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Yakity–Yak Yourself If Yakity–Yak, the title of Walt Wohler's article in the March issue of Eagle's Eye Magazine, is meant to convey meaningless words, it was aptly titled to reflect its content, or lack thereof. Mr. Wohler's personal evaluation of Eiesenhower's students was incredibly shallow, disgustingly blind, and downright insulting. I cannot believe a man who has lived as long as he has can be so oblivious to the harsh realities of the age.

What culture is Mr. Wohlers a part of, if not the one in front of his face? The students of 30 years ago had plenty of time for the social events on campus. Many students of today are concerned with aspects of survival students three decades ago never conceived of. How many of them were worried about getting home in time to cook dinner for a little brother because Mom was still at work? How many (by comparison) were concerned with getting to their own jobs on time, a sister on drugs, or just working for good grades to enter college with? It is not our fault the world we live in forces us to take on these responsibilities. If anyone deserves the blame, it is our elders, those who run this country, our schools, and our homes. We have not lived long enough to create this much corruption—you have. The educational system is not changing with the times and you, Mr. Wohlers, are a perfect example. The students of today recognize the patronizing attitudes teachers display to us, and we react accordingly. We are being forced to mature earlier in life but are still being scolded like little children. Positive reinforcement is an educational concept that is often successful, but is obviously above the heads of teachers who Continued on Page 13

Corrections

Mary Moran would like to apologize for the misspelling of Tammy Boulduc's name in her "Eisenhower's Models" story in the March issue.

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Cover: William Burnett, Jason Jenkins, Kevin Fairman & Luis Escanuela.

D-Wing Food

There is a new satellite cafeteria on Eisenhower's campus in room D-1. The new cafeteria has a speed line, a self-service food line, and soft drink machines. Opened this month, it should help ease some of this year's lunch crowds.

The new cafeteria was put in so students will not have to go off campus to get lunch, and so those who are at the south end of campus will not have as far to go to get food. Having food available at both ends of the campus should also help to reduce the amount of time it takes to get food on campus.

According to Carol Winkler, food services director, the new cafeteria will be open with one speed line in May, and if it goes over well, another speed line will be put in for September.

DECA Winners

Eisenhower's ROP DECA Club competed at the California State Career Development Finals on March 16, 17, and 18. There were 200 schools and 1,800 studentsin the competition. Members of Eisenhower's team who placed were Thomas Burney, first in state- wide Economics of Marketing; Meghan Osborn who placed in he top eight for Food Marketing, and Nova Haung, finishing in the top eight of Retail Merchandising.

Well Written

Ouinta Avance, a senior at Eisenhower, received Honorable Mention in the Senior Fiction Division of the Seventh Annual Creative Writing Contest sponsored by the Department of English at California State University San Bernardino. There were more than 1800 entries in the contest.

There was a reception planned on May 10 for the awards presentation where all the awards will be given out.

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CBL Prelims.

CBL Finals

SPORTS SCHEDULE

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	<u>Opponent</u>	Location	Time
4-24	Fontana	Fontana	3:00
4-27	Rubidoux	Eisenhower	3:00
5-1	Colton	Colton	3:00
5-3	Redlands	Redlands	3:00
5-8	San Gorgonio	San Gorgonio	3:00
5-10	Moreno Valley	Moreno Valley	3:00
CO-ED	GOLF SCHEDULE		
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
4-23	San Gorgonio	Eisenhower	3:00
4-26	Moreno Valley	Moreno Valley	3:00
4-30	CBL Prelims.	Riverside Poly	T.B.A.
5-1	Palmdale	Palmdale	T.B.A.
	Invitational		
5-2	CBL Finals	San Gorgonio	T.B.A.
BASEBA	ALL SCHEDULE		
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
4-18	Riverside Varsity	Riverside	T.B.A.
	Tournament		
4-19	Riverside Varsity	Riverside	T.B.A.
	Tournament		
4-21	Riverside Varsity	Riverside	T.B.A.
	Tournament		
4-24	Fontana	Eisenhower	3:00
4-27	Rubidoux	Rubidoux	3:00
5-1	Colton	Eisenhower	3:00
5-4	Redlands	Eisenhower	3:00
5-8	San Gorgonio	Eisenhower	3:00
5-10	Moreno Valley	Eisenhower	3:00
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	Colton	Colton	3:00
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Rubidoux

Rubidoux

T.B.A.

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SPORTS SCORES

CO-ED GOLF SCORES

Date	IKE	Opponent	
3-15	lost	Colton	won
3-19	lost	Redlands	won
3-22	lost	San Gorgonio	won
3-26	lost	Moreno Valley	won
3-29	lost	Riverside Poly	won
4-2	lost	Fontana	won

BASEBALL SCORES

Date	IKE	<u>Opponent</u>	
3-15	2	Los Altos	11
3-20	3	Riverside Poly	14
3-23	7	Fontana	9
3-27	5	Rubidoux	25
3-30	9	Colton	14
4-3	7	Redlands	6
4-6	6	San Gorgonio	3
4-10	15	Moreno Valley	5
4-13	5	Riverside Poly	18

BOYS TRACK SCORES

Opponent	
Fontana	80
Rubidoux	54
Colton	16
Redlands	63
	Rubidoux Colton

GIRLS TRACK SCORES

Date	Ike	Opponent	
3-15	57	Fontana	61
3-22	66	Rubidoux	52
3-29	79	Colton	34
4-6	48	Redlands	70

Spring Carnival

Student Council is planing to have a carnival in the quad on May 18 and 19. It will be tied into Spring Madness, which is the week of May 14. The purpose of the carnival is to liven up the end of the school year and to give clubs an opportunity to raise funds, so they can start off the following school year with money in their accounts.

It is hoped that this will become an annual event. Although this year's carnival will remain small and only have a few minor rides, it is hoped that it will grow and become a popular event.

New Classes

Two new classes have been added to Eisenhower's academic schedule for the 1990-91 school year. They are a Chicano Studies and a Black History Class.

Chicano Studies is a survey class which emphasizes awareness, appreciation, and understanding for Mexican-American culture, traditions, attitudes, and ideals as reflected through history. The course covers the historical development of the Mexican-American for pre-Columbian to the present.

The Black History Class is a course to develop an understanding and appreciation of the contributions of Black men and women in the history of the United States, an awareness that ours is a pluralistic society, an understanding of what it means to live in a pluralistic society, and an understanding of the values and attitudes existent in our society. Special emphasis is placed on the student's own values and attitudes. Major topics include political history, cultural, economics, and social contributions of the Black people.

COVER STORY

Four Fast Gentlemen By La Stacia Neat

Once again Eisenhower has the best time in the nation for the 4 by 800 meter relay, earning this distinction on March 21 at the Mount San Antonio Relays. Eisenhower competed against teams from all over the world. The team feels that the most competition came from Poway, and Bellarmine. The meet included teams from Australia, Canada, Mexico, and Japan.

This year's team members are Seniors Jason Jenkins, William Burnett, Kevin Fairman, and newcomer Luis Escanuela. The team held the best time last year in the same event. Their time was 7:48.5, .8 seconds faster than last year's time of 7:49.3.

Last year, Frank Sharpe helped the team to their record. Escanuela, who replaced Sharpe, when asked how he felt about being part of this team replied, "I was skeptical because I didn't feel we could do it—because of me being a distance runner."

Head Coach Sheryll Hite was really happy about the team's accomplishment. "I think a lot of credit has to go to Luis Escanuela. He was a 2-miler who dropped down to the 800. That's a hard transition. Luis really worked on his speed so he wouldn't let the other guys down."

Distance Runners' Head Coach Tony Black commented, "I am very proud of the team because they have been working together as a unit for three years and everybody came through, but this team means more to me this year because nobody really believed we could do it this year."

The race was about to begin and IKE team was very nervous. Every person had to run two laps around the track. Escanuela ran the first two laps. He was in 5th place when he handed the baton to Burnett, who brought IKE up into second place, very close to first. Fairman took first place before handing off to Jenkins who held onto first and took it to the finish line despite being pressured very closely on the last lap by the second place runner.

The team didn't know they had the fastest time for about five minutes. Some of the team wasn't as excited as they were last year. Escanuela said he was very happy and couldn't believe it. Jenkins didn't think that they would have had the fastest time but knew they would take first place. Fairman replied "Anything is possible if you try hard enough and put your mind to it."

All State Champion By Mary Moran

"My parents are very proud of me." These were the words of Colby Gilbreath when he was asked how he felt attending the All Championship Wrestlers Competition, and taking 8th out of 32 schools. " I was very nervous because I was going to be competing with a lot of good wrestlers" Gilbreath said. The competition took place in Stockton California. Gilbreath has been the 4th wrestler from Ike's history to attend the All State Championship. When we asked Gilbreath if he was going to keep on wrestling, he commented, "I like wrestling a lot but I want to give it a break for now." Gilbreath plans to takes a year long break from school after graduation and then later attend Riverside Community College to play football. His future goal is to become a fireman.

Key Club

On April 6, 7 and 8, Eisenhower Key Club attended their District Convention at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel. There were over 1800 Key Clubbers from California, Nevada, and Hawaii. The main purpose of the convention was to learn more about Key Club in general. Ideas for service projects, fundraisers, and workshops were presented. There were many informative workshops and a semi-formal dance was held Saturday night. In addition, there were awards presented to the best Key Clubs in the district. Keynote speakers entertained the Key Clubbers at the general sessions.

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William Allen Young Pushes Life By Karl McGary

Mr. William Young will be visiting Eisenhower May 23 to talk at a double mandatory assembly to promote Say Yes to Life Week. Say Yes to Life is a nation-wide exercise to increase drug awareness which runs from the 21 to the 25 of May. Young is a well known actor and speaker whose long list of credits include performances in television shows such as *The Women of Brewster Place, The Day After,* and *Outrage.* He has also appeared in films like *The Jagged Edge, A Soldier's Story,* and *Lock-Up.*

Young also is a scholar. He received his BA in Debate & Rhetoric from the University of Southern California. He also attended California State University, Los Angeles where he received his MA in Communication and Language Behavior.

Considering the speakers students have endured in the past, Young should offer a taste of something different. His command of the language and his speaking abilities won him the title of *Top Collegiate Speaker In the Nation* by the National Forensic Association in both 1976 & 1977.





Fire

By Vicky Williams On March 23, a bit of excitement spread across the campus of Eisenhower High School, especially for those students with 5th period classes in the L wing. A fire broke out during lunch time in L-2, the metal shop class taught by Allen Parker.

The metal heat shield against the south wall, which protects the wall from the furnace, had become separated from the wall. The heat from the furnace leaked into the wall, causing it to dry out and catch fire.

During lunch, a student, James Reiz, saw smoke coming from the roof of the L wing. "I was eating lunch nearby and saw smoke. I ran into M-2 and called the office," he stated, reporting the fire at 12:10 pm.

Assistant Principal Armand Messer attempted to put the fire out by pulling the heat shield away from the wall. After emptying two fire extinguishers into the wall, the fire department was called.

In order for the still burning wood in the wall to be located, the fire department had to knock downa large portion of the corner. The wall was later repaired by district maintenance personnel.

Speed is Not Enough By Brandon Piddington

There are numerous signs that spring is once again upon us, not the least of which is the ting of factory spun aluminum smacking stitched white leather. For those who cherish that long awaited sound, Eagle Baseball is here.

It has been a year of ups and downs, but for the juniors and sophomores on the Varsity Squad, all of the hard work and conditioning will pay off in the long run. Although a majority of the team has changed, the one thing that remains the same is their desire for a playoff birth. A desire that will go unfulfilled this season at least with a current league record of 3 wins and 6 loses. One key asset has been the team's overall speed. There are at least five base stealing threats in the lineup at any given time, including: Demond Smith, Demond Thompkins, Eric Ballard, Travis Fisher, and Craig Fielder. This should please Coach Tom Benedickt who likes aggressive base running. Benedickt claims he would rather see a player "gunned down" while attempting to advance than have them play station-to-station baseball. A philosophy which has lead to 75 stolen bases so far. The individual leaders are Demond Smith with 22 and Demond Thompkins with 21. Smith is leading the team with a batting average of .505 including five home

runs. Despite this impressive average, the team as a whole is only batting .305.

Team defense is much improved, but in order to work more efficiently, communication must get better. The pitching staff is improving but the key is ground balls. As long as they throw pitches which force the hitters on to the ground, the defense can contribute. Since this year's team has no real strike out pitchers, ground balls are a must. "If we're going to win, it will have to be with our speed," states Benedickt. Benedickt is quick to point out that this is a year of rebuilding for the **Eagles Varsity Baseball** Team. Like those who cheer for major league teams, Eagle baseball fans will have "to wait until next year."



Pitcher Ricky Batres throws to First Baseman Craig Fielder for a pick-off attempt against Fontana.



Demond Smith laces a double into left field.



Perfect Attire for a Night at Dock By Tasha Brown

The 1990 Junior/Senior Prom was officially kicked off amid a flurry of sequins, ruffles, brightly colored ties, and cummerbunds at the 13th Annual Prom Fashion Show held on March 31 in the gym. The theme for this year's prom was Here and Now. Twenty-six students modeled the latest in formal wear from a number of stores around the Inland Empire. D'Arca's furnished all of the tuxedos for this year's show. The student models included Dawna Ballard, Tammy Bolduc,

Paula Estrada, April Ford, Celina Gaskin, Sheri Gillies, Lynn Jackson, Tasa Jackson, Twana Miller, Jennifer Mobley, Erica Moore, Tammy Reid, Nicole Reynoso, PaTasha Harrell, Chris Black, Mikael Cooper, Marco Fantuzzi, Kevin Foster, Ghassan Hasan, Dana Jimmerson, Eric Malbrough, Glenn Olbes, Swahebru Scott, Teddy Simien, Hussain Smith, Brian Thompson, Kylon Trower.

The Annual Prom Fashion Show was sponsored by the Junior Class. Their advisor, Keith Bailey, served as one of the two MC's, while Denise Shelton served as the other. The show was choreographed by Trini Arza. Despite three rehearsals, Bailey said that he would have preferred a dress rehearsal, but D'Arca's asked that the tuxedos be only worn once and there just wasn't time.

The fashions for females presented at the show ranged in price from \$200 to \$400. Senior Tammy Reid's pink sequined gown cost approximately \$380. All of the girl's fashions were their own. The tuxedos worn by the gentlemen included different shades of black and white jackets with a myriad of accent colors to match their date's attire. The tuxedos presented ranged in rental cost from \$74 to \$150.



Above left to right: Swahebru Scott, PaTasha Harrel, Eric Malbrough, Chris Black, and Tawana Miller Opposite page top: Beau Bailey, Sheri Gillis, Damon Smith, and Christopher. Opposite page bottom: Mr. Bailey



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East Rialto Kiwanis



SALUTES THE TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS OF THE EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB FOR THEIR PURSUIT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Just Another Party By Jared Cox

The 1990 Eisenhower Prom was wrought with many successes and a few predictable failures. It might be considered the cruise that wasn't. Others might call it an expensive, rhythmic, ceremonial ritual that was suppose to epitomize what fun is. For some however, more fun was to be had afterwards than at the prom itself.

The first failure was the fact that the boat never left dock. There are two ways of viewing this. If you were looking forward to a romantic evening on the water with your date, you would have had better luck (and spent less) renting a row boat and going out on your own. If, on the other hand, the sight of your date tossing their cookies over the rail was not to be the high light of your evening, circumstances spared you.

The next sour note pertains to the music. If you paid good money expecting to hear some really good sounds, the money paid for tickets would have been better spent at your favorite record store. The D.J. was acceptable. The band downstairs turned out to be another story. Their first mistake was attempting to replicate the sounds that were emanating from the D.J.'s turntable upstairs. Their second mistake was going public their first time playing together. There are good bands, mediocre bands, sorry bands, and then these folks.

Then there were the hors d'oeuvres. In terms of quantity, there were more than adequate amounts of them. In terms of flavor, the barnacles off the *Exxon Valdez* would have tasted better. The one bright spot about the prom was the staff of *The Pride of Los Angeles* (now called *Pride* because the *Spirit* sank). They were very nice and cooperative with the students, who, according to security and other personnel, were the best behaved group of adolescents they have had on board to date. Some people have different ideas about what makes a

prom. The bad thing is that

Top: Artemis Rasch and her date Gary getting close. *Right:* Mr. Kariotakis & Mr. Bailey *Opposite Page:* Stan Jackson, Heather Wallace, Christy dancing on the lower level.



never is everyone satisfied. Mr. Bailey, Mr. Perkins, the Student Council, and everyone else involved did the best job they could to make this as memorable a prom as possible. In general, the prom was a success. Usually, most of the prom goers leave long before its over, but at least half the people stayed to the very end. It would be advantages for the class of '91 to learn from this year's mistakes. Don't wait until the last minute to book a place. And if they're creative enough to come up with something as original as a cruise, take into consideration that a larger number of students might attend. In fact, the lesson here might be that the more original the place, the larger the crowd. During and after the prom, I realized that the prom itself is nothing more than an expensive party. Many people believe that the prom is supposed to be the most romantic and memorable night of their young lives, but the romance is simply what you make it. For the money, just as much fun could have been had down the street at Chubby's house.

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Annual Spring Band Concert Tuesday May 22, 7:30pm in the EHS Cafeteria featuring our Concert Band, Jazz Band & Wind Ensemble Free refreshments to be served.

Annual Pageantry Spring Show Wednesday, June 6, 7pm in the EHS Gym featuring our Dance & Flag Teams plus the Jazz Band Free Admission

Earth Day Ignored

By Michele Sauerwein Are you concerned with the well-fare off our planet? Would you be interested in trying to change our ways for the better? Gordon Nickolson, lab biology teacher, wants very much too reactivate a environment awareness club on campus that died out over the last fifteen years.

Nickolson would like to plant around three trees a year at Eisenhower, start to recycle cans and paper, and enlighten the students of Eisenhower too the hazards on the environment that result from our fast-paced lives.

Environment week was April 16-23, and although Eisenhower did not have any participation in this nation wide event due to the Inservice Day called on that Friday, the City of Rialto did. On Tuesday, there were many recycling stations set up for our benefit; Wednesday was Rialto City Arbor Day; Friday gave a presentation on "Household Hazardous Wastes"; and Sunday was declared Earth Day. A carnival was held.

All around the globe people are trying to change things for the better. Read these few examples and then ask, "What can I do?"

R2B2 is a recycling plant operated by Michael Schelder and his partners in the Bronx. People can bring their trash to R2B2 and get cash. Not only are the streets cleaner but now hundreds of the Bronx's residents have a steady source of income. Today R2B2 has 30 employees and buys about 35 tons of nearly 30 different recyclable materials daily. These similar trash-taming plants have gone up in such cities as Newark, Miami, and Philadelphia.

What can one person do to



save the rain forests? Ask Jiro Nakayama. He's the twelve-year-old leader of a band of schoolchildren who have already saved 40 acres of forest land in Costa Rico. On their way to and from school, they collect old newspapers and cans. Then they recycle these materials. The proceeds are sent to the International Children's Rainforest Program, which buys and preserves parkland at \$50 an acre. Jiro and his friends have already raised more than \$5000. Something to think about, isn't it?

Brian Styers, a sixteenyear-old honors student at Thomasville High School, was bothered by the fact that his North Carolina school issued Styrofoam trays, plates, and cups that are choking their local landfills. Styers and some friends began marching around the cafeteria with reusable dishes brought from home. They figured the cost of recycling schemes, tipped off the media, and took their appeal to the school board in March. All their hard work has paid off. For now all Thomasville schools will be collecting and shipping to Brooklyn the used lunchware for recycling.

It has never been too late to take action. Lets' all try to be a little more alert to our individual acts and try to make Eisenhower a more presentable, pleasant place to be. And if you are interested in helping Eisenhower start a club to save the planet, please contact Nicholson in K-7.

Yakity–Yak Yourself have nothing but negative opinions to express.

Call me dense, but I simply cannot understand how cheering at a football game will enrich my life and broaden our horizons. Not that I can't appreciate the fun of it, but I will not stand for being accused of laziness just because I no longer enjoy pep rallies. It is true that many students hate

this school, but that cannot be mistaken for a hatred of learning. Let me remind you that these people you bad- mouthed will most likely end up being the teachers of tomorrow. It is time that those in power concentrated on improving the teaching process and stimulating those not interested in school, rather than throwing their hands up in frustration and leaving the schools to decay. Without the knowledge, how can we possibly be expected to improve on the system as it is? It is not the responsibility of the student to improve his environment single- handed.

We live with the values we were taught—and we didn't teach ourselves. The values Mr. Wohlers expressed illustrate a person just as disgusted with us as we are with him. A person who can do nothing but complain about people complaining— real productive! And who exactly is he addressing?

The mere mention of church and Sunday School is both elitist and discriminating. What about those who worship on Saturdays? Or what about those of us who don't worship at all? In this country we have freedom of religion, and also freedom from religion!

The moral of this story is that a lack of human acceptance is contagious and will not be remedied by authoritative disapproval. Everyone is entitled to his/her opinion, but when it is expressed publicly for the sole purpose of insulting those who the writer professes to serve, it becomes unacceptably offensive.

We may not all be tomorrow's Den Mothers or Scout Masters, but we will be running this country, so I suggest respecting us now if you expect any in return. Social Security is debatable.

-Kerby Kunstler

New Heat

By Alicia Wade

Here is some fantastic news for all of us out there who are enthralled with the intriguing subject of ceramics! EHS' ceramics class, instructed by Mr. Robert Bells, has just been delighted to receive a brand new Carol Suzanne Kiln. If you are in the dark concerning this fact, not to worry, more is to come.

In ceramics class, students utilizing clay, are taught to create various projects. Following this process, time

is allowed for the dehydration, then the object is trimmed. After this, in order to harden and stabilize the item made, heat is used by incorporating the firing kiln. The new kiln is quite large, making it an efficient way to fire a large We can all imagine how extremely happy and overwhelmed the ceramic students of Eisenhower are to receive this new arrival. Yet, the genuine joy goes to Mr. Bellah, the "little person" behind it all. So for all you ceramic fanatics, start "throwing", for Mr. Bellah has finally got the better and new heat.





Apri

Freaky Advice

Freaky,

There is this guy at Ike that I really like . We started going together about two months ago. He is the type of person that I have to talk to first. We are opposite in some ways and much alike in other ways. He knows I have strong feelings for him and he claims he likes me a lot, also. We don't talk that much at school, and that bothers me . Should I take my friends advice and not talk to him anymore, or stick with him. Signed,

Infatuated

Dear Infatuated,

This is a very common situation among many teenage youths, especially at this age, since many of us are unsure and insecure about ourselves. His problem could be that he is too shy to make a move, or maybe he's afraid of rejection. Whatever his problem is, just remember to wait it out and let him gather some courage to talk to you and make the first move. This will help him to realize that you aren't like the rest of the girls by pushing him to do something he isn't ready for yet. It will also test your love for him, as well as his love for you. No matter what, take it slowly because the best comes to those who wait.

Dear Fro,

I feel I speak for lots of students who feel the same way I do. This school is very unfair towards other cultures. Eisenhower is not only made up of African American people, but it is also made up of Hispanics, Whites, Filipinos, Asians, and Europeans. I am not a racist but I feel that other cultures of this school are not displayed enough. Such as in an international day where all the cultures are appreciated without a specific race being praised. I suggest that this idea will ease the burden of racism at Eisenhower. Signed, Left Out

Dear Left Out,

Need I say more? Yes, it is true that there are other cultures in this school, yet, what can anyone do about the unjust treatment portrayed, not only by the students, but by the Eisenhower staff as well. What you suggested was an excellent idea! There should be a day when all cultures of our society are presented as well as appreciated. If this is not possible, then something similar should be tried. Even if this were to come about, we cannot expect to have the issue of racism erased. As long as there are people on this earth of different colors, there will be racism. Just remember to keep your own individuality and don't let the tainting suggestions of societies' prejudices taunt you or take you. Be yourself, no matter what color you are, and encourage others to do the same.

Dear Fro,

I'm new here at Ike and have taken an interest in one of the students. The problem is that he's

The Eagle's Eye staff has been receiving anonymous questions by fellow Eisenhower students and has decided to put together an advice column. If any of you out there are lonely, confused, or just plain sick and tired of things, write in to us and we'll see what we can do to help. You can leave your letters in a box that is located in the library. Thank you.

confused. Well not exactly confused, but I really can't understand him. You see he took this young lady to the prom. He claims that before the prom he didn't really like her that much, but at the prom his whole outlook on her changed. Now he claims he wants to get with me. But he also likes her and she wants to know how she feels about him. So I told him to ask her. He came back and told me that she said they were "talking." Then, he tells me that he likes her but he's not sure if that's what he wants. He wants to know if we can get together so he can make his decision. But I really don't want to be a side show. So, I thought about asking the young lady what she feels is going on in their relationship, but the only reason I'm even considering doing that is because I really like this person. What should I do? Signed Love Stuck

Dear Love Stuck,

What you have is an honest to goodness teenage love problem. All I can tell you is that I feel you are going about it the right way. Not having animosity towards this other girl and being willing to talk to her is a very mature way of handling things. Yet, what-ever you do, don't let him treat you like his toy. If he is not sure of what he wants, then give him time to make a decision. Yet, whatever you do, don't let him treat you like a toy nor act like one. If you act like his toy, then he will put you away whenever he gets tired of you. Take time to really get to know this person and this will also help you to make a decision on him. Also, look at other guys and get to know them in case things don't work out. Remember, that whatever happens, life goes on and enjoy it while you can.