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The mission of the Santa Rosa High School Foundation is to serve as a charitable organization to unite Santa Rosa High School alumni, parents, faculty, staff and interested community members in order to provide financial support for SRHS programs and students, and to preserve and document the history and traditions of SRHS.

THE DRINKS ARE ON THE HOUSE

By Don Cambou

Yes, the drinks are on the house at Santa Rosa High – as long as they're chilled, filtered water. Thanks to grants from your Foundation and the Student Teacher Parent Association (STP), SRHS students and teachers can now fill up their water bottles at any of five "hydration stations." As many of you know, the water bottle is nearly as essential to today's student as the pencil.



Hydration Station

The large and complex project began over two years ago when the Eco Club, a student organization, brought the idea to then principal Brad Coscarelli. Coscarelli then approached the Foundation's Panther Project Fund (PPF) about buying and installing three of the hydration stations. Although the stations cost over \$1,000 dollars each, and installation was a mystery to be solved, the Foundation responded with an enthusiastic

"Yes!" Tony Negri, a former SRHS principal and longtime Foundation Board member, agreed to pilot the formidable task. Chris Zeek '68, another Foundation member, worked with Negri and the school to line up the right plumbers and electricians.

Derek Moeller, a SRHS grad, agreed to do the electrical work at a discounted rate. Jeff Schefer, a Montgomery grad, agreed to do the plumbing, also at a discounted rate. Who says grads can't help their rival schools? Their tasks weren't simple. Working on the plumbing and electrical wiring of a nearly century old building was bound to be full of unexpected hazards. With Negri by their sides every step of the way, the skilled tradesmen pushed the installations forward, but the costs were greater than anticipated. One unit would be on the first floor of the Main Building; another on the second floor of the Main Building; one on the first floor of Desoto Hall.

Around this time, Lynn Valentine, then president of the STP, approached the Foundation with an offer to expand the number of hydration stations. The STP would purchase three additional stations and pay for most of their

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WHERE DID STUDENTS EAT? 1930S THROUGH

1970S

By Mike Daniels

If you were a Santa Rosa High School student in 1930, you could leave the five-year-old campus at noon to eat lunch, but because no restaurants were close by, you generally brought a sack lunch or ate in the cafeteria. If you lived near the school, you could go home to eat. When Lloyd Wood arrived as principal in 1938, he relaxed the prohibitive rule and allowed eating on the front lawn as long as you picked up after yourself.

Off campus eating places were generally in the downtown area of Santa Rosa in those days, so if you wanted to eat there you walked after school as few students had cars. Since downtown was within walking distance, you went to Bouk's on Fourth for ice cream, to the Winkin' Lantern soda fountain or to Lessek's Fountain and Billiards on Mendocino.

By the 40s the situation had changed some. The Students' Inn had opened opposite SRHS. Hollywood stars Clark Gable and Carole Lombard stopped their car at the Inn for something to eat. The student working there

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived! The SRHS Foundation just wrapped up our most successful Polenta Feed to date raising an estimated \$37,000 for the students, teachers and programs at SRHS. With Paulette Gomes at the helm we added a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and brought in a few underwriters, plus the event was SOLD OUT by the first week of April. Special Thanks to the Polenta Committee, Board Members, Alumni, Volunteers and Friends for making this possible.



reimbursing them for their first mailing (snail mail). Don't forget to arrange a tour of the school and historical room! Contact us at www.srhsf.org!

The next two fundraisers for the Foundation are the Golf Tournament in September and the Car Show in early October, we hope to see you there. See dates and announcements on our website at www.srhsf.org or follow us on Facebook!

“Once a Panther, Always a Panther”

Mary Orsborn Beseda President



May is a busy month for the Scholarship Committee. Under the guidance of our Scholarship Chair, Nadine Smedshammer, the Scholarship committee, working with Ms. Bertch-Rydell of the SRHS Counseling Department will have selected 12 Memorial Scholarship recipients and 22 Fleck Scholarship recipients. It's a daunting but rewarding process.

The SRHS Foundation may not have a Board Meeting in June or July but the committees are still meeting to insure our support to the school continues. We are still in the process of building our Board to 25 members. Interested parties can contact me at info@srhsf.org or call the Pandy Line at 707-571-7747 to set up an appointment.

The summer starts the busy season for class reunions. The Foundation assists the reunion organizers by posting their events with details to our website www.srhsf.org and

Dear Foundation,

Thank you for funding the buses for our field trip to the Exploratorium and the California Academy of Sciences.

SRHS Math Club

(signed by all members)

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Dear Mrs. Smedshammer and the SRHS Foundation,

I am writing this letter to convey my deepest appreciation for the James Fleck scholarship, which you so generously awarded to me in May of 2018. I have made great use of those funds, I have gotten all “A”s and “A+”s during my first two quarters at UCSB, in no small part thanks to your generosity. Thank you for what you have done for me, and for what I hope you will continue to do for others.

With sincerest gratitude,

Dane Beatie

Class of 2018

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installation costs. Coscarelli, the Foundation, and the STP agreed that the Ag Building would get a station and the Music Building would get a station. The sixth station waits to be installed in a location agreed upon by the Foundation, STP, and new SRHS Principal Kimberly Clissold, PhD. Principal Clissold is sold on the project, and reminds us how important proper hydration is to student brain health.

The first three units have been open for business for over a year now. The Ag Building and Music Building stations came on line in January of 2019. Installation costs totaled around \$10,000 for all five.

In anticipation of the opening of the first three stations, long time Foundation Board member Sue Ellen Bolt contacted the City of Santa Rosa Water Use Department about a donation of high quality, reusable, plastic water bottles. Brianne Brawley, an Eco Club advisor and SRHS science

teacher, coordinated with the Water Use Department to make sure the students would be best served. The city came through with 700 water bottles. On April 4, 2018 principal Coscarelli declared the first station open and a city representative gave a water bottle to every freshman who wanted one. Furthermore, a city representative spoke to every freshman in classroom situations about the importance of clean water and water conservation. Hopefully, the city will continue these donations and teaching sessions for freshman in the years to come.

Now, instead of hitting the vending machines for bottles of chilled, filtered water and lining the pockets of multi-billion dollar conglomerates, students can get essentially the same water from the hydration units. Moreover, there's



a serious environmental element to consider. Every time someone fills a reusable water bottle, the hydration station adds a number to its visible counter. The students and teachers can take pride in saving plastic waste.

So how effective are the machines? The first one installed registered about 20,000 fills in less than a year. If the other machines meet similar numbers, that's theoretically equivalent to over 120,000 disposal plastic bottles saved each year. Now that's something to drink to.

HEAD TRACK COACH DOUG COURTEMARCHE TO STEP DOWN AT SEASON'S END

By Mike Grace

Doug Courtemarche took over the cross country and track programs in the fall of 1992 from the retiring coach Ken Goetzel. I worked with Doug as an assistant coach for his first three years and probably a half dozen years after that and gained an immediate appreciation for his track knowledge and organizational ability. He is a good friend.

Doug was raised in Long Beach and was a football, basketball, and baseball player at St. Anthony's High School as well as being an inveterate body surfer growing up. After college at Long Beach State and a stint in the Navy, he finally settled in Santa Rosa and worked

for the IRS. That job choice turned out to be fortuitous when it came to his avocation of coaching since he was able to adjust his work schedule to allow him to coach at SR the last 27 years. Although coaching track requires a great deal of dedication, it's a part time job. But you must learn to coach all the track events and all the field events. Equally important is how to put on a track meet be it a dual meet or a league championship which involves six teams... or Doug's Big Cat meet which involves up to 100 teams and 800 athletes. That can be like running a multi-ring circus and the paperwork will kill you if coaching 80-100 adolescents doesn't. Doug's track teams are successful and

disciplined but also have fun. Doug was honored a couple years ago for his 25 years as head track coach at SRHS. Ex-athletes came back from his many teams and it was obvious they loved their old coach. In my mind he is one of the two best coaches in Sonoma County track history...Jim Underhill from Piner being the other one. We are indeed so fortunate to have such an excellent coach and when he hangs up his head coaching hat at the end of this season, we will have seen the last of one of the head coaching legends. Doug intends to coach with next year's head coach Carrie Josephs on a part-time basis. Thanks Doug for all you have done for the Home of the Panthers.

Where did Students Eat? 1930s through 1970s...continued from page 1

recognized the movie stars and asked to take their photo. A copy of that picture hangs today in the SRHS museum, indicating they were on their way to go fishing. Lombard holds a pole in the photo.

Dagwood Dunn's opened in the late 40s on Fifth Street west of B in a trolley-like building. It was still popular in the early 1960s. Chuck's Fountain next to the Tower Theater by Rosenberg's was a place for moviegoers to grab a burger or a milkshake.

The hot rod culture arrived in the 1950s and along with it came greater student mobility. Choices of places to eat increased, and some competed for the student dollar. Cozad's out Redwood Highway offered the "Student Special," six burgers for a buck. It was open until midnight. The new Eat 'N Run, open until 2 am for the real night owls, sold two meat patties on a big French roll. It regularly posted the number of a student body card, the owner of which could get \$2.50 worth of the menu. Leola's, opposite the campus, daily placed a slip of paper in one order. If that was you, you won a dollar.

Paul's Doggie Dinor was at the corner of St. Helena and Fourth where the Super Burger is today. The Crystal Freezer, also on the other side of Mendocino from the campus, sold ice cream treats. Now it's a yogurt shop.

You didn't need a car to have lunch at Zesto's. (later, Roger's) It was a quick walk up Mendocino where you could get a "supreme burger" with cheese, bacon and "the works." Many burger joints like Roger's relied on student workers who'd spend nights and weekends frying burgers and string potatoes or mixing shakes and making frostie cones. If you worked at Roger's, you could leave class 15 minutes before lunch to work during

that busy time and afterward you'd walk back for the period after lunch 15 minutes late. (If that was you, you may have enjoyed some special pleasure in missing class time.)

Instead of walking to Roger's, you could drive with a car full of buddies to Foster's Freeze on Fourth for similar menu choices and still get back in time for fifth period.

A block north of Zesto's was Warner's Creamery (originally Silva's) where a very big milkshake made with real ice cream that'd satisfy two people would set you back 50 cents. During lunch at Warner's the stools were packed and the tabletop jukebox played the latest rock and roll hits.

On the opposite side of Mendocino was Cal's Drive In. It foreshadowed the fast food burger chains. Cal's later became Sandy's Drive In, "thrift and swift" its motto. Gordon's Drive In was the place to be on Friday and Saturday night as you drove up and down Fourth Street and around the courthouse. If you could find a spot in the always crowded parking area, your order would be taken by a uniformed carhop who'd bring it on a tray to hang from your car's window. Cherry or lime Cokes were the usual drink choice of the evening.

To go downtown on a Saturday often meant a stop for French fries and gravy at Wright's Coffee Shop or lunch at Mac's Deli. Ingram's Chili Bowl across the highway from Cloverleaf Ranch was also a Saturday attraction. There you could choose "Eggs in the Red" or an "El Dorado Burger" among other chili and chopped onion covered choices.

In the 1960s many of these places remained and were joined by others hoping to attract the hungry teenager. Arctic Circle on Mendocino north

of Pacific Avenue was one, and the Burger Basket on Santa Rosa Avenue next to G.K. Hardt Lincoln/Mercury was another. It was too far to go for lunch on a school day but good for a Saturday. The 49er on Fourth opposite Red and Evie's Trolley Car was popular while tooling town on weekend evenings. If you weren't spending a lot of time tooling, you could sit and eat at Roma's Pizza on Exchange Avenue opposite the courthouse or at Pinky's Pizza on Third.

The Red Barn, opposite the campus, offered the usual choices at bargain prices. (The building later became a video store, then sold skateboards and is today feeling the wrecker's hammer.) Perry's Deli, which recently closed, was opened in the early 1970s in the former Red Rooster Market.

The Poorhouse, tucked away behind Mendocino Avenue's Park Auto Market, offered hot and cold sandwiches and was also popular with SRJC students. If you wanted pancakes early morning or late at night, you went to Sambo's on College and Mendocino or Foody's on Santa Rosa Avenue by the El Rancho Tropicana. Hungry for fish and chips? You'd get them at Thompson's just north of Park Auto.

During the next two decades, the SRHS student body continued to go off campus during the lunch hour and could now eat at a McDonald's, a Burger King, a Taco Bell or a Chick-fil-A as the fast food chains proliferated throughout town.

The early 1990s signaled the end of the era--the freedom to leave for lunch came to an end as school administrators decided it best to keep students on campus.

CONTRIBUTIONS & MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Rose Machen Moeller '68

The Foundation welcomes 14 new members and appreciates 108 renewals, bringing our current membership to 945.

We thank member and non-member donors, who made contributions totaling \$7,039.

With an aging membership, it is important for us to recruit the younger classes to keep the momentum going in the Foundation.

The following members and friends contributed additional funds over and above their membership fees:

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Clarence Tauzer '44

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Robert Tuttle '40

Dennis Tyler '53

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You may send the SRHSF a Contribution in the name of a deceased Panther, or in the name of a specific living person, department, group need, or scholarship fund.

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Chris and Vera Jordan Zeek '68

Corrections to Winter '19 issue

Ray Lazzini Memorial should have read:

Ray Lazzini '48 (90th Birthday)

Katherine Lazzini (Wife)

Steve and Kathy Hansen

Steve and Leslie Lazzini

Ken and Sharlene Lazzini

Mark Lazzini

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Oren/Nadine Smedshammer should have appeared under the **Lorenzo Solis Scholarship Fund**, not the **Nancy Weeks Griffen '55 Memorial**

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Chris & Vera Jordan Zeek '68

LYNDA TROMBETTA ANGELL '59

James Laier, Jr '58



In Memoriam

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Thomas William Alexander '67
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Lenora "Trixie" Babbini Falco '40
Marilyn Bacigalupi Hall '44
Janet Marie Barrington '61
Theresa Lana Bertozzi Massoni '46
Tim Butler '58
Mary Ann Byrnes Mariani '58
Dick Carrera '55
Lois Churchman Patterson '37
Jim Daw '68
James Doe '60

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Dennis Tyler '53
Damon Scott Wallace '89
Don Waltenspiel '60
Janet Williams Barrington '57
Wilfred Willis '58
Lawrence Peter Philipson -Retired Faculty

GOOD TIMES AT THE 24TH ANNUAL POLENTA FEED

By Paulette Guaspari Gomes

The SRHS Foundation Polenta Feed held at the Veterans' Memorial was another successful fund raising event for SRHS. We sold out the beginning of April. Many thanks are extended to the alumni, staff and friends who attended. Plus, many thanks to all the people and places that we reached out to for donations that brought in lots of money for SRHS. We estimated our net profit to be around \$37,000.00. That's the most we have ever done.

This year event was dedicated to Richard "Dick" Colombini, Class of 1949. Dick was a Blanket Award recipient, legendary Football Star, and Foundation Board Member. He helped out with the Nevers Field Sign, Front Sign Project, countless other projects, and has always been a staunch supporter of SRHS. There will be a plaque hanging up in the entryway of SRHS honoring him. Thank you Dick for all that you have done for SRHS.

Once again Randy Apel rose above and beyond our expectation. Thanks to him and all his crew for the delicious polenta and stew.

A big thank you to Carol Cacianti Mazzia and Wendy Provost for directing the students who did a fantastic job serving.

The Foundation's special thanks go to the Polenta Feed Committee: Paulette Guaspari Gomes, Chairperson, Donna Doyle, Co-Chair, Mary Beseda, JoAnn MacDonald, Brian Meechi, Sylvie Moore, Tony Negri, Ilona Williams and Chris Zeek. They all made this event a success!



Getting seated for dinner, 2019

“Once a Panther, Always a Panther!”

SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

24th Annual Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, September 13, 2019

Oakmont West Golf Course

Check-In begins at 11:15 AM • Shotgun Start 12:35 PM

- **Golf Cart, Range Balls, Lunch with Drinks**
- **18 Holes of Golf – 4 Person Scramble (Men's & Co-ed Flights)**
- **Dinner and Auction Following in the Quail Inn. Guests are Welcome**

Tee Prizes ★ Raffle Prizes ★ Silent and Live Auctions

Top Foursome Awards – Men's & Coed Flights • Longest Drive - Men, Women and Seniors (65 and over)

Closest to Pin - Men and Women • Free Putting Contest – 11:20 to 12:20

For a registration form or information about Sponsoring opportunities

Call our Pandey Line at 707-571-7747 or email golf@srhsf.org.

You may also visit the SRHS Foundation Website at www.srhsf.org

All Proceeds Benefit SRHS Sports and Academic Programs

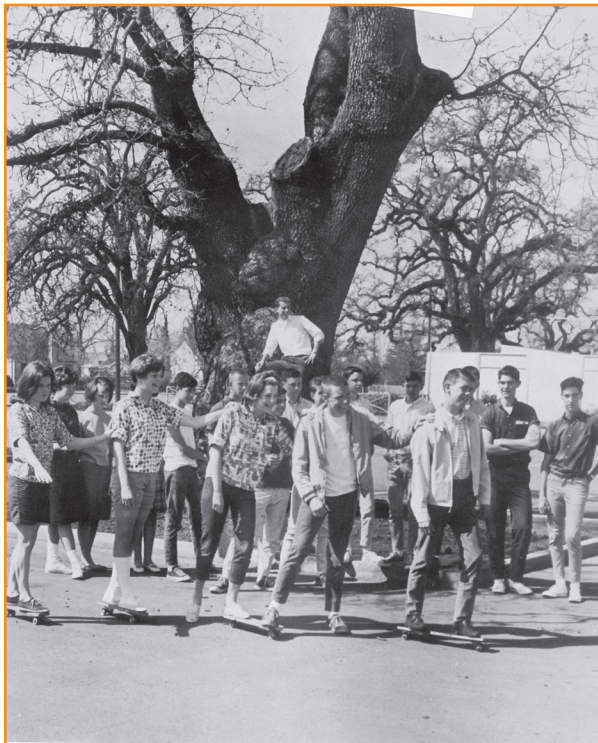


WHEN SURF MANIA HIT SRHS

By Don Cambou

*If everybody had an ocean
Across the U.S.A.
Then everybody'd be surfin'
Like Californ-i-a
The Beach Boys 1963*

Well, we lived in California, and we had an ocean – just a cold one. So why not us? In 1963, at SRHS, we were ready to buy in to all things surf related. Besides the clothes, probably the activity that caught up most of us was skateboarding. I saw my first skateboard in early 1963. Rich Caulfield '64 had taken a hunk of 2x4, split an old steel street skate in half, and nailed one half to each end of the 2x4. Soon the parking lots and asphalt surfaces all over SRHS were full of them. Mine was a somewhat maneuverable 1x6 with similar street skate halves. Little did we realize that we were the vanguard of an activity that is still a 5 billion dollar a year industry, over half a century after our modest DIY ventures.



Notice the skateboards in this 1964 Echo yearbook photo

But of course, we were merely Sidewalk Surfers. The cold Pacific called. Some of us discovered Stinson's Beach and the joys of body surfing. That launched many a beach party. All we needed were Frankie and Annette. At Stinson's, it was a time before the comeback of the California sea lion, and the return of its predator, the great white shark.

The real hard core found surfboards. Bob Levy '64 recalls, "I rented a board from Buzz's Surf Shop in Bolinas, and I was hooked." He's still hooked, paddling out and catching waves several times a month. Among the other SRHS pioneers were John Eason, Dick Burke, Dayl Thomson, and Jim Bowron – all class of '64. They worked their way from Bolinas to Doran Park, then to Salmon Creek, Goat Rock, and Point Arena.

It didn't take long for the underclassmen (and at least one woman, Tony Clark '66) to catch on. John Bribiescas '66 and Gary Wheelock '67 led the charge. Bribiescas remembers the day he caught his first wave: Washington's Birthday, 1965 at Doran Park. He also became the President of the Sonoma County Surfing Association, with members from SRHS, Montgomery, and Analy. He recalls that The Brothers



John Bribiescas catches a nice wave in 2012

Four clothing store sold not only surf clothing, but surfboards and wetsuits as well. Bribiescas continued surfing until 2013, when an unrelated injury kept him out of the water. He also spent 25 years teaching English at SRHS. He remembers taking a day off to go surfing, and running into a number of his students who had cut school to do the same thing. During that time, Bribiescas was also part of a core group who created Santa Rosa's Schools Plus, which has donated over \$9,000,000 to Santa Rosa's High Schools and Middle Schools during the last 29 years.

A special concert capped the first couple of years of surf mania in Santa Rosa. The Beach Boys filled the Vets' memorial on August 2, 1964. For many of us, it was the first rock concert we had ever attended. Ticket cost: \$2.50.

Bribiescas sums up the mystique of surfing for many of his board toting brethren and sistren. "There are no bad days surfing. It's the most profound encounter I've ever had with nature."

BUILDING THE CAR OF THE FUTURE

By Don Cambou

They skipped lunch period for months. Instead, 20 to 25 SRHS students, including a core group of about five, went to science teacher Paul Booker's classroom to work as a group on a very unique task: designing and building a car from scratch. But their product isn't just any car. It's an all electric vehicle built to exacting standards for very high efficiency. They hope to get over 10 kilometers on a single charge from the car's 48 volt rechargeable lithium ion battery – it weighs only 7 pounds and is about the size of a textbook..

Their goal was to compete with the electric car in early April's Shell Eco-marathon Americas event at the Sonoma Raceway. 30 cars would be on the track at one time. They would have to maintain a minimum speed of at least 15 miles an hour. The competition would be from colleges and high schools from both North and South America. Many of the colleges would arrive with teams of engineering students. The SRHS team faced a daunting task.

The idea became reality with a grant from the SRHS Foundation, and donations from Bike Peddler and Bryce Rocket Cycles. SRHS senior Jeremy West fashioned the car's aluminum frame. He'll be studying engineering next year at Chico State. Andy Masuda contacted a friend at the Bike Peddler shop who delivered four

high quality bicycle wheels and tires at cost. Bike Peddler donated brake parts as well. Julia Pastis and Jason Shinn built the ultra efficient speed controller. Jason also designed and built all the car's circuitry. Nathan Keo and Taylor Brown worked on the master cylinder provided by Bryce Rocket Cycles, adapting the motorcycle part to their needs.

Jason says, "I've found that this project has given me experiences and skills that I never could have gotten through STEM classes like Physics, etc." Julia adds, "I've learned so much about engineering and teamwork. I didn't expect to use power tools each day at lunch, but I have and I'm so glad."

Andy has realistic goals, considering the caliber of the competition: "My hope for this car is that it makes it to the track and functions. I have no desire to win, but having the car meet all the requirements and compete would make me more than happy."

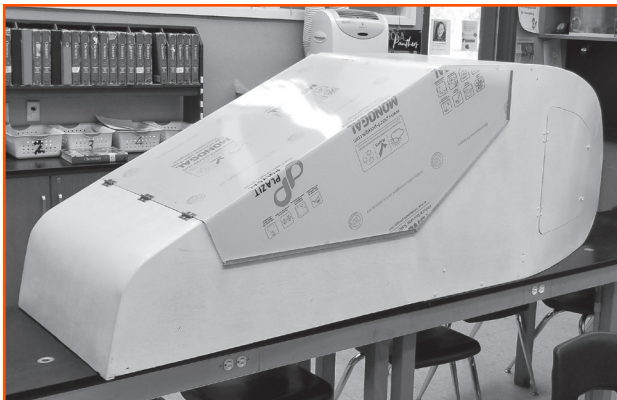
Their instructor, Paul Booker, puts the benefits this way: "The real contribution is about implementing designs and thoughts and making them real using power tools and machinery."

The team made great progress, but by early April, the car wasn't finished. Instead, team members attended the Eco-marathon,



Team members in early March with components ready to install. L. to R.: Nathan Keo, Jason Shinn, Andy Masuda, and Julia Pastis

met participants from high schools and colleges from both North and South America, and watched their cars compete. Although they may have been disappointed that their own car wasn't finished in time for the event, they remain upbeat about its future. As Julia Pastis says, "By starting this project, we have enabled future SRHS students to have an experience in engineering from this year forward." As for the Eco-marathon Americas, it will return to the Sonoma Raceway in the spring of 2020. Expect the completed SRHS car to be there, ready to maximize every electron its battery delivers. Some of this year's team will be there too, along with the next SRHS team of aspiring engineers and climate change advocates.



The painted car body. Adhesive paper covers the windshield to protect it from scratches

SAVE THE DATE

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By: Pandý
SPRING '19

David Vann '85, professor of creative writing at University of Warwick in England and author of nine acclaimed novels, has published his latest, "Halibut on the Moon," in which he revisits his father, about whom he first wrote in "Legend of a Suicide" twenty years ago. The title for "Halibut" results from a NASA mission to Earth's neighbor.

The men of the classes of '59, '60, and '61 meet for lunch every month. Contact **Mike Daniels** at mdaniels@sonic.net if you're interested. And now the ladies of '59 have started meeting for lunch as well. Call **707-544-3158** if you are interested in joining in. Additionally, the men of '65 meet for lunch monthly. About 20 women from the class of '68 meet every three months for lunch. **Retired faculty** get together too, but for breakfast. Retired main office secretary **Elva Pringle** coordinates the gathering of former teachers who remain passionate about their years in Panther land.

Christy Anton Peters '85 is Chief of Staff in the Thurston County Prosecutor's Office in Olympia, WA

Graduating SRHS seniors **Anwen Lin** and **Julia Pastis** recently received prestigious Press Democrat Community Youth Service awards -- \$2,000 scholarships... Speaking of scholarships, **Don Cambou '64**, with the help of **Elaine Dolcini** Chairperson of the Science Department, has created the unique Renewable Energy/Greenhouse Gas Reduction scholarship. It will be awarded to the SRHS graduating senior with the best combination of academic excellence and desire to contribute to the global effort to reduce the manmade causes of climate change. Cambou will fund the \$1,000 scholarship this year and guarantee it for next year. He hopes to continue it in subsequent years with the help of others. For more information, contact him at doncamboul@gmail.com

In athletic news: **Morgan Bertsch '14**, starring on the UC Davis basketball team, was recently named player of the week for the sixth time in the Big West Conference for her scoring, rebounding and shot blocking. She also

owns the Aggies scoring and blocking record. She was also named Big West Conference MVP and scored 25 points in the Aggies NCAA Tournament loss to Stanford. But fear not, she's going pro. She was drafted by the Dallas Wings WNBA team . . . **Kirsten Carter '18** at the Cal Opener track and field meet ran 100 meters in 11.88 and 200 meters in 24.46. Both efforts set the fastest Big West marks of the early season . . . At the Riverside City College Invitational swim meet **Reilly Clarkson '17** won the 200-yard individual medley for SRJC and **Katie Morrison '18** scored a first place in the 100-yard backstroke for the Bear Cubs... Graduating senior **Caitlin Grace '19**, scion of a multi-generation family of SRHS track and field athletes, tossed the discus 125 feet, 2 inches at the prestigious Stanford Invitational, a feat that landed her in a number two position among North Coast Section throwers... **Tim Coussins '88** is the new major league baseball Baltimore Orioles catching coach. Tim previously served in the Chicago Cubs organization as minor league catching instructor. He and the new Oriole Manager, Brandon Hyde, a Montgomery grad, have put on local baseball clinics during the off season.

And in Museum news: **Doreen Kennedy O'Rourke** and her sister **Barbara Kennedy Mello '64** donated Echos (1929, '33, '36 and '40) that belonged to their parents, **Robert Kennedy '37** and **Erma Ferraris Kennedy '40**

In February, Pepperdine University named **James A. Gash '85** as its eighth president and CEO. As president, Gash will have the primary responsibility for the strategic leadership of the institution. He is also a Special Advisor to the High Court of Uganda, and was recently named chancellor of LivingStone International University in Mbale, Uganda. Since 2010 Gash has visited Uganda more than 25 times with Pepperdine students to support the Ugandan judiciary and assist the country in its justice reform efforts. Gash was also the recipient of the prestigious Elizabeth Beckman Mentor Award and the Warren Christopher Award, which recognizes the State Bar of California's international lawyer of the year. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the US District Court for the Central District of California.



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