clara High School to play a benefit basketball game. Lott and 16 other players will take on the Santa Clara Police Officers Association to raise money for the Police Activities League and other city organizations.

Thanks Tony Kelly for arranging the interview with Ronnie Lott.

Boy athlete of the month

by Richard Lee

With explosive offense and exceptional defense, center-fielder and designated hitter Albert Benavidez leads the varsity baseball team to one of its best seasons ever.

"Albert is a clutch player. He really came through for us in a couple of close games. He is a quiet guy but he lets his performance do the talking," commented

Coach Pat Esposito. Batting at an average of .400 and getting on base eight out of ten times at bat, Albert became the dream of a coach and the nightmare of opposing pitchers.

The speedy 5'11" 175 pound outfielder fell in love with the game when he first played with the Homestead Little League at the age of eight. Since then, he

has trained rigorously to sharpen his skills. Albert had the chance to prove himself when he started in left field last season and that is exactly what he did.

Albert plans to attend a junior college and major in business communication. He hopes to receive a baseball scholarship from a four year university. "Many ballplayers dream of playing in

the majors, but few actually do. I hope I will be one of those few," declares Albert.

Not including Friday's game against Palo Alto, Benavidez has a six game hitting streak. His other statistics for Coach Pat Esposito's number two ranked Bruins include: 17 hits in 43 at bats; 14 runs scored and four stolen bases.



AL BENAVIDEZ

JV softball rolls, 11-1, baseball stumbles, 5-13

Champs steal praise
by Mel Pichay

Boys finish fourth
by Joan Cerezo

After the hard-hitting and sweat-pouring season, the JV softball team is now in first place with a league record of 11-1.

"Well it's about time [that] someone write about us," remarks Sal Burriesci, the JV coach.

The "champs," as Coach Burriesci calls his team, have been working real well since the beginning and therefore deserve all the praise.

Leading players are juniors Grace Delacruz (.348) and Teresa Acuna (.500), sophomores Dorene Skaggs (.333), Dani Bongatti (.360) and Patricia Fry (.368) and freshmen Gina Delos Angeles (.256) and Elizabeth Brinkman (.423).

Junior Anita Casanovas and senior Marina Lopez also deserve recognition for being consistent throughout the season.

This year's most improved players are Dani Bongatti, Elizabeth Brinkman and Priscilla Diaz.

The Bruin junior varsity baseball team has suffered a lot from the ineligibility of players due to low grades. The team, which started out with twenty players, is now down to ten. "These ten players have shown a lot of improvement since the start," commented Lance Mott, head coach.

The JV Bruins' latest game was against the number one team in the league, Milpitas High School. The Bruins improved their record to 5-13 as they beat the Trojans, who had previously lost only two games.

With the offense led by Reuben Gutierrez (who went three for three) and Bill Genantotto (who drove in three runs), Santa Clara defeated Milpitas 3-0. Mike Borzoni pitched a three hit shutout for the Bruins.

Freshman Jason Goble has been one of the leading hitters, and according to Coach Mott, pitcher Eric Strunk has been solid on the mound.

Benavidez leads Bruins to playoffs with .400 average in SCVAL play

1988 Varsity softball season resembles disaster area

by Mel Pichay

Even with the returning players to balance with the new batch of hopefuls, the Varsity softball team was still plagued with one loss after another, finishing fifth in the league with a record of 3-8 (7-14 overall).

"The team lacked a player or two who really wanted to lead the team into winning," comments Jean Johnson, the varsity coach.

The only league wins that came their way were against Mountain View (twice) and Los Altos, which were all during the first half of the season.

Although the team will miss this year's SCVAL playoffs, Coach Johnson still has high hopes for next year's team. "In dealing with it (lack of team leadership), I'll try to bring it out of the younger players for next year."

There were a lot more disappointments than they expected, but surprisingly enough, a lot more players have improved.

Leading the team are seniors Sabrina Gevia (senior, 8 wins, 259), Laura Bugliarello (senior, 2 wins, 9 losses; 142), junior Gloria Nevarez (shortstop, 366), sophomore Lisa Mergalins (pitcher - 5 wins, 5 losses; 400), Denise Koval (third base/catcher, 312) and Kelli Sled (centerfield, 289) and freshman Tracy Butcher (catcher, 266).

Of those who have shown great improvement, Coach Jean



photo by Don Tanaka

PITCHER LISA MURGALLIS fires a strike to catcher Tracy "Butch" Butcher.

Johnson singles out Carolyn Eulich, a senior who has no prior experience who has learned and shown more basic fundamentals than the players with more experience, and freshman Tracy Butcher who has overcome injuries this season to become one of our stronger defensive players."

Some may have thought that it was not shocking to hear of this loss since the team always loses

anyway. But for the players, every single game they have lost, and all the disappointments and disagreements among them made the season too long to bear.

However, they still know that the Bruins never let anything get in their way. So watch out because next year's team will be better than ever!

Gamez finds new home with Bruins

by Brian Goldenberg

It is not often Santa Clara High is blessed with an import of raw baseball talent. In the form of Francisco Gamez, who came to this country to go to school and to play sports and is living with his cousin. He is a junior here at Santa Clara and is presently playing on the varsity baseball team.

In his native Mexico, Gamez played baseball eight years before arriving in the South Bay this past summer. His eight years of experience included seasons with local league and high school teams. He was an all-star pitcher and played on five national championship teams. Gamez also competed in international tournaments.

The 6'2" 180-pound junior has made the adjustment from his hometown of Hermosillo, in the state of Sonora. He has been able

to make friends and get used to the area. "There are more things to do here and I like the friendly people," says Francisco. "At first, it was hard, but it gets easier as time goes on." Helping make the transition easier has been Spanish-speaking teammate Orzlie Diaz-Christians.

As a pitcher and third baseman for the second-ranked Bruins (19-3), Gamez has been a valuable asset. On the mound, an 80-plus miles per hour fastball has helped the big right-hander to record 17 strikeouts and two saves in 10 innings.

"He's a big strong kid with an overpowering fastball. He is very competitive on the mound and wants to strike them all out," commented Coach Pat Esposito.

"That's why he's so good." At the plate, Gamez has been one of the Bruins' top hitters with

a .326 average and leads the team in home runs with two and RBI's with fourteen.

His most impressive offensive performances have come against Mr. View and Los Altos.

In the contest with the Spartans, Gamez collected 5 RBI's with 4 of them coming on a grand slam to lead the Bruins to a 10-2 victory. At Los Altos, he hit a three-run homer and also doubled as Santa Clara romped to a 17-5 win.

In the SCVAL, Francisco is among the top ten in batting average and second and third in home runs and runs batted in, respectively.

After high school, Gamez hopes to go to college and possibly play professionally. He got a head start when major league scouts were impressed with him at an Arizona State baseball camp two years ago.

Sports shorts

Boys tennis nets improvement

by Lan Truong

Varsity boys' tennis had a great season, though their season record may not reflect that. Their record was 1-5, admittedly not very impressive, but consider that this season was the first in history that the team took matches from Los Altos and narrowly missed beating Gunn. Both confrontations ended in a painful 3-4 loss.

Their only win was over Wilcox, not very surprising to Coach Sheri Holand. The real surprise was the loss to Milpitas, usually the underdog.

Explains Coach Holand, "A big reason why we lost was that six players were absent from practice the day before the match. The match was on a Tuesday, so the players came in from a four day absence from tennis. They tried."

Because of the large number of talented sophomores, Coach Holand feels the team, with time and practice, may be an unanticipated challenge to the tennis elite of Gunn, Los Altos and Palo Alto High Schools.

Tan Pham was the nucleus of the dynamic number one Varsity doubles team. Even when his partner changed from Huyen Nguyen to Mario Pascua, he continued to play well. They finished the season very successfully with a 5-1 finish, with their only loss to Palo Alto.

Drivin' Bruins win city championship

by Haruko Takahashi

"We couldn't have lost," says Stuart Kimura, after the Santa Clara golf team beat Wilcox twice to capture the city championship.

Coach Phil Hayes agrees, saying, "There was excellent team effort in this win because everyone on the team shot in the 40s."

With qualifying averages of 48 or better, Joe Escalante, Colby Fry, Erin Haney, Stuart Kimura and Bill Saparito competed in the league finals.

Haney, however, emerged a league finalist on May 4 (out of 30 participants, only the top twelve go on to the May 5 finals), but just missed the regionals by placing fifth (only the top five advance to regionals).

Fry and Kimura became the most improved members by listening and performing to Coach Hayes' instructions.

Although Santa Clara ranks fifth out of the teams, the top four schools (Los Altos, Gunn, Palo Alto and Mountain View) are considered "very tough to beat."

Coach Hayes is pleased the team beat "favored Mountain View" in a league match and "good Mitty team" in a practice match as well as the "double victory over Wilcox."

Since five of the six players will graduate this year, Coach Hayes looks to new people to join next year.

Hayashi gears Bruins for football season

by Oliver Rosenblatt

Next fall, when football season rolls around again and spectators go to see the games at Townsend Field, the fans will see the receivers make great catches, the cornerbacks make leaping interceptions and the quarterback throw incredible passes. What an onlooker may not know is that many of the players working so hard on the field have been working that hard since spring.

At the end of May, when spring training begins, Coach Hayashi and his assistants will get their first real glimpse of what they will have to work with for the 1988 football season. Even though the shoulderpads and other equipment is not used, spring training and the summer passing league are very hard.

In spring training, the emphasis is mainly on the offense, with the defense secondary con-

sideration.

The linemen do not take a very active role in spring training, aside from being in the weight room, rigorously working out. The offense and defense learn the plays which they will be running all during the fall.

Coach Hayashi will divide up the team into small groups, where specialized assistant coaches will work with certain parts of the offense or defense, such as the wide receivers or the linebackers.

Spring training gives the coaching staff an opportunity to get a head start on fall because by working all through spring and summer, the athletes will already be drilled in their role in the game. During this time, the coaches will hopefully turn the 40 or so players into one well-tuned unit, which in turn will win games for Santa Clara!

Girl athlete of the month

by Lan Truong

Kim MacLachlan has spent half of her life involved in sports. She played eight years of P.A.L. Gal Softball and is currently on the Santa Clara varsity softball team for the third consecutive year.

Throughout the years, Kim has played all nine positions. It has only been in the last three years that she has played exclusively

Varsity softball star hopes to hone skills on San Jose State campus

at first base.

"She's definitely a good first baseman. There is real consistency in her play and her attitude has improved over the years," comments Coach Jean Johnson.

Last summer, that consistency earned Kim a space on the roster of the Diamonds 'B,' an inter-city softball team sponsored by Twin Creeks Sports Facility.

Her strong play also brought her a very special Christmas present. The day after Christmas, Kim boarded a plane to Hawaii, not as a tourist, but as a member of the tournament-bound Novato City Bobby Sox team. The team finished second, having lost the championship game by a score of 4-5.

In the fall, Kim will attend San

Jose State where she will probably study business. Shrugging her shoulders, Kim comments about playing college softball, "The only reason I wouldn't try out (for the team) is if I couldn't manage school and softball."

Coach Johnson is more encouraging, stating that, "She's definitely capable of playing college ball and I hope she does."



photo courtesy of Lynn Thomas
KIM MACLACHLAN

Preventing AIDS

by Jeff Stalman

Over one million people in the United States have the AIDS virus. AIDS is not just a gay disease; anyone can get it.

AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease. Since teenagers are, as a group, sexually active, it is important that they learn how to protect themselves from this fatal, incurable disease.

"Everyday living does not present any risk of infection," writes U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. This point cannot be stressed enough.

"I know I can't get AIDS from day-to-day living, but I still kind of worry about it," says senior Matt Yarbrough.

While AIDS is a contagious disease, it cannot be caught in the same ways as a cold or chicken pox. Almost everyone who catches AIDS gets it as a result of unsafe sex or from sharing drug needles. However, pregnant women can also give the virus to their unborn babies.

Any sexual contact that transmits bodily fluids (semen, vaginal fluids or blood) can transmit the AIDS virus, according to the U.S. Surgeon General. The best

in three years, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Some of the things that cannot spread AIDS are mosquitoes, toilet seats, doorknobs, telephones, sneezing, coughing and shaking hands.

AIDS cannot be caught by eating in a restaurant, even if one of its employees has AIDS.

It cannot be caught by swimming in a pool, bathing in a hot tub or donating blood.

Furthermore, no danger is present in going to the doctor, dentist or visiting a hospital.

cine until, "well into the 90's. It's around the corner, but it's a long corner."

It is important not to underestimate the crisis that AIDS poses to America. To date, about 30,000 people have died from AIDS in the United States.

The U.S. Public Health Service estimates that there may be 200,000 people dead as a result of AIDS by 1991.

The final death toll for this deadly disease may exceed one million before a cure or vaccine is discovered. Nobody has ever re-

'The best way to avoid AIDS is to avoid sex outside of a mutually faithful relationship and to avoid sharing drug needles.'

- C. Everett Koop,
U.S. Surgeon General

There is no vaccine for AIDS and one is not expected in the near future. David Burgess, AIDS Project Coordinator at the Santa Clara Department of Public Health, does not expect a vac-

covered from AIDS. For those who get AIDS, it is a prison from which there is no escape. But unlike a prison AIDS is not a life sentence, but a death sentence. For now there is only prevention.

Every drop counts

by Michelle C. Shonk

With 101 units of blood donated, the Blood Drive held April 7 was a tremendous success. The American Red Cross compliments all those Santa Clara High students who participated, by either donating blood or volunteering their time and help.

Once the Red Cross has the blood, it is distributed to their laboratories and first tested for different blood types. After the blood has been categorized and separated, the Red Cross then administers the various tests that are required by the State of California, the Federal Regulations and the FDA: such as hepatitis, syphilis and AIDS.

When this has been completed, the blood is supplied to the twenty-five hospitals within the four counties (San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz) that are served by this chapter of the Red Cross.

One hundred thirty potential donors signed up for the Blood

Drive and 69 of these were first time donors.

First time donor, Merrill George, fearfully recalled, "I could look at someone putting the needle in someone else, but it was scary when it happened to me."

Special thanks goes to PTSA volunteers Vicki Contreras, Eleanor Goldfinger, Jackie Hughes, Michelle Mahoe, Janet Michalak and Sandra Nielson; and to student volunteers Dani Bongatti, James Laden, Nikki McGraw, Marlene Vieira and Brian Watson for recruiting on April 4.

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For more information on AIDS or free, anonymous AIDS testing, contact:

AIDS PROJECT
Santa Clara County Health Department
2220 Moorpark Avenue
San Jose, CA 95123
(408) 299-4151

'AIDS is really scary because it can kill anyone who gets it, even if they are not [gay].'

- Anthony Butler

way to avoid AIDS, according to Koop, is to avoid sex outside of a mutually faithful relationship and to avoid sharing drug needles.

If a partner is suspected of being infected, a latex condom must be worn during sexual intercourse from start to finish in order to insure complete protection from AIDS, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

JAMA adds that if a clean, previously unused needle and syringe are unavailable for each person, then all used drug equipment should be cleaned thoroughly two times with household bleach, which will kill the virus.

Prostitutes are extremely risky sexual partners because they not only have many sexual contacts (partners), but are frequently intravenous drug users.

Students at Santa Clara generally regard AIDS as "frightening." ASB President Anthony Butler says, "AIDS is really scary because it can kill anyone who gets it, even if they are not [gay]."

While AIDS is a frightening disease, many people fear this disease for the wrong reasons. There are many myths about AIDS.

For instance, many people think that AIDS is just a gay disease. Currently, however, about four percent of the people infected with AIDS are heterosexual. This number will double

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"Girls" show off

Talented males from all over the campus competed May 5 for the highly respected "Miss SC" crown. The nine "ladies" strutted their stuff for the swimwear/summerwear and evening gown competitions.

Best legs went to "Olga Himmelsvortz," otherwise known as Jeremy Everett.

The overall winner was Erica Alessandra McCain who comments on her crown, "The title 'Miss SC' signifies the triumphs that the young women of this school have attained. I am proud of my school and in turn I only wish for it to be proud of me too."

Amnesty celebrates first success

The Amnesty International chapter at Santa Clara High School finally has something to shout about.

After three months of writing letters in response to appeals from around the world, on May 5 the club received word of the military restriction of the occupied West-Bank (Israel) village of Kabaliya was lifted on April 3.

An official celebration is planned for the future, in accordance with local AI rules.

Teachers hand out yearbooks June 9

Yearbooks will be distributed to all students by their fourth period teachers after the good-bye assembly to the seniors on Thursday, June 9. This method is being used to avoid the lines that usually extend from the SBO.

Students who did not order yearbooks may be eligible for one of the 50 extra copies. Interested students must sign the waiting list in the SBO to get first crack. The cost is \$35.

This year, order forms for Video Yearbooks will be sent home at the end of May or the beginning of June.

Cramming for exams

Interested in higher test scores? Why not get involved in the tutoring program that is offered at Santa Clara? After school from 3 to 4 p.m., tutoring is available to all students free of charge. Assistance in Math and Chemistry is offered every Wednesday in rooms C-1 and C-7, respectively. Extra help in foreign languages is offered Thursdays in room P-4. Those who would like to become a tutor are also welcomed.

Students reap rewards on AP test

This year the cost for each exam has been reduced from \$53 to \$30 with the help of the school. Tests are administered in May and locations (Mission College or Santa Clara High) vary depending upon the subject.

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program which allows students to do college-level work in a particular subject and earn college credit by taking the AP exam. If the student passes the test (by scoring a 3, 4 or 5) he/she may skip beginning level courses in college, thus saving money.

A student can take the exam without taking the class, but the class helps prepare him/her for the AP exam. Besides helping the student prepare for the test, the course also gives an extra grade point for any grade earned due to the increased level of difficulty.

It is suggested that AP courses be taken before the senior year, so that colleges will count the extra grade point when calculating a student's overall GPA.

Any questions or requests for more information on specific classes or tests should be directed to the counseling office or the AP class instructor.

Mrs. Bordenave

On May 2, 1988, Renee E. Bordenave, wife of Don Bordenave, former principal at Santa Clara High, passed away at age 56.

Services were held May 4 at Mission Santa Clara. Mrs. Bordenave will rest at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos.

Donations to the Diabetes Foundation, the Kidney Foundation or the Bronco Bench would be appreciated.

'A' students honored

The Ninth Annual Social Studies Picnic took place on Wednesday, May 11 at Homestead Park. The participating juniors and seniors all obtained an 'A' grade in their social studies classes.

Qualification is based on the student's grade from last semester or current standing. Students were notified by the teacher.

Comments Mr. Webb, "The picnic is an annual event that affords recognition to the outstanding juniors and seniors in the social science area. It's a day for students, parents and faculty to socially interact in a non-campus environment."

Lana Chou, senior, summed it up by saying, "It was just like the library, only out-of-doors!"

Juniors named 'high scorers'

National Merit Scholarship Corporation has identified John F. MacGregor, Patrick C. Norris and Gabriel A. Rein, juniors at Santa Clara, as "high scorers" in last fall's PSAT/NMSQT.

Math whizzes beat 'Mental Mystery'

In the Santa Clara Unified's 28th annual intradistrict math contest held on April 11, Phil James, senior at Santa Clara, won a \$75 saving bond for finishing second overall. Franklin Kim, junior at Santa Clara and Anita Mak, junior at Wilcox High tied for first place junior honors.

Spelling it out

Tony Lazaro, senior, won the spelling contest at Santa Clara High on Wednesday, March 16. He topped runner-up Steve Alameda with the correct spelling of "acquiescence."

Wayne Armer, counselor at Santa Clara, composed a list of 2,000 words, taking some from auto shop some from science class.

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| 20. Stereo Habitat | 10% off all non-sale items |

Senior update**Escape to Grad Night**

The date is June 18. Seniors have just completed the graduation ceremony, and probably, never want to go back to school until at least 10 years and 30 pounds from now for their 10 year reunion.

This is the night to party. Parents have made up a gourmet spread of soda and pie for their children's graduation party. Seniors could stay at home and listen to their parents' polyester-wearing fat friends congratulate them for the next eight hours. School is the only hope. Seniors can escape to Grad Night.

It will cost, though. To plan the escape, buy a ticket now for \$45. The festivities will begin at 9 p.m. The last event will be breakfast, which will be served at 5 a.m. Prizes may be won, too.

Plan now or you will have to spend what is supposed to be the happiest night of your life hugging fat women wearing too much Secret anti-perspirant.

Is Mickey still going places

Whatever happened with the Disneyland trip that everyone has been so excited about? Well, it seems that this year the excitement has gone down the tubes. One of the reasons this has happened is because of the amount of money involved. The cost is \$165 and some people just do not think it is worth it.

"Why spend that much money just for one night of strict rules?" said senior Tricia Voutos.

Other students agree except for the seventy people that made this trip possible. If it was not for them, the trip would be cancelled completely and everyone would miss out.

Exactly what is there to miss out on? Well, to begin with, the seventy people will leave San Jose Airport on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. They will arrive in Los Angeles at 7:30 p.m. and will then take a bus tour for two hours.

After the enlightening trip, they will continue straight to Disneyland. During their stay in Disneyland, there will be many things to look forward to such as the variety of rides, shops and shows. Each student will receive a complimentary picture of him/herself or friends. Later the group will attend a dance with a live band. At 8:30 a.m., they will leave the park, head for the airport and arrive in San Jose at 9:30 a.m.

For those going on the Disneyland, candy is now available in the SBO.

Checking out the competition



photo by Don Tanaka

ERIC "ERICA" MCCAIN tries to figure out Jody "Boom Boom" Kirk's secret to such generous proportions, which "she" seems to lack.

Upstart Bennett stunningly defeats Watson in recent ASB elections

by Lisa Ichinaga

Spring has arrived, and with it has come speeches, leaflets and posters. These are a few devices that students who want to hold a school office use in order to persuade a fellow student to vote for him or her.

On Friday, May 6, the Student Body held for these hopefuls when videotaped speeches were broadcasted in social science classes.

These students vied for various Associated Student Body (ASB) offices. The actual process for running for an ASB office is simple. To qualify, a student must have a 2.0 grade point average. (Candidates for presidency must have a 2.5 GPA.)

Then all prospective candidates must sign up in the SBO. When this is done, the next step is to make posters and, of course, formulate a campaign speech.

The candidates officially started to campaign a week before the elections, putting up signs and stuffing fliers in lockers. Signs were situated in choice spots like the halls and cafeteria, proclaiming such sayings as "Step into something original," "Let me entertain you" and "I'm bet you ASB." These intentionally non-specific slogans offered a taste of what could be expected

on Friday.

Friday, the big day, finally came. Students were surprised to find out that five of the eight positions were unopposed. But the offices for President, Election Clerk and Communications Director still needed to be decided. John MacGregor, the newly-elected ASB Vice-President, made light of this fact by proclaiming, "You can vote for me, or you can vote for nobody," while Entertainment Director Matt Kees' final card read, "Your only choice."

As expected, some campaign promises were made, which reflected complaints made by students in regard to changes made during the school year. Topics included the tardy policy, senior finals and the poles and chains in the parking lot.

Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Mann played it safe by being vague. She promised only that she would do the job to the very best of her ability.

After viewing the pre-taped campaign speeches, students voted in class on scantron sheets. The votes were then tallied and recorded. The winners were then announced over the loudspeaker near the end of sixth period.

Next year's ASB officers are:

President: Kevin Bennett

Vice President:

John MacGregor

Secretary/Treasurer:

Dawn Mann

Athletic Man: Todd Bernhardt

Entertainment Dir.: Matt Kees

Spirit Comm.: Vanessa Beddo

Election Clerk: Sandra Surina

Communication Director:

Rain Springer

New Athletic Manager Todd Bernhardt, who portrayed four different students claiming they would vote for him, says that he is glad to be on the Council. In addition to keeping adequate records and being the master of ceremonies at all the sports awards ceremonies, Todd plans to contribute his suggestions and ideas at Student Council meetings.

Whether all these promises blossom into reality remains to be seen.

Current ASB President Anthony Butler decided not to make any such promises last year. Says Butler with wisdom, "When you make promises, half the time you cannot keep them or something goes wrong with them."

Only time will tell if the newly elected ASB officers will follow through with their campaign slogans and keep their promises to the Student Body.

Questions arise from teacher's recent resignation

by Oliver Rosenblatt

When Mr. Julian, an English teacher, left Santa Clara recently, there were many rumors. But no one really knew the full story of his departure.

Officially, Mr. Julian resigned for "personal reasons," reported the Santa Clara Unified District Personnel Office. According to the Personnel Office, teacher must first resign before being able to retire.

Mr. Passantino was also asked for a comment, but due to state laws regarding employee privacy, he was unable to give one.

The best source of information on a subject is always the person closest to the source, which in this case is Mr. Julian.

Mr. Julian was reached by telephone on May 4, and agreed to provide information on his case. He stated that he had been offered early retirement by the school on the grounds that

"Santa Clara High needs seven teachers less in September than it has now."

Mr. Julian also stated that this "early retirement" was offered to the "most senior teachers" at Santa Clara High, and noted that he himself had 30 years of teaching experience. "Basically they offered me the Golden Handshake and I took it."

According to Mr. Passantino, Mr. Julian was a very able teacher and will be missed. He had a very successful career in education. "His leaving will let us hire new teachers when we will have a mass exodus of teachers a couple of years down the road due to age," Mr. Passantino said in an interview on May 5. When asked for a comment on Mr. Julian's statement, Mr. Passantino replied, "If that's his statement, you'll just have to live with it."

Parking gets congested

by Michelle Johnson

During spring break, April 19-26, certain changes have occurred on campus. These changes include the poles installed in the front parking lot.

These poles were put there, "basically for safety reasons," commented Mr. Passantino.

"It was a way of controlling the flow of traffic coming and going. The administration's old plan was to block it off yet this way keeps it open and yet gives us a control of traffic. I wanted to have free access to the parking lot so kids could come and go right back out without locking up the gates," he continued.

Along with the new poles the city plans to make more changes on Benton Street. "The city is going to be putting a safety zone in the middle of the street. This way the kids can park across the street and the kids the buses left off can walk across two lanes of traffic and stop in the middle of the street without getting hit. It also means that the buses can stack up in that lane so traffic can flow easier," Mr. Passantino added.

The poles also offer parents and students a place to park on nights when there is a school function such as sports award banquets and school activities. "We can block it (the parking lot) off so they have a place to park without having to worry about the traffic school people taking all the park-

ing places," Passantino explained.

As for the poles blocking the quad, "Those poles are vandalism-proof bolts. I think they (the bolts) just get tighter when you try to loosen them. The problem with that people seem to spread through the quad. The custodians and the district people use it [the quad] all the time for maintenance and I think the quad should be a safe place for people to be able to talk or walk in," expressed Mr. Passantino.

"I think what we're really saying is we're sort of cramped here. The other thing I was thinking about was... moving all the faculty out of this parking lot [the front lot] and give it to the students so it give students more space. Everything on this side (the gym side) of the barriers will be redone. The lines and curbs will be repainted," Passantino concluded.

The students here at Santa Clara seem to feel, however, that the poles are, "It has not solved anything. It is an inconvenience to every student," commented Chris DeCremier, senior.

Other students agree, "I think it only has increased the problem. The poles are pain since I have to leave right at school to go to work. Now there's only one exit for that whole area and it takes forever to get out," senior Amanda Kees responded.

Teen parent lives happily

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Joe [Joselyn's father] will too. I know that I will be able to manage my family with the help of Joe.

I hope that other teen mothers are just as happy as I am with my daughter. Live your life as fully as you can because you have only one life [to live]. En-

courage yourself to do many activities and have fun with your child. The really neat thing about being a teen mother is that you're still growing up with your child and learning just as much," concluded Grace.