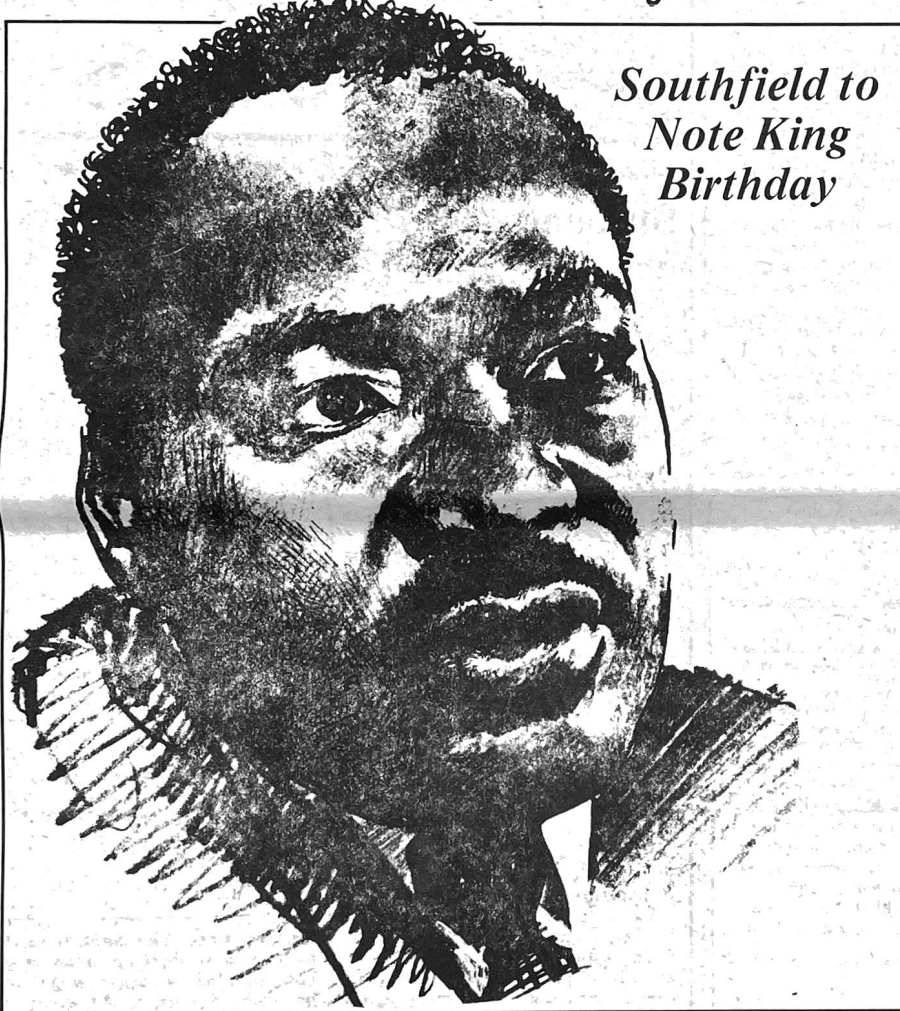


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— This Month —

Holiday to Honor Civil Rights Leader

A national holiday will honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Southfield takes part with a Jan. 15 celebration

A Struggle for Survival

Nationwide runaways and children abducted from their homes find a cruel world waiting for them

SSF Lends a Helping Hand

Students help out senior citizens of McDonnell Towers in 'Adopt a Grandparent' program

Drunk Driving — The Problem Continues

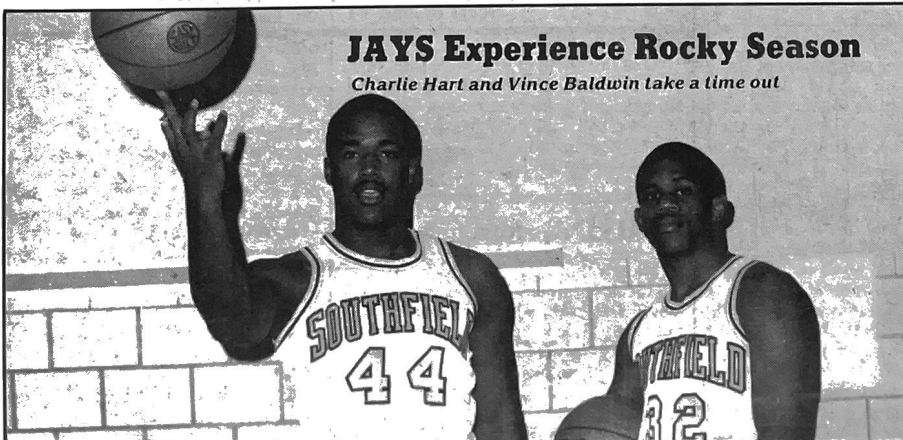
National and local groups have mounted a campaign curb the problem of drunk driving

Trying Times for the Jays

SHS Basketball Team faces tough games against Flint Northwestern and Highland Park

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A rundown of school, club and team news



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Editorial

Continue efforts to curb drunk driving menace

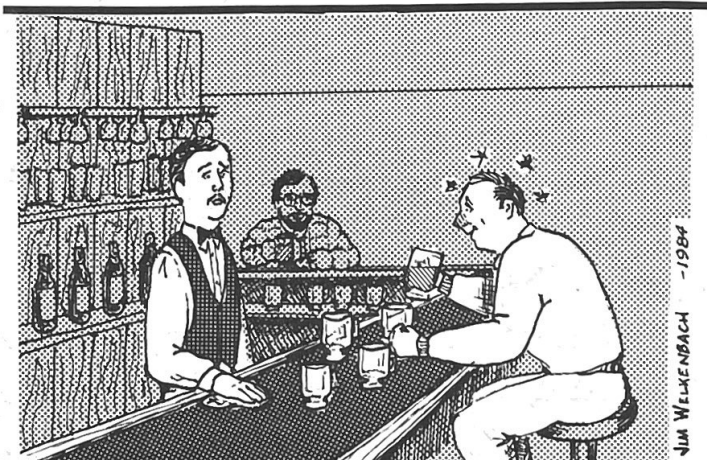
Drunk driving with students as well as adults is a major problem today and steps should continue to be taken to help resolve this menace.

President's Commission on Drunk Driving has proposed a national drinking age that would prohibit anyone under the age of 21 to buy alcohol anywhere in the country. The main reason for this proposal is to decrease the number of teens who drink alcohol. This proposal is well supported by facts. Seventy-five percent of American youths drink before they reach the age of 16, and 44 percent of accidents involving alcohol are caused by drivers under the age of 24.

In New Jersey, for example, it is predicted that 40 lives per year will be saved by raising the drinking age. That is a significant number of lives to be saved, yet it is saving a small percentage of persons from a senseless death when taking into consideration that an estimated 200 lives are lost in that state every year to drunk drivers.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is a group that formed because the punishments for drivers who had killed someone while intoxicated were too lenient. Many people who have committed the crime of killing someone while driving under the influence of alcohol receive light punishments, such as probation. Punishments of this sort are ridiculously lax in light of the seriousness of the crime that has been committed.

While we do not favor raising the nation's drinking age to curb drunk driving (although we acknowledge it may help), we feel that tougher punishments would have a much greater effect and that is where we would like to see the emphasis placed.



So you're driving tonight, are ya? Well, I hope to see you again sometime — alive.

JIM WELKENBACH - 1984

Sound Off

Students call for stricter penalties against Michigan drunk drivers

Lawmakers and the police are cracking down on drunk drivers. However, there still are many problems with people driving while intoxicated. This month students were asked how they felt about the laws involving drunk driving.

I do not like the present drinking age. It should be something like 19. I also don't like the way it's a \$500 fine if you get pulled over with open liquor. I feel they should be strict with the laws, but not blow them out of proportion.

Scott Ingersoll, 12

Make stricter laws because if you are going to drink, you shouldn't drive. Other peoples' lives are on the line.

Robin Kelley, 11

If you are caught driving under the influence you deserve whatever happens to you.

Darryl Tarrant, 10

The punishments for drunk driving aren't strict enough.

Jarrod Bell, 12

When driving while intoxicated you are endangering your life as well as everybody else's. Some drunk drivers don't even know what they did afterwards and they end up getting off easy for the crime they committed.

**Torri Dorn, 10
(Boy Wonder)**

They should hire more police to patrol bar areas to catch more of the drunk drivers and eliminate accidents.

Chris Durham, 11

I think the punishments are too severe, but I guess they have to be because so many people are killed every year.

Gena Lubnick, 11

First you drink, then you drive, but you should never drink and drive at the same time, and a day without drinking is a day wasted.

Joel Michaels, 12

The laws are too lenient considering all the lives that have been uselessly wasted on account of drunken slob.

Rick Wisniewski, 12

**Compiled by
Liz Plotke**

The laws aren't strict enough. It's too easy for people to get off the charges. They should pay a bigger penalty, especially if they kill somebody.

Scott Raines, 11

Editor's Note: The Southfield JAY welcomes student opinions in this column whether they be negative or positive in nature. All comments must be signed and in keeping with our editorial policy.

Board," she said.

One final note of optimism from Mrs. Markos' in comparing the SSF to the student governmental bodies in other schools, she said that, "It's gone downhill in other schools and has come back up, and so will our SSF."

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erratically that they can be described as 'an accident ready to happen'." Mrs. Carol Tomczak, alcohol project manager said. By calling the number 1-800-MI-REDDI local police can also help prevent this serious problem.

This Oakland County project is the first in Michigan, however the REDDI

program is statewide in over 13 states. According to the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County, since the project began in 1980, alcohol related accidents have declined 20 percent, meaning 3,650 fewer alcohol related accidents have occurred. Approximately \$700,000 has been spent on the REDDI project and this has resulted in an estimated \$15.6 million reduction in the cost of drunk driving accidents. And since 1980, over 17,000 drunk driver arrests were made in Oakland County.

These and many other statistics prove that drunk driving accidents can be lessened or even stopped. With a joint effort, the goal of over 1,000 statewide organizations can be reached.

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SSF, from p. 3

reports to the SSF and the SSF to the class boards after every new project is undertaken. Also, the student representative to the Southfield School Board can be, in the future, an elected member of the SSF, or elected and then become a member of the SSF, Mrs. Markos feels.

In addition to these problems singled out by the NCA committee, Principal Mr. Daniel Hogan said, "I'd like to see the SSF get more involved in the day to day functions and rules of this school. They ought to listen to concerns and we ought to talk about it. They need to make recommendations and if they aren't good, then it's my responsibility to go to

them and tell them. Some things are beyond their power and mine, but some things are in our power. We need patience, and we need to take one issue at a time and we need to work together. I'm for student involvement. For us to know how students feel is important." Mr. Hogan feels that the SSF has the potential to relay to the teachers and administrators the feelings of the student body.

One other person who is enthusiastic about student involvement in government is City Councilwoman Mrs. Barbara Talley. "I think that the people who go to school are only interested in their school world. It's time to branch out, maybe have a representative on the City Council like you do on the School

NCA recommends strengthening role of SSF

By AMY GOLDSTEIN
JAY Staff Writer

Last year, the North Central Association evaluated Southfield High School and gave a mostly favorable accreditation. One of their major concerns was with the role of SHS's Southfield Student Forum (SSF).

In the student activities area, one third of the weaknesses found dealt with the SSF. The NCA report stated that "Preparation time of one hour was taken away from the SSF advisor when she assumed the current position two years ago. She has no free time provided to confer with the activities director to alleviate some of his non-athletic duties, and to provide comprehensive planning."

The report also said that, "The SSF is a weak organization with little school visibility. The members feel more a club than a voice of the student body. They are frustrated in this and their lack of power to do anything about it." And

finally, "There is no ongoing communication between SSF and class boards. Although there is a student on the School Board, that person does not function as a member of SSF."

This year, Mrs. Mary Markos is the advisor to the SSF, relieving Mrs. Rosemary Reid, and she comes into the position with many new ideas on how to improve the SSF. At this point, the SSF is comprised of mostly freshman girls from the same social group. "They are not representative of the total school body," Mrs. Markos said, "and they are more or less right now an activities group," similar to the club atmosphere pointed out by the NCA.

The SSF has not always been this way. It used to be a powerful organization which acted as the voice of the student body. This year's SSF is more successful, though, than last year. An example of this was the December can drive. Last school year, SHS raised well under 100 cans. This year, SHS raised

over 2000 cans in this SSF sponsored activity.

To solve the problem of representation, Mrs. Markos has devised a plan to expand the SSF. The organization would consist of 28 members, seven from each class; freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. These seven people would be elected by their classmates in their English and history classes. The executive board of the SSF would then be elected by the 28 members. Also, to help the students in the SSF to work more effectively on projects, Mrs. Markos would like the hour for SSF moved to seventh hour, with the free hour, or conference hour, to be sixth hour.

This sixth hour would also provide a planning hour for the SSF activities, or for other classes. This would be the same conference hour allotted to each teacher. The NCA also recommended an activities director separate from the

athletic director. This activities director would coordinate all non-athletic activities in the school. This suggestion, though, was opposed by those sponsors of non-athletic activities, some saying that it would "only be one more person to go through." "The departments are close enough and the roads of communication between them are already good," Band Director Mrs. Chris Golden said.

Current activities director (athletic and non-athletic) Mr. Fred Goldberg said that no school has separate non-athletic and athletic activities directors, that "they just have a person like Mrs. Markos, and one like me."

The final point brought up by the NCA, that of communication with class boards, can easily be solved by making sure that each class board

See SSF, p. 2



Member of the Wedding performers Alicia Washington, Jennie Dunlop and Arthur Moloian prepare for competition later this month.

'Wedding' gathers family

By PAMELA MILLER
JAY Staff Writer

As the competition dates approach, the cast and crew of "Member of the Wedding", this year's forensic one-act, are working to achieve a winning stance.

An important part of the entire production is the family atmosphere that hovers over the play. Potluck dinners are planned whenever the technical crew and actors work together. Throughout December, a program where everyone secretly gives presents to another cast member, an event known as "Kris Kringle" occurred. Near the end of the month a wedding shower was held to reward the gift givers.

The program was so popular that Mr. Carinci's French V tried it also. "I believe that the family atmosphere helps make the show a success," producer Arthur Moloian said.

Another binding force is the medallion that people involved wear. At the "wedding" shower everyone was given a safety pin. Attached to the safety pin were pipe cleaners with bells on the bottom. Every time everyone gets together a piece of string will be given to tie the pipe cleaners together. By the end it will look like one string holding together two

bells, symbolizing the unifying force.

The production staff, consisting of stage manager, Michael Menczer, assistant director Lisa Ferstenfeld and producer Moloian work together to organize the meetings and keep contact with committee chairpersons. They also have designed the t-shirts which will look like tuxedos with a carnation in the corner that will say "Member of the Wedding."

As the play takes place in the South, the actors have had to work on mannerisms and accents. "We watched the TV movie "Chiefs" and we are learning to slur our words," Kenny Johnson (Honey) said.

District competition Jan. 27 will take place at Southfield High. "We consider it an honor as we are known to have one of the best facilities, and also one of the nicest atmospheres to work in," Ferstenfeld said.

Virtually everyone involved is excited about the show's progress. "It's developing on a deeper level and it grows with every rehearsal," Jennifer Dunlop (Frankie) said.

With the family atmosphere and desire to be the best, "Member of the Wedding" will be a memorable experience for the audience and actors and crew members alike.

Cho leads Philosophical Forum

By PAMELA MILLER
JAY Staff Writer

The Philosophical Forum, a new club for those concerned with life's universal questions, is gaining momentum at Southfield High.

The club was the brainchild of juniors Tony Cho and Bill Salo. "We had an idea to form a club where we could talk about things we don't understand. At first it was a joke, but then we decided some of the basic things we wanted to do," Cho said.

Initially, Mr. Richard Nye was the faculty sponsor, but due to another responsibility, the task was transferred to Mr. Bud Hurd, who had minored in philosophy in college. He feels his function would be that of a moderator, not dominating the conversations. His course of action would directly oppose that of a teacher because his ideas are examples of his personal philosophy. "I will be the person in charge on a technical level, contributing ideas if I have something to say," he explained.

The club has no constricting format. Topics such as the nature of good and

evil or reality in and outside the mind will be discussed if there is an interest. There will be suggested reading to aid in the discussions, but nothing will be assigned. Another idea was to see if class credit could be awarded if someone wrote a paper, but that is still in the planning stages.

At first the club appeared to be a social hour, but has thinned to a group of people who are really interested in the concept and want to maintain an atmosphere of thought. "At first people thought it was too deep for them, but the whole point of the Philosophical Forum is to let other people voice their ideas and opinions," Cho said.

For the meantime the club meets Wednesdays at 4:30 due to Mr. Hurd's other obligations as diving coach. After the season ends, a new time may be considered.

"Formulate and philosophize; perceive and realize," the groups motto is the only stated belief they share. Anyone with an interest can contact Mr. Hurd or Tony Cho.

SSF adopts local senior citizens

By SCOTT GREENBERG
JAY Staff Writer

The Southfield Student Forum (SSF) is known for making decisions that affect Southfield High both of the high schools in Southfield, the goal being the students becoming involved with the senior citizens.

The program was kicked off on Dec. 16 with a luncheon and a mutual introductory session. The main purpose of this project, which will continue throughout the year, is for the high school students to get friendly with the senior citizens and possibly "adopt" a grandparent. "This is not an in-school activity," SSF member Natalie Moore said. "We will do all kinds of things with them, like with grandparents."

The program came about in November at a meeting with Southfield Community Service Director Dr. Elliot Burns, Southfield High teacher and SSF adviser, Mrs. Mary Markos and senior

citizen representative from McDonnell Towers, Mr. Manny Faxstein. The senior citizens wanted to set up a program, with both of the high schools in Southfield, the goal being the students becoming involved with the senior citizens.

Though it is not known how frequently the students will interact with the senior citizens one event has been planned. "Arrangements have been made," Mrs. Markos said, "to buy a block of tickets for the senior citizens to see the spring musical."

The program is open to anyone who is interested and if the attitude of the SSF towards the "adopt a grandparent" project is any indication of how successful it will be, it will be something special.

"I think it would be good for high school students and senior citizens to meet someone from a different generation," SSF member Cheryl Richardson said, "because they'll start to understand what's going on with us and we'll understand them."



The band Impulse tries out for the SMA Talent Show. Shown here are Terrence Bryant, Alfred Miller, Tony Richardson and Duminie Allen.

SHS rallies talent for annual SMA show

Southfield High School will once again show off its best in the annual SMA talent show, scheduled for second semester. "The date is yet to be determined," Mrs. Mary Markos, talent show sponsor, said.

Southfield's Student Forum is sponsoring the show. The tryouts were held Dec. 13. The turnout was good. "We had more people than ever," Mrs. Markos said.

"The show will include this year: Southfield Floor Masters, a dancing trio including Tim and Rick Titsworth and Al Miller; Doug and the Boys, a singing group including Doug McCollough and David Tumpkin; Utopia, another singing group including Kim Johnson and John Carole who use their own, original music; and the band, American Garage, including lead vocalist and bassist Scott Greenberg, lead guitarist David Manchel, keyboardist Victor Podlinsek, vocalist Jessica Foner and drummer Brian Ferriby.

The SSF will look at three more acts and pick the best one to go to Troy for its talent show, scheduled for Jan. 17, in the evening. Two other acts will bid to go along with them, in the same way acts will bid to go to all the SMA schools, Mrs. Markos said.

"Southfield will really enjoy the talent show," Mrs. Markos said. "The acts are fantastic."

SSF awards prizes for food drive

Last month the Southfield Student Forum (SSF) sponsored a canned food drive to collect for needy families in Southfield.

The results of the drive were as follows: the winning classroom was Mr. Cliff Dubowski's second hour, which brought in over 500 cans. A pizza party was awarded to the class. The individual prizes were: first prize, to Jeanine Carrol for bringing in 132 cans, a camera; second prize, to Jayne Bowers for bringing in 63 cans, \$10.00; and third prize, to Jeff Dienes and Peter Lipson for

their 38 cans, \$5.00 cash.

The annual SMA talent show, which is held in each league high school, is scheduled for January. Participants will be eligible for talent shows in other schools.

The SSF donated \$312.38 to UNICEF, which was \$40.00 more than last year. SSF sponsor Miss Mary Markos would like to thank all who donated and all who helped collect money.

Mrs. Gordon flies south for winter

The winter months have brought a change to Southfield High School's attendance center. Mrs. Ruth Gordon, who has worked there for approximately six and a half year's, has left Southfield to go to Florida for the next three months.

Ms. Laura Smith has taken over Mrs. Gordon's position for the time period. She has been a substitute aide in the Southfield School System for the past several years. She came to Southfield High on Nov. 28. She will work alongside Mrs. Thayer Madden.

Mrs. Gordon will return (tanned and rested hopefully) to her usual position at the school after the three months.

Music dept. welcomes new accompanist

There was a new addition to the vocal music department last November. Mrs. Rose Paulus became the department's accompanist for all of the choral music classes as well as the madrigals.

Before Mrs. Paulus came to Southfield High she was a freelance accompanist in various school systems in the area. She has also accompanied at North Farmington, West Bloomfield and Cranbrook high schools.

Mrs. Paulus came to this school just as all of the holiday presentations were being planned.

"I'm super busy accompanying for classes, and I am accompanying for the spring musical "Annie" Mrs. Paulus said. "I really like it a lot there. The kids are nice."

Mrs. Paulus is also a freelance accompanist for cocktail, dinner and wedding parties.



Juli Scannel

'Annie' to star Scannel, Washington, Carleton and Carver

The preliminary casting for the 1984 musical "Annie" has been set.

This year is unusual in that there are 35 speaking parts. In years past the major character would contribute 95 percent of the talking while chorus members would contribute a line or two if necessary.

Juli Scannel will play Annie against Alicia Washington's portrayal of Mrs. Hannigan and David Carleton's Daddy Warbucks. Mrs. Hannigan's conniving brother Rooster will be played by Jon Carver with his girlfriend Lily portrayed by Cathy Johnson. Jenny Dunlop will be Daddy Warbucks' private secretary, Grace and the orphans are Amy Ferstenfeld, Gayle Starr, Susan Zweig, Renee Shawn, Amber Sweatt, Jessica Rapp, Mary Maher and Pam Miller.

Additional roles were awarded to Doug McCollough, Arthur Moloian, Sharon Price, Jackie Stocking and Carol Willingham. Various others will be Hoovervillites, servants and members of President Roosevelt's cabinet.

There will be a chorus which will be cast the last week of January. For information see Mrs. Borts or Mr. Bunnell backstage.

Excellence Committee forms to study high school programs

The Southfield Public Schools High School Committee on Educational Excellence was formed this past August with Southfield High and Southfield-Lathrup administrators and teachers.

The committee was formed so that staff could take a close look at the educational programs at both high schools.

One function of the committee is to review each program and to decide which programs should be expanded, added or deleted.

The committee is an outgrowth of the North Central Association evaluation that was completed last year at SHS and is now underway at S-LHS.

"This committee will not be short termed. I assume that it will continue to make progress for at least five years because it will take that long to check the whole curriculum," Principal Daniel Hogan commented.

Because of the committee Mr. Hogan suspects that Southfield High and Southfield-Lathrup will become more homogenous. "The programs at SH and S-L are similar, but we don't want SH kids to miss out on programs only offered at S-L and vice versa."

The members on the committee from Southfield High are Principal Hogan, Assistant Principal Mrs. Olivia Dyson, Mr. Pete Mazzara, chairman of the Southfield High NCA Evaluation Committee, Mr. George Brackx, chair of the SHS Curriculum Committee and Miss Gayle Mauldin.

District phones ring to different 'bell'

The Southfield School District had a new phone system installed over winter break which has resulted in all new phone numbers. The school district switched from Michigan Bell to a privately owned company. The new numbers went into effect on Jan. 3.

One of the main reasons for this change was the break up of AT&T. Because of the break up the school system was forced to either buy or rent equipment from AT&T. The School Board decided to buy it's own and reduce communication costs.

This system, including installation, cost the school district \$352,000. The installation is being done by the National Teledata Corporation.

"With this new system we are going to save at least one million dollars over the next ten years," Mr. Charles Lehman, purchasing officer for Southfield Board of Education said. He also said that this system is computerized, the schools will have a better control over phone usage.

The major new numbers at SHS are as follows:

Attendance office	423-8558
Activities-Athletic	423-8536
Counseling Center	423-8525
Driver Education	423-8538
Human Relations Office	423-8523
I.B. Office	423-8570
Job Placement & Co-op	423-8588
Main Office House O	423-8547
Office House A	423-8535
SHAPE	423-8546
Vocational Education	423-8571
Youth Liaison	423-8524

"We expect to have at least as good a service as we had, possibly better," Mr. Lehman said.

NSH seeks recruits; plans 'tapping'

A luncheon was held for about 70 prospective National Honor Society members in the Blue Jay Cafe in December. The purpose of this luncheon was to show qualifying students what the NHS has to offer.

Criteria for being an NHS member is to have at least a 3.25 grade point average. Candidates are rated on their character, leadership abilities and service to the school.

The NHS planned 12 tutoring sessions for this year, some parties and bowling to raise money for a summer camp program.

The NHS tapping will be held the week of Feb. 6, second hour in the Blue Jay Cafe. Inductions will be on Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 pm in the auditorium.

WJBK hires Soicher for weekend sports

Drew Soicher, a 1983 Southfield High School graduate, has been appointed Sports Producer for Mark Barash's weekend sports shot on WJBK-TV2.

Barash called SHS last year in search of an intern for TV-2. Mr. Richard Welkenbach recommended Soicher, now a freshman at Michigan State University, as SHS' top sports man. Soicher got an interview with Barash and started internship shortly afterward. Recently Barash hired him as his sports producer.

Barash's show airs at 6 and 11 pm. As producer, Soicher does some writing, but mainly watches games and picks out highlights. He edits films and likes working with the equipment of a major television station.

Soicher occasionally gets to go to games like the Pistons and Red Wings and afterwards to interview the players in the locker room with the cameramen.

"I feel very fortunate to have a small position at a major station rather than a major position at a small station," Soicher said.

Soicher commutes from MSU to Southfield on weekends. While at MSU Soicher is a sports writer for his brother, Marc Soicher's (a senior at MSU) show on WELM in East Lansing.

While at SHS, Soicher was the sports editor for the JAY and sports director for WSHJ. "I feel my years at SHS and the training given to me by Mr. Art Voisin and Mr. Ken Siver definitely prepared me for a job in the real world."

Soicher feels that his life is going in a good direction. His goal is to one day newscast with his brother Marc and to work at one of the three major networks in New York.

Poor sales kill video yearbooks in Birmingham schools

Last year the two Birmingham high schools, Groves and Seaholm, presented the idea of a video yearbook. To many it sounded very profitable and interesting.

Unfortunately the students at both schools did not embrace the concept. The sale of the video yearbooks did not go well at either school.

"It was a total flop," Mrs. Rufowski, Groves yearbook sponsor, said. "We did not sell one video yearbook." She also added that they are not going to try this again for quite some time.

Seaholm High School had a little more luck. They sold nine yearbooks, but they too are not going to approach this idea again for at least a few years.

Both schools believe the reason for such low sales was the high price of a yearbook. The cost was \$60 which is much more than most students can afford. Advertising was another reason. "We did not have a good enough sales pitch." One of the Seaholm yearbook staff members said.

Mr. Pete Peters, a vice president for sales of Taylor Publishing, Inc., a major publisher of yearbooks, said "Video yearbooks do not cut it in a yearbook market."

Par Video Production Inc. got involved in this project in Michigan last year. To test the idea they were just doing these two schools to see if there was a market for video yearbooks. They were hoping to expand to 12 other schools, but with the low sales, that idea fell through.

Apparently there is no market for video yearbooks right now. At least not in Michigan, but Mr. Gil Richard and Denis Prebee, who make up Par Video Production Inc. seem to think that there is a future in them.

"Kids have to think about the future," Mr. Richard said, "because in the future most people will have recorders and players. And it will be much more exciting to look at them than at the hardcover books."

7 from SHS qualify for Michigan Math II

Seven Southfield High School students have qualified to take part two of the Michigan Math Prize Competition.

The students are Michael Cho, Sandra Freedman, Michael Garfinkel, Reiko Igiri, John Montgomery, Cathy Relyea and Sharon Santini.

These students scored higher than 96.2 percent of all Michigan students who took the test. Over 20,000 high school students take this test annually.

By popular request Photo Club forms

The newly formed Photo Club at Southfield High has generated a substantial amount of interest among students. This may be due to the fact that the club was initiated by student request.

According to Mr. Richard Gilbert, club sponsor, anyone is eligible to join and the only prerequisite is an interest in photography. Some members do not even own cameras.

Although the club has only begun organization, discussion of activities has already commenced. Besides in-school darkroom work and experimentation with various film types, several field trips to photography galleries have been planned.

Due to the fact that the club is not directly affiliated with SHS, any funding must come directly from the students. The only things supplied by the school are equipment, such as enlargers, and a place to meet.

SHS senior Jim Haver is one club member who's interest in photography extends beyond club activities.

"I have been involved in photography for about four years," Haver said. "I have a small darkroom of my own at home."

The club, which meets on Tuesdays at lunch and after school, has chosen SHS senior Viviana Lande as its president.

Students interested in becoming a member of the photography club should contact Mr. Gilbert in room 209.

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Dec. 2	Lathrup	T	6:15
Dec. 6	Ply. Salem	H	6:00
Dec. 9	Hazel Park	T	6:30
Dec. 13	Andover	H	6:15
Dec. 16	Kimball	T	6:30
Jan. 6	Berkley	T	6:30
Jan. 10	Seaholm	H	6:15
Jan. 13	Farmdale	H	6:15
Jan. 17	Highland Park	H	6:00
Jan. 20	Troy	T	6:30
Jan. 23	Flint Northwestern	H	6:00
Jan. 27	Hazel Park	H	6:15
Jan. 31	Andover	T	6:15
Feb. 3	Kimball	H	6:15
Feb. 7	Saginaw	H	6:00
Feb. 10	Berkley	H	6:15
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Rising tide of youths flee or abducted from home

Nation's youth leave security, find cold world waiting

By MICHELE BURDOWSKI
JAY Staff Writer

Sara's homelife had long been harder than most kids her age. At 15, she'd lost her only sister in a car accident and found her parents slowly breaking up under the pressure. Her "perfect" little world, filled with cheerleading, friends and family, was falling apart. As she closed the door to her home behind her one snowy December night, taking a few meager belongings, she also closed the door to whatever security she'd had ever known in her life.

Sara, like the more than one million runaways each year, decided that the only way for her to live her own life was to leave her own world to find a new one in which there was only one unspoken rule: survival.

Experts conclude that the average runaway is 14 to 15 years old and usually a white female, yet kids as young as nine are now turning up with alarming regularity. Most runaways have never been in trouble with authorities before and do not realize the implications of their actions. Most kids do not know what it is like out in the streets and once they are out there, it is virtually impossible to protect an often confused and miserable teen from the high incidence of the rape, robbery and murder that is seen all too frequently.

According to those who work with runaways, there are probably as many reasons why the kids run as there are runaways, yet authorities acknowledge that certain trends from the past have changed. A new generation of American youngsters is on the run. They resemble less their romantic predecessors, from Huck Finn to the flower children of the 1960's than true castaways of their families. Many are forced from their homes by neglect, abuse or abandonment. Most of the runaways today are not running to something, be it a new environment or lifestyle, but rather, from something — often a disintegrating family, like Sara.

Sadly, many of these runaways, without strong ideals or dreams, are not prepared to deal with the destructive influences they find on the road. They are drawn to large metropolitan areas like Los Angeles, Chicago or New York and an especially large, new influx of runaways to Florida for the winter, and they end up surviving the only way they know how, with nothing to exchange for food, shelter and clothing, but their bodies.

Time seems to be the greatest divider, determining which runaways can be salvaged. After even a month of living on the street, it is very difficult to reach a runaway. After six months, he has almost been lost and after a year, he's gone.

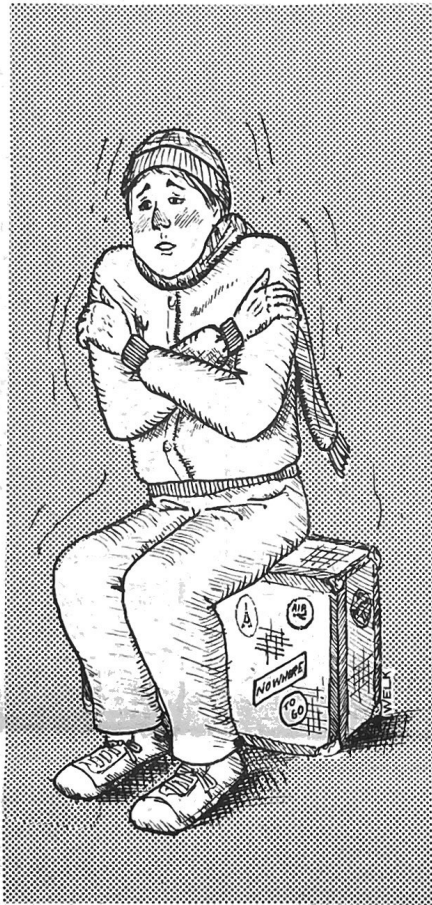
"The poison works very, very quickly," said Bruce Ritter, founder of a house for runaway youths in New York. In many cases, it takes only 48 hours before one in ten teenagers, male or female, becomes involved in prostitution. Of the one out of four runaways authorities fail to help, the largest percentage support themselves through prostitution.

"I can't think of any kid who has been a prostitute for any length of time — and I'm talking weeks — who ever went home and stayed home," admitted Veronica Reed, director of San Francisco's Huckleberry House youth center.

The stories of exploitation are shattering. Like the reports of two 12-year-old girls who were picked up by truckers, raped and sodomized repeatedly, then sold at a truck stop to a pimp who habitually cruised such drop off places for that purpose.

Or the girls and boys who were reportedly sold for \$10,000 each at a New York City "runaway" auction held by pimps.

Or the story of one young victim of prostitution. "She was a real good-looking blond girl," recalled Los Angeles Police Detective Larry Bradhurst. "A pimp approached her to work for him, and she refused. Told



him she didn't want to have anything to do with his business. The pimp didn't give up, he followed her and pounded on her hotel door. When she opened it, this guy just stuck a knife right through her head."

Teens exploited in such dehumanizing ways soon become hardened and numb. The stories are told coldly and unemotionally, yet are hard for any listener to shake from memory.

Until 1974, the government's only help was an arrest for juvenile delinquency. Then Congress passed the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, to establish federally funded telephone hot lines and temporary teenage shelters. But only a rough five percent of the runaway population is served.

Yet even if sufficient money could be found to put help on every street corner, more fundamental questions would remain. One's own home is, after all, supposed to be the place where they have to take you in, no matter what; being forced to leave it (for any reason) can be the ultimate rejection.

Jessica took off when the "pressure" of her parents' divorce and their bitter arguments over whom she should live with took their toll. She found a "big world out waiting for her." She doesn't like talking about her experience. She met a lot of "dropouts," she said. "They were dirty. . . on drugs and booze all the time. . . and prostituting. . ."

Her voice trails off, and then she continues. "The prostitutes — many of them were my age and they helped me out, too. They convinced me to go back home, that the streets are no place to stay."

A month after she ran, Jessica went home. Her brothers and sisters cried when they saw her, and she realized how much she missed them. Perhaps best of all, she realized that her father, really missed her, too. She smiles. "He told me he loved me for the first time in my life."

Parents, lawmakers take action to curb child abduction

By CAROLE GARVIN
JAY Staff Writer

On October 18, 1981 John, 16 years old, was on his way to his school bus stop. He has never been seen or heard from since.

Although precise figures are difficult to pin down, experts believe between 20,000 and 50,000 children a year simply vanish. Some are abducted by strangers and some are runaways.

Experts also believe that at least 100,000 children a year are "snatched" by parents involved in custody battles, though the number of missing children is far below the number of runaways.

There are many problems that parents of missing children encounter from law enforcement agencies. "Local police agencies, already overburdened with criminal cases are reluctant to plunge into the investigation of a child reported as missing," the House Judiciary Committee said in a recent report.

The inability or in some cases the unwillingness of local police departments to undertake major searches for missing children has caused some parents to spend large amounts of money hiring private investigators. Others have given up their jobs in order to search for their children on a full-time basis.

Yet, another problem facing parents trying to find their missing children has been the lack of a national directory of missing persons.

The Missing Children's Act, which Congress passed in September of 1982 and President Reagan signed into law Oct. 12, 1982, attempts to solve that situation. The Act, for the first time, sets up a nationwide clearinghouse on missing children by ordering local law enforcement officials to enter into the FBI's National Crime Information Computer the names of children under 17 years old who have been missing for 48 hours and who have no history of running away from home.

The NCIC information is available to police departments across the nation. The law also gives parents, legal guardians or the next of kin the right to enter the child's name into the NCIC computer if their local law enforcement agency does not do so.

Not only is there the Missing Children's Act, but due to the rising number of divorces each year and the number of parental snatchings, on Dec. 13, 1980 Congress enacted the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act.

Locally for the first time last November, Mobile Watch Volunteers who have undergone a training program, began fingerprinting children at Southfield elementary schools.

"We hope to go the pre-schools and middle schools by the end of this year and by next year we will hopefully have all the high school students fingerprinted too," Mrs. Chris O'Donnell, public safety technician for the City of Southfield explained.

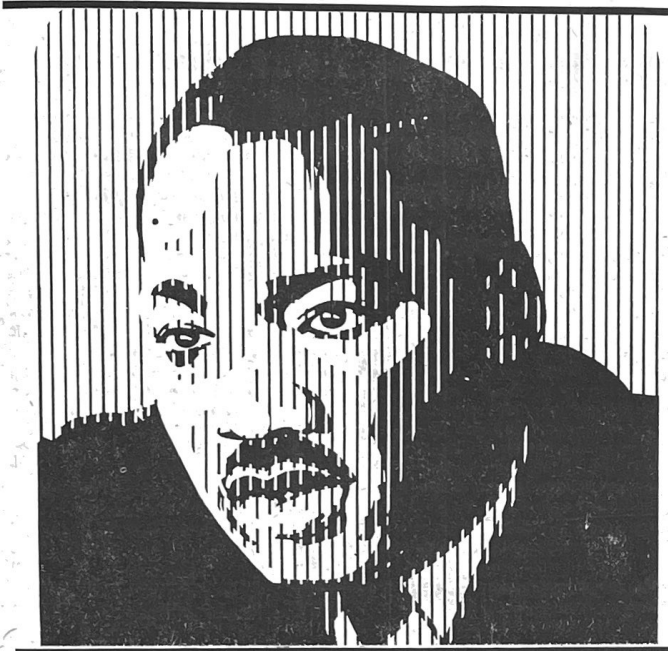
Some elementary schools which have already been visited by the Mobile Watch Volunteers include St. Michaels, Northbrook and MacArthur.

Mrs. O'Donnell explained how necessary it is to fingerprint school children. "Before we fingerprinted children our procedure was to follow leads and more often than not, there were not always leads to follow."

A number of independent private groups have been formed in recent years to help find missing children.

Child Fund was created in 1980 by Glòria Yerkovich, whose divorced husband abducted her daughter in 1974. The girl remains missing to this day.

The organization encourages parents of missing children, the children themselves and anyone else with information on missing children to call a toll-free number: 800-431-5005. Since it was formed in 1980, Child Fund has located 270 children and seen them, safely returned to their families.



King dream lives on

By ANDY SMITH
JAY Staff Writer

"If a man hasn't found something he will die for, he isn't fit to live." The words belong to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who lived and died for the rights of all people, black and white. When the civil rights leader was assassinated on April 4, 1968 he left us with a dream.

Born on Jan. 15, 1929, the son of a Baptist minister in Atlanta, GA, Martin Luther King Jr. began a life that would touch millions. Always at the top of his class in school, he was accepted as a freshman to Morehouse College at age 15. He was ordained as a minister at age 18 and then continued his studies at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania.

After becoming pastor at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL, Dr. King made his first strides as a civil rights leader in 1955. Jim Crow (laws segregating blacks and whites) was alive and well at that time in the South and no where was it more evident than on the buses. The first four rows were for whites only and the following rows were for the buses' primary customers, the black citizens of Montgomery.

One afternoon in early December the seats for whites were filled which meant that the black riders closest to the front by law had to give up their seats to oncoming white riders. Mrs. Rosa Parks, tired from a day's work refused to give up her seat. After Mrs. Parks was arrested the blacks of Montgomery rallied behind the leadership of Martin Luther King Jr. and boycotted the buses. After 381 days of carpooling, taxi riding, and even walking, the Supreme Court ruled the laws in Montgomery unconstitutional and the blacks and whites would ride the buses on a first come, first serve basis.

Martin Luther King Jr. believed that peaceful non-violent resistance was the best way to fight the Ku Klux Klan and Southern policemen armed with fire hoses and clubs. It was typical for him to spend a night or two in jail on any pretext. He was known as a troublemaker

because of his witness and protest.

On June 23, 1963, King led a Freedom Walk in Detroit down Woodward Ave. to Cobo Hall. The march, which attracted 125,000, was the most successful of a summer tour that year.

On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people journeyed to the Lincoln Memorial for the March on Washington, a peaceful demonstration to attract national attention to the civil rights movement. It was a joyous occasion with songs sung about peace and brotherhood, but most of all it was on this day that Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his most important speech.

"I have a dream..." began Dr. King while 200,000 looked on in awe. "...I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character..."

"And we can speed up that day when all God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of that old Negro spiritual 'Free at Last! Free at last! Thank God almighty we are free at last!'"

In September 1964, Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace. At the time, 35 year-old King was the youngest recipient ever. Only two other blacks had ever received this honor.

Martin Luther King, Jr. remained committed to peace and non-violence as he led the struggle of blacks in America. Even after his death, his life has affected people of all races and religions throughout the world.

Mrs. Olivia Dyson, assistant principal at Southfield High School was involved in the movement with her church and fellow citizens at Hartford, Conn during the 1960's.

"We have to realize that we have a long way to go to make this the kind of society that Martin Luther King, Jr. desired for his children," Mrs. Dyson said. "We are making strides but still have many mountains to climb." □

Citizens celebrate King birthday

By ANDY SMITH
JAY Staff Writer

The House and Senate of the United States passed legislation to begin a holiday commemorating the birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. The President's signature will make it official.

Whether or not the holiday will be one celebrated and honored by the Southfield Public Schools when it begins in 1986 is not yet known and should be decided by the School Board in the coming years. The Monday closest to King's birthday is already a holiday for Detroit Public Schools.

Regardless of what happens concerning future school observances of the holiday, the Civic Citizens of Southfield/Lathrup Village is sponsoring a celebration in honor of Dr. King on his birthday

this year. The activities, the first of their kind in Southfield will be from 6-9 pm on Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Civic Center, Parks and Recreation Building.

Southfield City Councilwoman Barbara Talley will be the keynote speaker. Other area residents who participated in the civil rights movement will recall the moments from the 1960's. Exhibits and displays from the Detroit Afro-American Museum and the King Institute in Atlanta, GA will be featured.

The Civic Citizens is sponsoring an essay contest open to all Southfield students. The writer of the best "What Martin Luther King Means To Me" essay will receive a \$25 bond.

"We want to celebrate the ideals and remind people that this is where we still want to go," Mrs. Olivia Dyson, member of Civic Citizens said. "Civil rights is not a black issue, it is for all people." □

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Organizations take steps to halt drunk driving

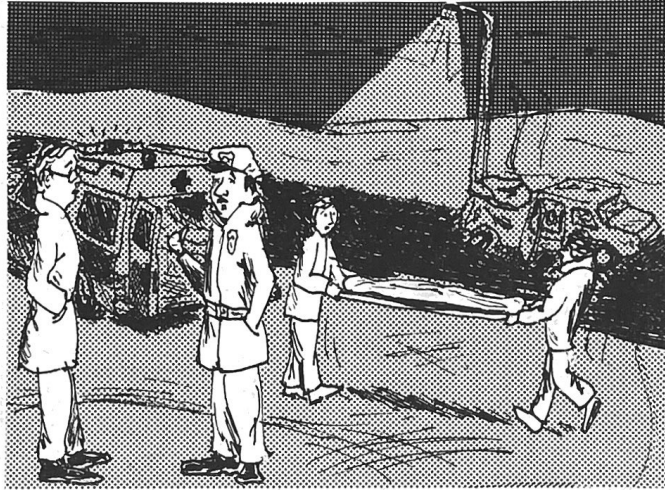
By **BOB ELLIS**
JAY Staff Writer

In April of 1982, on a cold dark night, Southfield student John Hempel was killed by a drunk driver. If Hempel would have survived that accident, he would be a senior at Southfield High School this year.

With the holidays past, the national problem of drunk driving continues. Most recently the effort to stop drunk driving has focused on young people, who make up 20 percent of the estimated 26,000 deaths attributed to alcohol and driving each year.

Many citizen groups have put pressure on the government to seek ways to prevent the problem of teenagers driving under the influence of alcohol. The Reagan Administration has taken major steps toward raising the drinking age to 21. This includes the threat of taking away state transportation money if the drinking age is not raised nationally. This will hopefully help reduce the 8,000 annual deaths involving young adults each year.

For instance, the Presidential Commission on Drunk Driving has proposed a national driver register, and a mandatory jail sentence on all drunk driving charges. The driver register,



which would list all registered drivers and the licensing state, is to help try and keep track of the many individuals who have their licenses revoked because of drunk driving. This also will help prevent these drivers from crossing state lines

and seeking a new license. Therefore, the danger of having these people on the road would be eliminated. "I have to recommend we take a look at it," Secretary of Health and Human Services Richard Schweiker said. "If it will save

lives, we should support it," he added.

This new law went into effect Jan. 1, 1983, in New Jersey and since then has saved many lives. New Jersey Assemblyman Mark Herman states that it will save at least 40 lives, and 460 drunk driving accidents will be avoided per year.

In April of 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed an executive order creating the Presidential Commission On Drunk Driving. The chief purposes of this committee are to heighten public awareness of the seriousness of this problem, to persuade states and committees to attack drunk driving in an organized fashion, to encourage state officials to adopt the latest techniques in solving the problem and to generate public support for strict enforcement of drunk driving laws.

The overall purpose of the committee is prevention. With drunk driving getting a lot of publicity, social attitudes on the subject could change. With a combined effort, many steps toward solving the problem can be taken.

Statistics show how very serious this problem is. According to the Transportation Research Institute at the University of Michigan, 44 percent of all fatal alcohol-related accidents that occur after 6 pm are caused by drivers age 16-24. Over 75 percent of American youths are drinking alcoholic beverages by the age of 16. Fifty-nine percent of high school males and 42 percent of high school females have drinking and driving difficulties. Each year, over 8,000 young adults are killed, and 40,000 are injured in drinking and driving related conditions. "At age 16 a teenager can appear in a pornographic movie, and at age 17 can get married, but he or she is not responsible to have a beer," New Jersey Assemblyman Dennis Riley said.

Many steps towards the prevention of drunk driving have already been taken. National organizations have formed, such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD). Locally, Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately or REDDI, is a cooperative effort which includes the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police and over 40 police departments in Oakland County. "The goal is to identify people driving so

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Southfield, Lathrup work to combat substance abuse

By **ANDY SMITH**
JAY Staff Writer

In continued efforts to combat the problem of student age drug and alcohol abuse in Southfield/Lathrup Village, a follow-up meeting to the Chemical People Town Meeting was held at the Civic Center on Dec. 6 and Southfield High School in-serviced 15 teachers concerning substance abuse on Dec. 8 and 13.

In order to efficiently work towards improving the drug situation in Southfield and Lathrup Village it is necessary to realize the problem. SHS Assistant Principal Olivia Dyson believes that students' use of drugs is a contradiction to the educational process though she feels we are headed in the right direction.

"Any thing that destroys or alters the mind especially in a school situation is

anti-education, but I think that people are recognizing the problem and that is a real positive," Mrs. Dyson said.

Laying the groundwork for a committee of concerned parents and citizens to address the drug problem is another effort that is being taken. At the first meeting of the Southfield/Lathrup committee the group studied the successful efforts of Birmingham-Bloomfield Families in Action.

A three year old organization, BBFA has made many studies in its community and is an example for groups just starting to follow. The first steps taken by BBFA are already underway in Southfield. Making sure that the parents are educated and holding a town meeting has been done as part of the National Chemical People Project.

The BBFA has made the best progress when working with the schools. Former drug user turned lecturer, ex-New Jersey policeman David Toma was

brought in to the Birmingham Schools with help from the BBFA. The school changed its policy on drugs from suspending a student found "under the influence" to having him or her meet with an intervention counselor and take a four week class where users and non-users talk about drugs and alcohol.

The Southfield committee which is just getting off the ground sees the possibilities and knows that a successful program is possible. "The wheel has been invented, we just have to get it rolling," Mr. Dave Helfman, who serves as a school liaison to the committee, said.

"(We want) to find out why definition of partying now has to be getting high and being involved with drugs and alcohol and try to form a new basis for the youngsters in our community to grow up and reject negative peer pressures," Mr. Helfman said.



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Sounds By SCOTT GREENBERG

Jackson's 'Thriller' a killer

The Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Frank Sinatra, Barbara Streisand, all have one thing in common, they have reached the point of megastardom. Add another name to that list and fast... Michael Jackson.

Jackson's amazing career started during the middle to late 1960's (the "Motown era"). Together with his brothers, Jermaine, Tito, Marlon, Jackie and Randy, he strung up a great many hits. Some of the most memorable moments from the Jackson Five include classics such as "ABC" and "I Want You Back."

With the 1970's came changes, solo albums and a decrease in popularity for the five talented kids from Gary, Indiana. Michael had some solo hits such as the number one song "Ben" in 1971. Jermaine also did fairly well, but it wasn't until the late 1970's that the world would hear a big noise from Indiana.

The resurgence of the Jackson dynasty began in 1978. In the fall of that year, "Destiny" was released. It was destined that the boys, by this time simply called the Jacksons, would have hits again. The first single from the album, "Blame It On the Boogie" only did fair, but in the spring of 1979, with Michael singing lead, the Jacksons had a top 20 hit with "Shake Your Body (Down To The Ground)". Soon to follow would be one of Michael Jackson's biggest albums, "Off the Wall."

That album wasted no time in placing hits on the chart as "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" and "Rock With You" both reached number one status in the fall and winter. The third and fourth singles, the title track and "She's Out Of My Life" were also top ten hits as well. (The latter was in the top ten at the same time as Jermaine's "Let's Get Serious"). Altogether Jackson had four top ten hits from one album, which at the time was considered a rarity.

With 1980 came the release of "Triumph," the last studio album by the Jacksons, which included two top 20 hits, "Lovely One" and "Heartbreak Hotel" (no, not that one!). Like "Destiny," "Triumph" featured lead vocals by

Michael. In 1981, the Jacksons went on tour and released a live album recorded on that tour. This would be the last anyone would hear from Michael Jackson, who said at the time that he was not going to tour with his brothers anymore, until late 1982. In the meantime Jermaine Jackson teamed up with Devo for "Let Me Tickle Your Fancy."

The silence was broken in the fall of 1982 when Jackson and Paul McCartney hit the top with "The Girl Is Mine," the first of a series of hits from the then soon to be released "Thriller." The album's release revealed that Jackson had pulled out all the stops by hiring Quincy Jones to produce it and by enlisting the aid of McCartney, Eddie Van Halen, various members of Toto and horror movie king Vincent Price.

At the top of 1983, "Billie Jean" hit the number one spot for seven weeks. A video for this was made and put into heavy rotation on MTV. "Beat It" was a late winter number one hit that was sparked by the electrifying performance of guitar virtuoso Van Halen. Once again, a video for the song followed which won several awards.

Could Jackson repeat the four hit cycle of "Off The Wall"?, many asked. The answer was soon to be discovered. In the summer of 1983, "Wanna Be Startin' Something" became top ten hit number four. Was a fifth possible? Yes, in August, Jackson became the first person ever to have five top ten hits from one album. The name of the record-breaking song from the album that stayed at the top for more weeks than anyone can count was called "Human Nature."

In the late fall, something unnatural occurred. Jackson broke his own record for the second time with "P.Y.T." At about the same time, Jackson teamed up with McCartney again for "Say, Say, Say," another top ten hit, but this time from McCartney's "Pipes of Peace."

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January Horoscope

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Definitely make a New Year's resolution! However, make it with the honest intention of remaining firm to your commitment and not breaking any part of it.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

Refrain from taking unnecessary chances. Winning once does not mean you will win again and again. Always consider the odds before gambling with anything.

PISCES

(Feb. 20 to March 20)

Don't let minor problems overburden you. Concentrate on solving or diminishing major obstacles to your goals.

ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)

Many of your talents are not being fully utilized. Devote more of your idle time to developing special skills.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

Avoid being obligated! Since debts are often difficult to repay, use prudence when borrowing money or asking favors.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 21)

Actions and intentions can often be misunderstood. Try to analyze what you say and what you do to avoid misinterpretations.

CANCER

(June 22 to July 21)

Before making major decisions, seek the advice of trusted friends. Often by working together, complex problems can quickly be resolved to your satisfaction.

LEO

(July 22 to Aug. 21)

Give praise where praise is due! If you think someone has done a superb job, tell him about it. Your kind thoughts will be appreciated and repaid.

VIRGO

(Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)

Don't make unfounded accusations. Pointing an accusing finger at someone who is innocent can produce serious consequences.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Get in the holiday spirit and try to forget and forgive the wrongdoings of your classmates. Now is the time to make up.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Don't gamble with your reputation during the holiday season. What you lose in one day may never be regained.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Now is the time to set goals for the upcoming year. Be sure they are both realistic and worthwhile.



Ferndale, Highland Park, Flint Northwestern stand in Jay path

By STEVEN STIMSON
JAY Editor

The next two weeks of basketball at Southfield High could prove to be the most exciting ever at this school. Tonight the Jays will host the Ferndale Eagles. Tuesday, the Highland Park Polar Bears will be traveling here and a week later, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, in what could prove to be the biggest game in SHS history, Flint Northwestern will come to Southfield.

Last year Ferndale gave the Jays some trouble for the SMA title, but SHS prevailed. Highland Park has now become a bigger rival than Lathrup in basketball. Two years ago the Polar Bears beat the Jays in the last minute of play. Last year, Southfield handed Highland Park their first loss at home in 39 games.

Southfield has never played Flint Northwestern, yet this game could be the biggest of the year. Northwestern is ranked number one in the state and

number four in the nation by Smith & Street Basketball Service and number nine by USA Today and CNN. Both Highland Park and Flint Northwestern are guaranteed sellouts and Ferndale could easily be included.

Flint Northwestern is led by 6'5" Jeff Grayer and 6'1" Anthony Pendleton. Grayer is ranked as one of the best players in the state, while both are said to be in the top 500 in the nation.

Glynn Blackwell, who Southfield coach Greg Sliwka ranks as the best player in the state, leads Highland Park's roster. Also included on the team is Chris Merriweather, a 6'8", 230 pound center.

Ferndale has 6'3" forward Darrain Carter and 6'4" sophomore center Stacy Davis who are trying to take the place of last year's star, Randy Bolden. Athletic Director Fred Goldberg thinks SHS will beat Ferndale because of Mr. Sliwka's coaching.

So far this year the Jays have not looked as strong as they have in past years. In their 63-59 loss to Plymouth

Salem, Mr. Sliwka stated, "I was embarrassed by the performance they gave. It had to be the worst they have played in my six years of coaching at SHS."

"So far this team is not very good. They are much more inexperienced than what I first thought," Mr. Sliwka said. "They are not reacting to the discipline the way I would like them to, but it will come in time and then it will pay off," he added.

Jerome Walker, brother of Ralph who played on the team in 1981-82 said, "They lack a lot of togetherness and someone has got to take the leadership role." "Charlie (Hart) should take that role because he is a senior and has played on the team for three years. (Unless he or someone else takes that leadership role, this team won't go anywhere," he added.

"We will get better as the season progresses and how much we progress will determine how far we go in the tournament," guard Vince Baldwin said. "In the loss to Salem we weren't mentally prepared for the game and because we

beat them so badly in the summer league, we might have taken them a little lightly," he added.

"They will win the SMA," Mr. Goldberg said. "In fact, this team is heading straight back to East Lansing to play in the semi-finals," he added. "Mr. Sliwka has eight or nine people who can really play and he just has to find the right combination," Mr. Goldberg stated. He feels that the most important part of the season is the state tournament and next is winning the league.

This year many fans are complaining that the team has no one to take charge and add excitement. "This year it will take a team effort to add that spark. I just feel that there is no individual like Mike (McCaskill) or Ralph (Walker) to add that spark," Mr. Sliwka said.

"For this team to be as good as in the past, they have to play with more intensity and will have to learn to play with one another much more as other teams did in the past few years," Mr. Sliwka said.



Jimmy's Jive

by Jimmy Heuer

Chaput, Jewett lead winter sports

No one asked me but...

... I couldn't walk six miles a day, nevertheless swim it as members of the Mens' Varsity Swimming Team do.

... just to add some dramatics to the Southfield-Southfield Lathrup game, Charley Hart played the game with strep throat.

... it looks like the hockey team will make a repeat performance and go all the way to the state semi-finals, as they did last year... and maybe even farther.

... for Rod Hurst, Tim Ford and Ronnie Austin, until the Lathrup game they hadn't won a game in over ten weeks.

... Kenny Chaput, the mighty-mite of the Southfield High Hockey team, recently scored three goals and had five assists in a non-league game.

... I would like to take all credit for giving Kenny Hollie the nickname, Kenny B.

... I was recently watching a wrestling meet and I realized if I were a wrestler I could never keep my temper.

... junior, co-captain Tony Vecchioni looks to be the mainstay of wrestling team for at least two years.

... it would scare me to no end if I had a wrestling match against heavyweights George Francis IV or Willie McCain.

... track has suddenly become an all year sport. Both coaches, Tom Eschman of the boys and Pete Mazzara of the girls, have begun pre-season conditioning.

... don't expect too much from Mr. Robert Harding and the boys down at the pool this year, but next year looks to be a promising one for the swimmers.

... I have to give Steve Stimson credit, in two years he has missed but three basketball games.

... diver Franklin Jewett has the ability to be an all-league performer. Too bad he happens to be in the SMA, the best swimming and diving league in Michigan.

... some schools will try anything. Ferndale has a hypnotist that tries to work his magic on the Eagle athletes.

Anonymity plagues SHS skiers; Team works to gain public's eye

By JIMMY HEUER
JAY Sports Editor

With the snow accumulating and the temperature dropping, many Michiganders hit the slopes in December.

This is true at Southfield High as well and because of this, SHS fields a ski team each year. Coached by Mr. Cliff Dubowski, the ski team is trying to improve on a record, that if someone said was bad, would be putting it very nicely.

The Blue Jays are members of the Mt. Brighton Interscholastic Ski Association. Other area teams in the league are: Birmingham Seaholm and Groves, Brighton, East Lansing, Catholic Central, Mercy and Southfield-Lathrup. All meets and practices are at Mt. Brighton. The skiers practice three times a week. "Mr. Goldberg has limited our bus allowance or we would practice

every day," first-year coach Mr. Dubowski said.

The skiers, who have to pay \$150 per season, are led by junior Matt Hatz and senior Karen Walli. Hatz is still unsure if he will be competing this year because his parents have not made a decision on whether he will play or not. If Hatz cannot hit the slopes this year, sophomore Scott Kelley has shown the ability to take his place as team leader. "Scott promises to be one of the best skiers SHS has had in quite awhile," Mr. Dubowski stated. There are 22 skiers on this year's team and 14 of them are returning from last season's squad.

This sport has become popular in Michigan, but due to the expense it really has not caught on at SHS. Coach Dubowski remains optimistic though. "I can make no promise other than we will work hard to improve and hopefully make people proud of us."

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S-L iced; Dynasty continues

By **BOB ELLIS**
JAY Staff Writer

The Southfield High Hockey Team has done it again. After beating city rival Southfield-Lathrup on Dec. 15, by a score of 8-5, SHS has made it two in a row.

SHS vividly remembers last year's second game of the two game series played at S-L's home rink, the civic center. The final score 8-1; the outcome, a complete blowout. SHS repeatedly skated the puck in S-L's zone, taking numerous shots at the S-L goaltender. Goals were being scored on every shot. Near the end of the game, an array of tennis balls and pennies were thrown on the ice. After a rude gesture by Lathrup's Evan Shaw, he was repeatedly used as a moving target for SHS fans with over two minutes left in the game, the referees were forced to stop the contest due to flaring tempers.

On Dec. 15 of 1983, in the first of a two game series with S-L, SHS was waiting to massacre their rivals as they did the year before. The final score was 8-5, with a "hat trick" (three goals in one game) each for Ken Chaput and John Galuardi. The crowd, led by Matt Hatz and Dirk Burnia, was overjoyed.

Chants of everything from "Let's go Blue Jays, Blue Jays let's go" to "Go home Lathrup, go home," were yelled. The game was not complete until Lathrups Andy Rubin put the puck behind his own goaltender Lee Tushman, resulting in chants from the SHS crowd. Cheers of "Thank you Lathrup, way to go" and "We want Rubin, we want Rubin" were screamed from the stands. Principal Mr. Daniel Hogan, was forced to sit between Burnia and Hatz but failed to help cheer. The SHS fans were very pleased with their team's performance.

The Southfield High, Southfield-Lathrup hockey game has been turned into a contest called by many, "the game." This rivalry, which has been going on for some time, is much like the Olympic team vs. the Soviets. The teams are playing for keeps, using the body effectively, and making the most out of scoring opportunities. These teams are playing for pride, school honor and the crowds applause. To these players it is not just a game but an experience.

"To me it's not just a game," Chaput said. "I hope we beat Lathrup again," he added.

The second game, completing the two game series will be held at the Southfield Civic Center on Feb. 2.

Spikers look for major improvement

By **ED RAYKHINSHTEYN**
JAY Staff Writer

This year's Girls Volleyball Team is ready for action and it is anxious to start it's season.

Mrs. Vivian Pedwayden, the second year coach of the Southfield High School volleyball team is excited about the beginning of the new season. She has seen much improvement since last year.

"This is definitely a better team," Mrs. Pedwayden said. "It is finally varsity caliber," she added:

The most improvement was made in teamwork. Mrs. Pedwayden feels that last year the girls had no experience working together and it was their first real volleyball experience. This year, however, it's different.

"The overall skills have also improved on the team," Mrs. Pedwayden said. This is due mostly to the fact that the team has some returning players, four of whom are seniors.

Those seniors are Janet Pedwaydon, Lori Silverman, Nancy Kelley and Kelly Pool. Out of these four, Mrs. Pedwayden feels that Janet and Lori have a very good chance of making the All-SMA team.

However, Mrs. Pedwayden believes that there is at least one major problem. "We are one of the very few teams in the state that does not have freshman volleyball. We also don't have a parks and recs team, nor do we have any junior high school teams. We need all of those things in order for us to have success in the future," she said.

The team opened it's season against Lakeland. Although Mrs. Pedwayden did not pick an easy schedule she believes the girls can play five hundred ball.

"I think we have a good team and we can have a good season. However, we need more fan support and I think our exciting play can attract them," Mrs. Pedwayden said.



Volleyballer **Becky Shaffner**

SOUNDS, from p. 9

On Dec. 2, 1983, Jackson's most interesting endeavor yet was revealed, a 14-minute video for the title track of "Thriller," which features "Rap" by Vincent Price. The piece cost over one million dollars to make and was shown exclusively on MTV five times a day.

Will "Thriller" be hit number eight? Will Jackson tour in 1984? If so, will he tour with his brothers? When will it take place? These are all questions that the world is dying to get the answers to. The answers are yes, Jackson and family will tour in the spring, but as far as an eighth hit, well, that's just a matter of time.

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Thinking of life after death?

Have you ever wondered what it would be like if you weren't alive? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be dead? Who would come to the funeral? Have you had a person who is close to you die?

What would it be like if I weren't alive? Think of all your friends; all the people you have fun with, those you talk to on the phone. Think of how you would feel if one of those friends were to die. Think of how that loss would effect you; how your life would be changed if that person were no longer there. That is the answer to your question. That is how your friends would feel if you were to die.

What would it be like to be dead? Wouldn't it be interesting to find out? Well, nobody really knows what it would be like to die. Oh, there have been some theories, based on people's stories of how they've died, and then come back to life, but those theories have never been proven. In fact, the deaths of some of those people have not yet been confirmed. But, nevertheless, nobody knows what it would be like to be dead.

There is only one reason why there is



The Notebook

by Amy Goldstein

no conclusive evidence on this subject. Once you're dead, you're dead, and there is no coming back to life. Dead is final. There is no return.

But what about reincarnation, you may ask? The part of you that you know as you is not the part that is reincarnated. You cannot remember what has happened to your soul in its past lives, can you? Well, you will not remember this life either. The soul is the part of you which is reincarnated, and not your conscience. In other words, reincarnation does not apply. Your soul lives, but you die.

The hardest part of this subject is that for those who have had friends or relatives die, the coming to terms with death is the challenge.

For those who have experienced death through someone close, the coming to terms with the loss is the hardest part. The loss of a loved one

brings on an amazing amount of grief. And this grief is absolutely normal. But don't go overboard.

Often times, the fear of death, or misconceptions about death bring about a heightened amount of mourning. Death is the most natural part of life. Death is just as essential as birth. Without death, people would live forever, and life for them would be quite boring.

Think of death not as a punishment, or as an end, but as a thing of beauty. Death is the savior of many from life's tragedies. It saves the sick from suffering, it saves the poor from homelessness, or starvation and it saves the old from desintegration.

Though the pain of death cannot be avoided on any level, it can be eased for the living in many ways. First, do not shelter people from death, especially children. When a child is sheltered from

death, and it is not explained to him or her they become afraid of death, and think it is a terrible thing. Instead of sheltering a child from death, explain it to him or her. A good explanation, telling a kid that their grandparent has died, has passed on from this life to another, explaining the beauty of the process of death, is the best way to prepare a child to deal with the realization of death.

Also, if the parents of a child let that child attend a funeral, then the child can help that grief is a natural part of death, and is nothing to feel guilty about. And the child, or anyone may also be feeling guilt about the death and may be thinking that he or she could have prevented a death. Well, the fact is that nobody has the power to prevent death.

One more thing, to help one deal with death, it is necessary to talk to people to help them, or help yourself to come to terms with your feelings about the subject. Whatever happens, just remember, death is a finality, but life, your life, still continues even though another has died. Death just points out to us how precious and lovely our own lives are. □

Manchester youth tells of life in Great Britain

By CAROLE GARVIN
JAY Staff Writer

New students are always transferring to Southfield High School from another state, but rarely does SHS get students who have come from across the Atlantic like junior Steve Whiteoak.

Whiteoak is from Manchester, England, although before coming to Southfield with his family he did live in Texas for nine months.

Compared to SHS Mileend High School, the school he attended in England, is a lot different. "We wore

uniforms everyday and it was an all-boys school."

Although he has adjusted well, there are still some things he has a hard time with, such as the accent of Americans and also driving on the right hand side of the road with the wheel on the left hand side of the car.

Whiteoak has not attended this school for very long, but he has noticed the girls at SHS. "The girls here are not as aggressive as the girls in England who like to fight a lot."

Playing records, driving and participating in sports are some hobbies he enjoys.

A typical Saturday night in Manchester for Whiteoak was not that different from a Saturday night in Southfield. "My friends and I would hang out at a disco called Revalls and it would go on until 12:00 am, then, we usually

went back to someone's house."

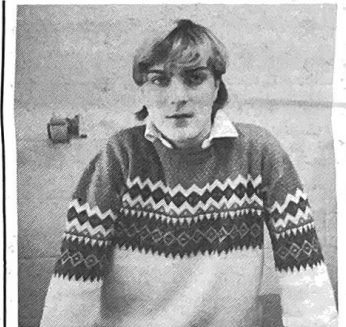
Although a typical Saturday night is almost the same in Manchester, a typical school day is not.

Whiteoak's day started at 8:00 am when he would take a double-decker bus to school. At 9:10 am the daily assembly took place involving sports or clubs. Following at 9:30 am the first lesson would begin.

"Not every class was for the same amount of time. For example, classes like English and chemistry would be an hour and a half, but gym would only be a half hour," he explained.

At 11:00 am there was always a break for 15 minutes then came lunch time at 12:45 pm for 40 minutes. The school day was over at 4:00 pm.

Besides the difference in the school day, so is the age for high school students to graduate. Sixteen years old



Steve Whiteoak

is the required age.

Being able to get a drivers license at the age of 16 and getting out of school at 1:00 pm is what Whiteoak enjoys the most about living here he said. □

Councilwoman Talley plans for future

By SCOTT GREENBERG
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JAY Staff Writers

Barbara Talley is a woman who has made leaps and bounds in local politics, for she is the first black woman to run for city council and win.

Though she has been in office only a short while, Mrs. Talley plans to pursue her interest in improvement for the City of Southfield. Her main goal is to better public transportation. "With SEMTA's operational funds from the federal government declining, something must be done to supplement it because we don't know where the money is going to come from and we don't know if the city has the money," Mrs. Talley said.

Mrs. Talley, however, suggests that an alternative to the public transportation problem could be a free enterprise system. This alternative would be acquiring a fleet of vans that would seat from 18 to 20 people and be licensed by the city. This would be similar to SEMTA

in the way that people would have to pay to get on, but would differ because there would be no system of transfer.

This would surely be a help for senior citizens of Southfield, being that they make up 23 percent of our population. "Older people, mentally retarded citizens and handicapped people depend on public transportation and to have a system of this kind would be beneficial to them," Mrs. Talley said of the system which already operates free of charge in some cities.

Talley has always been concerned with politics and has been involved actively in Southfield for seven years. She is a member of the League of Women Voters, a former member of Southfield's Total Living Commission, on the Executive Board of the 17th District Democratic Club as well as the aforementioned Civic Citizens of Southfield-Lathrup Village. She currently is employed as a budget analyst for Oakland County Sheriff's department, a

position she has held for five years.

For the last year Mrs. Talley has been planning, strategizing and promoting her visibility in the community. Mrs. Talley decided which areas it would be most beneficial for her campaign to walk and she knocked on almost 2,000 doors in the months before the election.

"My campaign was a team effort of a vast background of people," Mrs. Talley said.

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