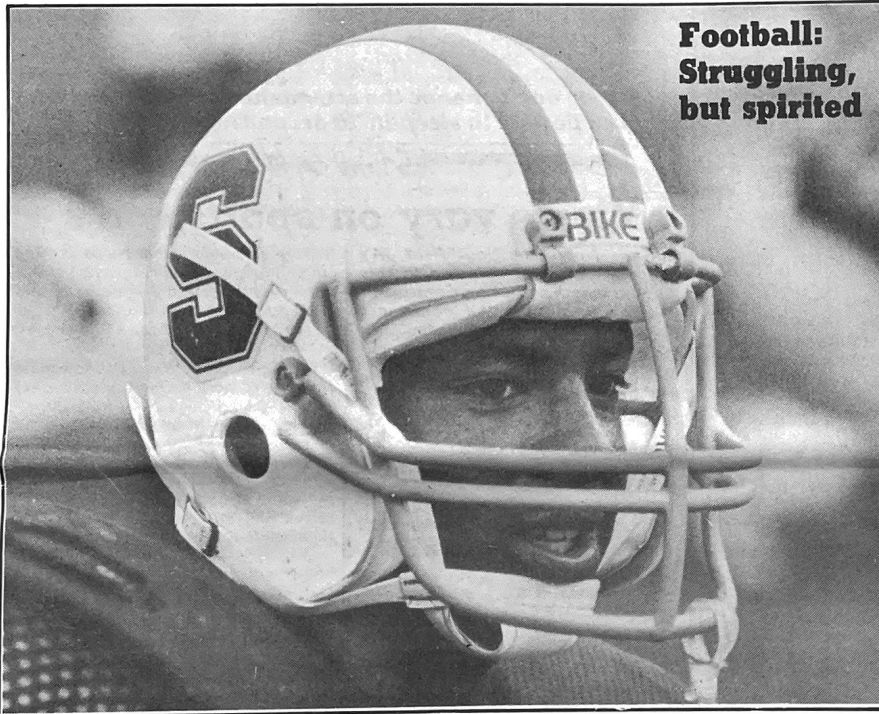


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**Football:  
Struggling,  
but spirited**



**A New Assistant  
Principal —  
Mrs. Olivia Dyson**

### ————— This Month —————

#### **Attendance Policy Still Making Waves**

The American Civil Liberties Union backs a former SHS student and threatens suit over the high school attendance policies of the Southfield Public Schools.

#### **School Opens With Staff, Administrative Changes**

It is a new school year and lots of changes greeted students this fall including new staff, reorganization of the schools administration and shuffling of teachers.

#### **October Happenings. . .**

##### **Homecoming, Halloween Horrors**

The annual SHS Homecoming will take place on the weekend of Oct. 21 with a break in tradition. The drama department's "Halloween Horrors" follows later in the month with a day of fun and food.

##### **Glimpses of Israel, USSR Through Students' Eyes**

What is life like in the USSR and Israel? Two students tell briefly of their travels to these countries.

##### **Contests & Competitions —**

The results are in for SHS students from a number of contests, competitions and exams. See how we fared. Also, deadlines near for more tests and a scholarship competition and a writing contest.

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## Editorial

### ACLU goes on 'goose chase'

Does a school district have the right to fail students for not showing up to their classes? This is now one of the issues in a possible law suit against the Southfield Public Schools by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). According to the ACLU, this is not the right of a school district and they are demanding that the similar attendance policies of Southfield and Southfield-Lathrup high schools be changed.

The policy adopted last fall in an effort to get students into the classroom, states that if a student receives four unexcused absences in a single semester class, or eight in a full year class, that student will receive a "drop E" for the rest of that year or semester.

Since its adoption the policy has improved the attendance of most students. However, there are some that can not abide by these new rules and want them changed. If these few students and the ACLU succeed in their demands we believe it will hurt the majority of students in the long run. These few individuals also say that the policy encourages failing students not to show up for their classes and therefore they are being denied the right to an education. However, students who fail because of excessive, unexcused absences do, even though they are not earning credit, have the option of attending class. Thus, they are not being denied an education.

We feel that the ACLU is taking up a useless cause in trying to get Southfield High to change its policy. These few students knew the rules and were expected to follow them. If the ACLU does win their irrational suit it would probably open the door to even more useless suits, such as by students receiving lower grades because they did their work in pencil, rather than ink, claiming they were treated unjustly. □

### JAY reaffirms editorial policy

The Southfield JAY once again reaffirms our long standing editorial policy with this opening issue.

Any quality publication must be responsive to the needs of its readers if it is to adequately serve and inform them. In this respect, the Southfield JAY is no different. The editorial board would like to express its obligations concerning the SHS student body as seen for the coming year.

1. All information printed in the JAY will be factually correct, unbiased in content, and will not knowingly be published if it is injurious to a person's reputation or constitutes libel.
2. The JAY will strive to present the widest possible scope of information dealing with SHS while ensuring that articles are of concern to a significant segment of the student population.
3. The JAY will publish in-depth features highlighting both positive and negative areas relating to SHS in hopes of enhancing the readers' understanding of important issues and happenings.
4. The opinions expressed in editorials appearing in the JAY will be solely those of the editors, not necessarily those of the adviser, the administration or other staff members.
5. Editorials published in the JAY will be a forum for honest opinion and will not be influenced by any outside powers, including the faculty or the administration.
6. Guest editorials will be encouraged and will be published if signed and if they abide by the stated standards of conduct regarding JAY articles.
7. The JAY exists to serve the student body of SHS and will not function as an instrument of any individual. □

## Letters

### Kudos, good wishes for Southfield JAY

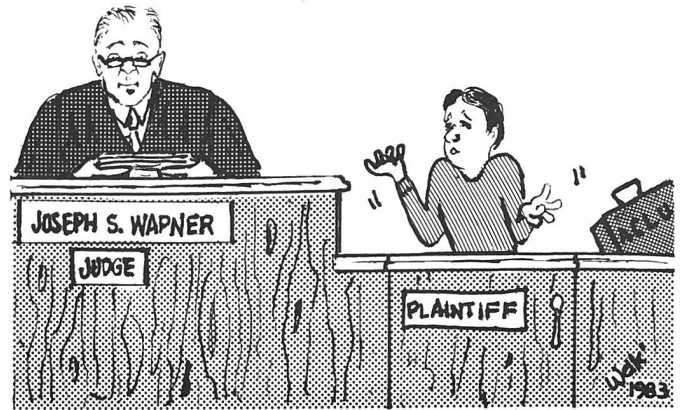
#### To the Editor:

As the 1982-83 school year comes to a close, I have just read my current copy of *The Southfield JAY* and again find it both interesting and informative. It is almost always very well organized with the layouts drawing the reader's attention to those articles of utmost importance. Use of interesting and appropriate photographs has been a highlight of the paper for me. Since I am not a part of the Southfield High School

staff, your newspaper keeps me "current" with the activities, problems and issues at Southfield High School.

Congratulations on completing another outstanding year and best wishes to Steve Timson in meeting the high standards set by his predecessors.

**James B. Hildebrand**  
Supervisor, In-Service  
& Staff Development  
Southfield Public Schools



*If they don't change the attendance policy, I won't even be able to sleep-in 'til second hour!*

## Sound Off

### Views vary on sports code

**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.

**Question:** What is your opinion on the new sports policy, where you must pass at least five classes to be on a team?

"I agree that you should pass five classes because that is why most of the athletes in the school can't get a scholarship, 'cause of their grades."

**Charlie Hart, 12**

"I feel that you can barely pass four classes to graduate, why should you have to pass five classes to be in any sport?"

**Kim Logan, 12**

"I don't think the new sports policy is fair because it's putting too much pressure on the athletes who play a sport."

**Craig Porter, 12**

"If you could pass three classes to stay on a sport, five classes would make it harder to study and practice at the same time."

**Steve Murphy, 12**

"It is good because many kids coming out of Southfield feel that playing sports is the only thing in the world to do, but that's not true."

**Sharon Lowery, 10**

"The new sports policy is good because you have to work harder to pass classes and it might be better for you in the future."

**Willie Cross, 11**

"The policy is good because most athletes at Southfield High are good, but some of them get geeked on themselves and start thinking more about themselves than their schoolwork."

**Tonya Lampkins, 11**

"I think it's good because some athletes start neglecting their studies and when it is time to start applying to colleges, their grade point averages aren't sufficient."

**Rick Wisniewski, 12**

"The kids who are in sports will be part of the sports program because they really want to do it and not to get out of just passing classes."

**Suzie Cohen, 11**

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## SHS staff changes again numerous

By STEVEN STIMSON  
JAY Editor

Once again this fall there have been numerous changes on the SHS faculty. The changes are due primarily to the effects of declining enrollment and teacher layoffs. Other faculty members retired or requested transfers.

The first of these changes is in the music department where the teaching staff went from four to two. Mrs. Chriss Golden is taking the place of Mr. Paul Lipa as the department head. Mr. Lipa transferred to Thompson Middle School this year. In addition to taking over Mr. Lipa's duties, Mrs. Golden is also doing the job of orchestra teacher replacing Mr. Richard Brown who retired last June. Mrs. Golden joined SHS for the 1982-83 school year as a part-time instrumental music teacher. She is now full time.

Mrs. Dolores Aronsson has taken over the responsibilities as head of the library due to the retirement of Mrs. Thelma Keller. Assisting Mrs. Aronsson is Mrs. Helen McAskin who left her post as social studies department chairperson. Mr. Richard Dengate has assumed Mrs. McAskin's former post.

Mr. Dale Freeman who taught math at SHS for many years transferred to Southfield-Lathrup High School. Mrs. Kathy Heichel is now teaching business classes at Thompson Middle School. Mr. William White, art, and Mr. Charles Daniels, industrial arts, are both teaching at Birney Middle School this year. Mrs. Mary Rowberry is now teaching math at Levey Middle School.

Missing from last year's English department is Mrs. Elaine Armstrong who is teaching first grade at Stevenson Elementary School this fall. Mrs. Carol Collins has switched from English to the social studies department due to the retirement of Mr. William O'Brien. Mr. Joseph Dzedzic is filling the void in the English department left by Mrs. Collins.

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## SSF alters Homecoming proceedings

By STEVE STIMSON  
JAY Editor

This year's Homecoming proceedings at Southfield High on Oct. 21 have been significantly changed. For the second time in SHS history the floats that have become a tradition will not be paraded around the football field.

In 1973, the floats were not built because sponsors felt that too much emphasis was placed on the floats and it was time for a break from them. Instead, a type of billboard with wheels will find their way around the field. Any group may build a billboard. Since the mid-1970's the floats have been limited to the freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior classes.

The reason for the change, according to SSF sponsor Mrs. Mary Markos, is that the floats got out of hand. The size limitations had not been met in the last few years and made the floats too heavy to carry. Safety was also a factor because students were burning the floats while people were around or on them.



Floats will not fly high at Homecoming this year

Chariots were considered to take the place of the floats, but the SSF was worried about poor construction and the dangers involved with them.

This year's Homecoming theme is "Living in the New Wave/Ritz Club." The dance this year has not been changed at all. It will be held on Saturday,

Oct. 22 in the SHS gym.

There was a fear that the football game would be played on Saturday afternoon for security reasons. However, a plan drawn up by the SSF for security persuaded Principal Daniel Hogan to keep the game on Friday night as in past years.

## O'Brien retires after 31 years

By JOANNE SPALLETTA  
JAY Staff Writer



Mr. William O'Brien

Mr. William O'Brien retired on Sept. 16 after 31 years of teaching in the Southfield School System. His experiences range outside of just teaching school.

In the years between 1969 and 1973 he was elected councilman for the Village of Novi. Mr. O'Brien was a part of the first council in that community. While on the Novi Council, he drafted the police and the parks and recreation ordinances.

Mr. O'Brien also, during 1969-70, was a night school professor at Oakland Community College. He taught social studies when the college first opened.

And, for three years in the late

1960's, Mr. O'Brien was the social studies department head at Southfield High School.

Mr. O'Brien plans to seek another career now that he has retired from teaching. The career may possibly be in computers or using his knowledge of geography somehow.

He began teaching in September to avoid "September Syndrome". Teachers commonly, after retirement have the longing to return teaching in September. So he avoided this situation by starting the year at SHS.

In 1952, Mr. O'Brien started as a seventh grade teacher. In those years Southfield High's grades ran from

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## 'Attendance policy unconstitutional', ACLU

By DOUG HENZE  
JAY Staff Writer

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is attempting to change Southfield High's attendance policy, so as to separate attendance from academic standing. ACLU attorney Daniel Avrunin stated that in his opinion the current policy is "unconstitutional and illegal."

The policy states that students accumulating four unexcused absences in one class will be given an automatic "E," regardless of their previous academic earnings.

According to the ACLU, the policy denies students the right to a public education. A student missing four days in a particular course would be forced to forfeit the chance to earn credit in the remainder of the class.

However, SHS administrators do not feel blameworthy for a student's unexcused attendance and the consequences and see many positive aspects of the policy. They feel that its stiffening is necessitated by attendance problems.

"The group consensus is that it's fair to base a student's grade on his attendance," SHS Principal Daniel

Hogan said. "We feel that we have the right to make students attend school," he added.

Hogan also stated that not only does the policy please administrators, but students as well.

"Students who set their own goals will attend classes anyhow, and the policy eliminates peer pressure to skip," he said.

He also said that without the policy a student could pass classes with poor attendance by showing up for final exams.

"It is important to attend classes because interaction is a part of learning," Mr. Hogan added.

However, the ACLU and former SHS senior James Szabo, who originally brought the attendance policy to the ACLU's attention, disagree. They feel that class attendance is mandatory in passing a course.

"It is not a logical conclusion that students could be enrolled in a class and never show up, but somehow meet class requirements by passing a final exam," Szabo said in response to Mr. Hogan's statement and a similar remark by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carl Hassel.

"There are such things called academics: homework, quizzes, tests, class participation, etc. If a student does not

show up for class he obviously cannot accomplish these requirements. The policy is not logical — to say that if a child does not attend school, he will be punished by not letting him attend school," Szabo added.

Szabo also stated that the administrators had promised to make changes at a summer meeting between Avrunin and School Board attorney Phillip Goodman.

"The administrators lead us to believe that they were going to revise the policy so that attendance didn't affect academics," Szabo said. "But this summer when they sent out information packets containing rules and regulations, I noticed no changes had been made," he said.

In response to these claims, Dr. Hassel has formed a committee of principals, teachers, parents and students to study the policy's negative and positive aspects. The committee's recommendations are expected to be presented sometime this month.

Dr. Hassel said that changes in the policy will be made according to the committee's findings.

"I'm not taking an adamant position for this (policy). If we find there's a need to make modifications, we'll do that," Dr. Hassel said.

Another aspect of the policy causing concern is the new clause which states that ten absences in one card marking in a course, excused or unexcused, may lead to failure of the course. The purpose of this clause, according to Mr. Hogan is to further limit absences.

"We are concerned about people who are excused, but really shouldn't be. We have to tell parents that their kids can't miss school, just because they want to sleep in or go shopping," he said. "If they can, something is wrong with the policy."

The only other change which administrators made during the summer months dealt with year courses. Instead of failing a student after four unexcused absences, an accumulation of eight will be allowed before credit is lost.

If the two parties are unable to settle their differences and reach mutual agreement, the matter may require a court decision.

However, the matter will most likely be settled through negotiations, according to Mr. Walter Johnson, State chairman of the ACLU and member of the Southfield School Board.

"I'm sure that an equitable solution can be reached out of court," he said. "One which will please both parties."

## SHS administration reorganizes

By AMY GOLDSTEIN  
JAY Staff Writer

"The Superintendent and the School Board must be commended," Principal Daniel Hogan said, "for recognizing the need and responding to it."

The need was a shift of school administration at SHS, involving chiefly the assistant principals. Mrs. Olivia Dyson, was added to the school administration this fall as a fourth assistant principal. She will be primarily in charge of evaluating and assessing school programs and faculty. She has had some past experience in this field.

Dr. Sally Spedding has been moved from House O to House B and the move is accompanied by a change in responsibility. She will now be heading up the attendance center and helping with

discipline in House B.

Mr. David Williams has moved to House O, and will now be handling budget responsibilities. He, like all the assistant principals, will be aiding in the disciplinary fold.

Mr. Richard Fishbeck is the only one not affected by the reorganization. He will continue to be in charge of scheduling and is still located in House A.

Two other staff members that have been relocated are Mr. Fred Goldberg, SHS activities director, and Police Liaison Officer William Sole. Mr. Goldberg is now in House B, and Officer Sole is now in Mr. Goldberg's old office. Mr. Hogan said that neither person's job has changed, but "it allows for Mr. Goldberg to have more privacy, and for Officer Sole to integrate more with the students."

## District recalls Mrs. Dyson as school's 4th ass't principal

By PAMELA MILLER  
JAY Staff Writer

Mrs. Olivia Dyson, a familiar face to many former Lederle students, has been appointed as the fourth assistant principal at SHS.

This is a new position. Mrs. Dyson's job entails curriculum and teacher evaluation as well as ninth grade discipline. She will also handle any various tasks that come her way.

Mrs. Dyson is the first black to ever hold an assistant principal's position in a Southfield high school. Her job, she feels, is dealing with students, not different minority groups. "I recognize there are differences in background and color, but that doesn't interfere with my relating to people," she explained.

Most of Mrs. Dyson's academic career took place in Connecticut, from where she moved six years ago. She received a Bachelor of Science in elementary and special education at Southern Connecticut State College, a master's degree in rehabilitational counseling at Springfield College and an advanced graduate certificate in counseling college students at the University of Hartford. Mrs. Dyson also completed the course work for a doctoral degree at the University of Connecticut, but did not finish every phase of the program before the move. She has already taken some classes and plans on obtaining the degree in the near future.

In the past few years, Mrs. Dyson has worked in various schools. While in Connecticut she started her career teaching social studies and English at secondary level. Later she served as assistant principal at both Bloomfield, Connecticut's junior and senior high schools. Next Mrs. Dyson was the director of counselors at Hartford



Mrs. Olivia Dyson

Community College.

When Mrs. Dyson came to Michigan, she became assistant principal at Lederle. She was pink-slipped when Lederle Middle School was closed and moved onto the position of associate principal at Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School in Oak Park where she remained until being recalled to Southfield this school year.

Mrs. Dyson believes in quality education and that students should be more achievement oriented. "I believe that schools exist to educate young people. I want to encourage students to get the excellent educational opportunities offered. There is always room for improvement," she said.

## Southfield High welcomes new (and returning) staff members

**Editor's Note:** *New school terms usually bring with them new staff members. This year Southfield High welcomes ten new and returning persons to the teaching, secretarial and administrative staffs. Brief profiles follow.*

### Mrs. Gale Carp

Returning to Southfield High this fall is Mrs. Gale Carp. An experienced teacher, Mrs. Carp is teaching math and English.

Mrs. Carp began her teaching career in 1966. In 1967 she came to SHS, and taught here until 1971 when she left the teaching profession to raise a family. She returned in 1978. From 1978 to 1980 she taught at Southfield-Lathrup High School. Due to declining enrollment she was transferred to Levey for two years before returning to Southfield High this fall.

Her hobbies include sewing and cross country skiing. She is also a wife and mother.

"It is always nice to come back to a building you have previously taught at. You have friends here and know your way around," Mrs. Carp said. The students are what she likes best. "The age level is the easiest to teach," she added.

By Bob Ellis

### Mrs. Nelda Dailey

Mrs. Nelda Dailey is the first person students see upon entering the Counseling Center. She is the new secretary replacing Mrs. Dorothy Jensen who retired on July 1, 1983.

Mrs. Dailey worked as a substitute secretary for five years with the Southfield Public School System. Last year, she was hired full time to work at the Southfield Education Center.

Presently, her job includes keeping records, transcripts and typing for the counselors. "My job is very busy, but I enjoy working here because the people are very warm," she said.

"I am happy about working with Mrs. Dailey. She is a very good secretary," Mrs. Harriet Tyrrell another secretary in the Counseling Center said.

Mrs. Dailey said that she has been having a good year. "I am very excited about my job, the kids are really nice," she said.

Mrs. Dailey resides in Southfield with her husband and three children. She

skis and plays tennis. "I think I am more physically active than my three kids are," she said.

By Estee Lipenholtz

### Mrs. Leslie Hughes

In all schools there are students who have trouble adjusting to different situations involving school and home. Mrs. Leslie Hughes, Southfield High School's new human relations specialist, plans on doing something about this.

Mrs. Hughes' job involves working with students who have emotional problems, such as adjusting to high school life, or making the "transition" from middle school to high school.

"The teachers seem to be extremely concerned about students' academic and social progress," Mrs. Hughes said. The teachers spot the problems these students are having and send referrals to Mrs. Hughes suggesting that she talks to them. She went on to explain that she then tries, with the students' cooperation, to help them build their self-confidence and assertiveness.

A special program that Mrs. Hughes is involved in is working with students who live in the Orchards. The Orchards is similar to group home living. The students there live away from home. Some Orchards residents are under foster care programs, while others have family problems. Mrs. Hughes makes sure that the program is working effectively for them.

Before her employment in Southfield, Mrs. Hughes worked basically in the Kalamazoo public school area. In February she started subbing here as a school psychologist and was later offered a job as Southfield High School's new human relations specialist.

Outside of school, Mrs. Hughes spends her time participating in her church. Her husband is a minister of the Newman AME Church, so she is involved in several church groups, one being the Women's Rights Group.

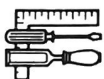
Her other interests include horseback riding and involvement in numerous psychological organizations.

Mrs. Hughes is looking forward to the year ahead and said, "Although I have only worked here a short time, Southfield High School's atmosphere is a very pleasant one."

By Liz Plotke

### Mr. Terry Kureth

A new addition to the A House



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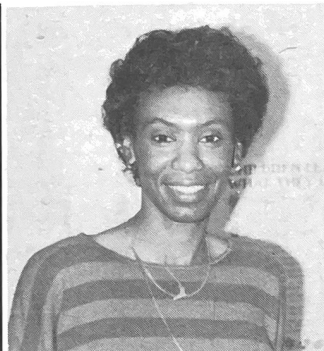
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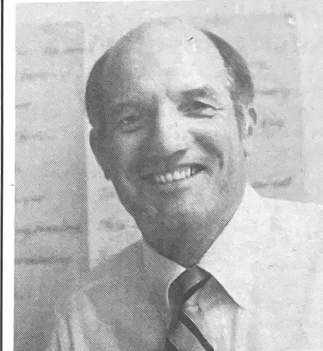
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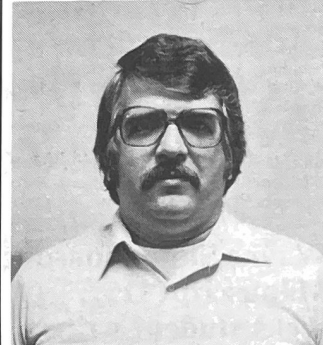
Mrs. Patti Page



Mrs. Miriam Pollack



Mrs. Barbara Start



Mr. Fred Tomchuk

staff this fall is Block English teacher and former Thompson instructor, Mr. Terry Kureth. He left Thompson after seventeen years there to come to Southfield High.

"Loss of the ninth grade at Thompson," Mr. Kureth said, "meant a loss of energy and excitement. A great deal of the dynamics and drama vanished when the ninth grade was transferred to the high schools."

He appears to relate well with older students. Apparently, his students feel similarly towards him. It is not an uncommon sight to see many of Mr. Kureth's Thompson students, as well as his newer pupils, congregating in his classroom at lunchtime to visit their former teacher.

Mr. Kureth is a firm but fair man, who often takes a personal interest in his students. This is what brings his former pupils back for these visits. "He's good, but isn't boring," former Kureth student Norman Loyd said.

Loyd is not the only one who thinks his former teacher is doing a good job. "He is enthusiastic about teaching the freshmen and I think a fine addition to the staff," English Department Head, Mr. William McAskin said.

"I try to be friendly, energetic and I set relatively high standards," Mr. Kureth said of his style.

Teaching aside, when it comes to spare time, Mr. Kureth, who is married and has two daughters, likes to hit the slopes. He races cross country in tournaments, competing against a couple of teachers from Thompson and Smithfield High's Mr. Harry Vandenbrink. Though Mr. Kureth has never won, he did place highly in a Traverse City tournament last year.

Before beginning his career in teaching, Mr. Kureth spent three years in the army (in which he was a member of the Fort Gordon Sport Parachute Club) and attended Oakland University. From there, he went to Bloomfield Hills to teach tenth grade for one year. Later

on, Mr. Kureth received his masters degree from Eastern Michigan University. Following his one year at Bloomfield Hills was his seventeen year stay at Thompson.

"The ideal situation would be that when my students remember me, they say, 'he was a good teacher, I learned a lot,'" Mr. Kureth said of what he would like to achieve through teaching. □

By Scott Greenberg

**Mrs. Patti Page**

After nine years in the Southfield School System, Mrs. Patti Page has begun her first year at Southfield High School. Mrs. Page is in the business department, teaching two typing classes and one general business class.

Mrs. Page, who had always wanted to become a teacher because of her fondness for children, began her career at Levey Middle School, afterwards going on to Southfield-Lathrup High School and then to Thompson Middle School. Mrs. Page said she really enjoyed her year with the students at Thompson, and finds both the younger and older students good to work with after a short period of adjustment.

Mrs. Page said that out of her students she expects most of all, achievement. She likes to see the actual progress of a student, "For example," she said, "seeing a typing student actually learning and developing skills."

"I've found everyone here really nice, the staff and students," Mrs. Page said. "The students themselves seem highly motivated and are a joy to work with." □

By Michele Burdowski

**Mrs. Miriam Pollack**

Although many new Southfield High School employees express mixed feelings about leaving their former jobs, secretary Miriam Pollack looked back at her transfer to SHS as a positive move.

This is due to the fact that while many employees are assigned to new positions, Mrs. Pollack applied for her job. The job opening occurred when Mrs. Lorraine

Anderson retired last June.

Mrs. Pollack has been an employee of the Southfield School System for 17 years. She was employed first at the Board of Education Office and then at the Southfield Education Center.

She also spent a brief period at SHS three years ago. Mrs. Pollack was employed as secretary to Dr. Alex Lotas, who was director of a government funded experiment called Project Campus. The idea of the program was to match teachers with students who could better benefit from their teaching methods.

Mrs. Pollack stated that she desired to return to SHS for two main reasons. Firstly, she enjoys working among high school age students, and because of a reduced work year. While working at her two previous jobs, she was required to work year round, but now has summers off.

In her spare time, Mrs. Pollack enjoys yoga exercises. She said that she devotes at least two hours daily to her hobby. □

By Doug Henze

**Mrs. Barbara Start**

Mrs. Barbara Start has come back home. After holding teaching positions in various Southfield schools, she is back at Southfield High School, where she said she feels most comfortable.

Mrs. Start is teaching four General Science classes and one Life Science class. In the past, Mrs. Start taught a number of home economic classes, yet, said she really enjoys her science classes.

She taught at Southfield-Lathrup High School and Birney and Thompson middle schools. She went over to Levey, still a junior high, when Thompson first became a middle school.

A native Detroit, Mrs. Start said she first thought of becoming a teacher while a student at Marygrove College. She believed it would be a challenge to work with children. "I've always liked children and the idea of teaching seemed to follow through," she said.

She began her career by substituting

in various schools and a part time job in Livonia. Students "attentiveness and interest" have become Mrs. Start's two outstanding expectations in both high school and middle school students.

"The biggest difference between the high school and middle school," Mrs. Start joked, "is that the kids here are bigger than I am." □

By Michele Burdowski

**Mr. Fred Tomchuk**

Mr. Fred Tomchuk, Southfield High math teacher is back after a few years of teaching in the middle schools. He has been teaching in Southfield for ten years spending six at Levey, three at SHS and he was laid off for a year.

Mr. Tomchuk, who grew up in Dearborn and attended college at a number of schools in Michigan, has always been impressed by the importance of education. "When I was about 13 my Dad decided I should learn to type and he continued to stress education through college.

"The kids (in my classes) always said that I was a little strange, but I feel my joking around can really get through to them," Mr. Tomchuk said. "Many of the kids are bashful and need to know that there is no such thing as a dumb question."

Outside of the classroom Mr. Tomchuk loves to read science fiction and has a real fascination with flight. He has been sky diving a number of times and has a dream to someday go up in a space shuttle.

"The first time I ever went skydiving was also the first time I flew. I was excited and not very nervous, but on the first jump I broke my leg in three places. The next time (almost a year later) was much more apprehensive."

Mr. Tomchuk has not been skydiving for a couple of years, but his wife gave him flying lessons as a birthday present. He plans to have his license someday. Water sports and his Yamaha 650 motorcycle also provide recreation. □

By Andy Smith

## Drafting classes to enter computer age

Industrial arts classes are getting a computer. An apple with a capability of running a CAD has been purchased for the department, in particular drafting classes.

CAD stands for Computer Aided Drafting. It enables the programmer to input information via electronic tablet and get back a copy of it from the plotter. Both tablet and the plotter come with the computer.

The computer will mostly be used by drafting students who will be using the tablet to work with their diagrams.

Mr. Gary Lutze, the drafting teacher, pointed out that computer is a necessity, and it is especially important for those who will pursue careers in the engineering field.

The total cost of the computer, including a tablet and a plotter, is around \$8,000. The School Board financed it.

"I'm looking forward to implementing this new program and feel that those students involved in the drafting program will benefit a great deal from their exposure to the CAD system," Mr. Lutze said.

## Wayne State sponsors Manuscript Day; seeks student writers

Aspiring high school authors will again have an opportunity to test their writing skills in the Eighth Annual Manuscript Day Competition sponsored by the Wayne State University English Department.

Competition is open to junior and senior students in all Michigan high schools — public, parochial and private.

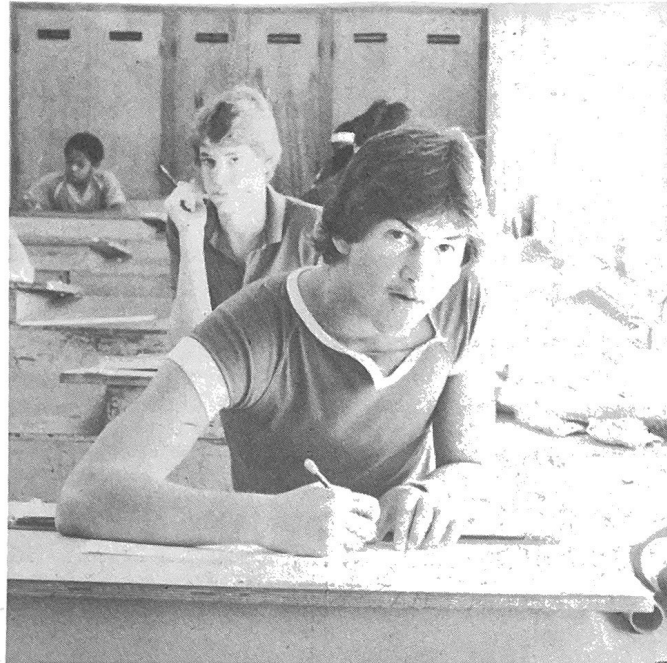
Rules of the competition call for students to enter their manuscripts through their high school English departments in one of four categories — short fiction, drama, essay (three to 15 pages) or poetry (25 to 50 lines). All works are eligible for entry unless they have already earned recognition outside the writer's high school. WSD faculty members will serve on the panel of judges.

First prize in the contest will be a \$7,700 tuition award (over four years) to Wayne State University. There will be five runner-up prizes of \$700 tuition awards (\$350 per term) to Wayne State University. Winner of the first prize must have attained a 3.5 grade point average to be eligible for the award; runner-ups must carry a 2.8 grade point average.

Professor Edward Sharples, chair of the Manuscript Day Committee, said the deadline for entries is November 8. Awards will be presented on Manuscript Day, December 7, an all-day event to be held on the WSD campus.

A total of 60 finalists will be selected in the competition (including the winners). Each will receive a Certificate of Recognition along with an invitation to visit the campus on Manuscript Day. A luncheon is planned in honor of the 60 students who will also see a matinee performance of Bernard Shaw's "Misalliance" at the WSD Hilberry Theatre. Members of the English Department will critique the papers of the finalists during their day on campus.

Further information may be obtained by writing to The Manuscript Day Committee, English Department, Wayne State University, Detroit, 48202; or by calling 577-3487.



Matt Gorden and classmates are waiting for installation of the CAD program (Photo by Frank Jewett)

## Freedman receives Rensselaer Award

Sandra Freedman, senior at SHS, won the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Science and Math during her junior year. This medal is given to one junior from each of about 1,500 high schools throughout the U.S. and Canada. She was nominated by some of the teachers and counselors at SHS. She received the medal last spring.

## SHS Parents Council plans '83-84 meetings

The Parents Advisory Council is a supportive parent group that helps deal with school concerns. The PAC meets monthly to discuss and talk over any school related matters. The PAC meetings are open to any parents as long as they have a child attending Southfield High School.

The council meetings are a forum type discussion where questions are answered about school attendance policies, discipline standards and any school related problems.

The council has set the following dates and topics for their meetings: Oct 17, 1983. Science & Math Dept.

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|                | Chairpersons                                   |
| Nov 21, 1983   | Insuring Your Child Meets College Requirements |
| Dec 12, 1983   | Standing Committee Reports                     |
| Jan 16, 1984   | English & Foreign Language Dept. Chair.        |
| March 19, 1984 | School Board Representatives                   |
| April 16, 1984 | Vocational Education Opportunities             |
| May 21, 1984   | School Board Candidate                         |
| June 11, 1984  | Election of New Officers                       |

Chairperson, Mr. John Lovejoy said he enjoys leading this group. Mr. Lovejoy likes dealing directly with the administration. His daughter, Cathy, a ninth grader, attends SHS.

"We are looking forward to a very successful year," Mr. Lovejoy said. "We

want to make Southfield High a learning place with no problems," he added.

## Century III announces 1984 competition

RESTON, Va. — High school seniors with exceptional leadership skills can compete for more than \$200,000 in scholarships this fall in the national Century III Leaders program.

Applications, which must be completed by Oct. 21, may be obtained through local high school principals' offices.

Sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, which represents more than 34,000 secondary school administrators, the Century III Leaders program is designed to encourage today's young people to think not only about the challenges they will face as adults but also how those challenges should be handled.

Students are judged on their leadership abilities, school and community involvement and awareness of current events.

After completing the application and preparing a "Projection for Innovative Leadership" on a particular challenge facing the nation in its third century, each applicant will take a current events exam.

The selection process begins at the local high school level in each state. School winners advance to the state level where the top contenders are interviewed by a selection committee and two winners (and two runners-up) are named. The state winners each get \$1,500 scholarships and all-expense-paid trips to the national Century III Leaders conference (March 2-5, 1984) in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, where additional scholarships are awarded, including a \$10,000 top prize. Runners-up at the state level each receive \$500 scholarships.

While in Williamsburg, Century III Leaders hear national speakers and participate in seminars and discussion groups. They also develop recommendations on specific problems which are forwarded to the White House.

## School's pool to save cool \$13,300

The Southfield High swimming pool has taken on a new look this year, but most students won't notice it at all.

A surge tank has been added to the pool's underground series of pipes. The tank's function is a simple one, to keep recycling the water which has been displaced by the pool's occupants.

The addition of the tank was an expensive one, \$30,000 to be exact. Athletic Director Fred Goldberg and District Plant Manager Joe Bilot are assured that the endeavor will pay off in a short period of time. "In 2.7 years, at a savings of \$13,300 per year, the surge tank will pay for itself," Mr. Bilot said.

The tank saves money in two ways. First, the water is recycled and because the pool does not have to be filled as often, this saves on the amount of water used. Also, the heater, which keeps the water at a comfortable temperature, will not have to be in use for such long periods of time. Last year, as in previous years, six to ten inches of water was lost daily. With this new system the loss of water will be cut by 90 percent.

The way this surge tank system works is as follows: swimmers who are in the pool cause water to be displaced into the drainage systems. In the past this water would run through a series of pipes and be disposed of into the city sewage system. Now, the water rushes into the surge tank; then the water enters the filter system; from there the water is poured back into the pool and the system starts all over again.

## Merit/Achievement scholarship programs name semi-finalists

Five students have been named semi-finalists in the 1984 National Merit Scholarship Program and the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

National Merit semi-finalists are: Sandra Freedman, Eve Tsao and Chris Guyor. The National Achievement semi-finalists are John Berry and George Francis.

These students earned top scores on a national qualifying exam. As semi-finalists they will go on to finalist competition with the possibility of winning \$1000 scholarships.

Additionally, Vernon Lind, Rob Montgomery, Cathy Relyea and Felicia Tugman were named as "commended students" by the National Merit Scholarship Program, while Rhonda Greene, Catherine Johnson, Anthony Richardson, and Erik Shelley were named "commended students" by the National Achievement Program.

## WSHJ's Zate moves to WBRN

June '83 graduate of Southfield High School, Barry Zate, has been appointed Assistant Program Director of radio station WBRN, AM/FM in Big Rapids, Michigan. Zate will be attending Ferris State College as a communications major this fall. He was an honor graduate in speech at Southfield High School and served as Operations/Program Director at Southfield Public School's, WSHJ radio (88.3 FM).

## Registration nears for college-bound test takers

College costs are a concern to many students. The American College Test and the Scholastic Aptitude Test may be important to those interested in obtaining scholarships.

The ACT is the only test that is used by the State of Michigan Scholarship Program. Students interested in a scholarship must take this test. The test dates are as follows:

Registration Deadline	ACT Test Dates
Nov. 11, 1983	Dec. 10, 1983
Jan. 13, 1984	Feb. 11, 1984
March 2, 1984	March 31, 1984
May 11, 1984	June 9, 1984

Another entrance test is the SAT. This test is used by universities as a part of the admissions procedure. The dates are as follows:

Registration Deadline	SAT Test Dates
Oct. 28, 1983	Dec. 3, 1983
Dec. 23, 1983	Jan. 28, 1984
March 2, 1984	April 7, 1984
March 30, 1984	May 5, 1984
April 27, 1984	June 2, 1984



Mrs. Diane Chapman

## Mrs. Chapman returns after year's leave

Ms. Dianne Chapman is back at Southfield High School after being away last year, attending Oakland University while on a sabbatical leave. The subject she studied was "Technology for English Classrooms."

"I imagine that in a few more years computers in English classrooms will be experimental and the primary use of the computer will be for composition and word processing," Ms. Chapman said.

Every year, hundreds of school teachers apply for sabbaticals in school districts all across Michigan by presenting a proposal to their school boards about what they intend to study or undertake.

"I think that it's important for teachers to take a sabbatical," explained Ms. Chapman. "My main purpose for taking one was so I could bring something back to our school district about what I learned, and that specifically, is how computer technology can be applied to the English classroom or a writing lab."

As to what Ms. Chapman has brought back to SHS, she feels that, "I'm now familiar with specific materials, such as word processing programs and English drill and tutorial computer programs."

Prior to the sabbatical she was the coordinator and department chairman for SHAPE, the alternative education program at SHS.

## Drama department to celebrate 'Silver Quarter Note'

Southfield High School's faculty and alumni are planning a 25th reunion of Southfield's spring musicals on April 14, 1984. The celebration, "Our Silver Quarter Note," will include a performance of this year's spring show, dinner and a special reunion program.

Address updates are needed of former students or staff members who have worked on or participated in any of Southfield High's spring musicals from 1960 to the present. Interested alumni and friends should call 354-7493 during working hours or 357-1052 in the evening or on weekends for more information or to provide recent addresses of former participants. A special reunion information packet will be sent out in November.

## City library slates ode reading contest

Students are invited to share favorite poems at the Southfield Public Library Poetry Reading Contest on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 pm in the Marcotte Room. Anyone aged 15 or older may register for the contest by calling 354-9100 (ask for the Fiction Desk).

Participants may read one poem, or portion of a poem, of their choice. Each reading must be completed in five minutes or less. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The contest will be videotaped for airing on the City of Southfield cable television channel.

## Montgomery attends LIT Summer Institute

Robert Montgomery of Southfield High School and Donna Lloyd and David Wong of Southfield-Lathrup High School were among 56 participants attending the Summer Science Institute at Lawrence Institute of Technology. Participants in the six-week program received instructions from LIT faculty in college-level chemistry, physics and computer science. The students were chosen on the basis of academic achievement and their interest in the sciences.

## District sets dates for reports to home

The Southfield Public School District has set the following schedule for report cards and interim reports for the 1983-84 school year:

Interim Dates	Report Card Dates
October 3, 1983	November 4, 1983
December 3, 1983	January 20, 1984
February 17, 1984	March 30, 1984
May 7, 1984	June 15, 1984

## Cheerleaders sweep camp competition

Southfield High School cheerleading squads earned top awards while at Dynamic Cheerleading Camp last June. The retreat, held at Adrian College, featured training and competition for high school cheerleaders. In competition the SHS cheerleaders won the following awards: Freshmen, first place; Junior Varsity, second place; and Varsity, first place and the "most spirited squad" award. Additionally, the cheerleaders were invited to attend national competition in California.



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# Drama dept. presents 'Halloween Horrors'

By PAMELA MILLER  
JAY Staff Writer

The second annual Halloween Horrors is being presented by the technical and drama directors on Oct. 29.

Halloween Horrors is a fun day for young children. There will be carnival games and food as well as a haunted house. Throughout the day two plays will be presented repeatedly.

Jenny Dunlop and Michael Menczer will collaborate on "The Magic Hat," the story of a friendly witch. Included in the cast are Stacey Singer, Susie Cohen, Stacey Reske, Jon Carver, Amy Ferstenfeld, Cathy Johnson and Ken Johnson. "It's a fun play with characters people of all ages can identify with," Dunlop said.

Lisa Ferstenfeld will be directing the well known tale of "Hansel and Gretel" with Michael Menczer's technical direction. The cast is comprised of David Walega, Deanna Detweiler, Sean Folster, Susan Zweig, Arthur Moloian, Rochelle Budman, Cheryl Berlin, Paul Bernstein, Rene Shaun, Ken Johnson and Carolyn

Alford. "I'm looking forward to the final product. With the talent we have, it should be well worth the effort," Ferstenfeld said.

Tracey Meyer will be in charge of the haunted house, which will be under Howard Failer's technical direction. This is a very difficult project as it entails reconstructing a classroom into a believable horror house. People working in the haunted house will be portraying various well known characters such as Dr. Frankenstein, the Mummy and Igor. Included will be Gayle Starr, Angela Spencer, Clifton Simmons, Eric Belland, Montaha Jendo, Michael Pavorsky, Debbie Creamer, Jennifer Burke, Sheri Linn and Pam Miller.

Tickets will be sold for food and all the events throughout the day.

The Thespians have also resumed their bagel and donut sales introducing a new item, a chocolate chip frosted donut. A road rally has also been planned for Oct. 16. You need not be a Thespian to attend. "We have several ideas for Thespian activities this year, and we encourage people to get involved in theatre," Dunlop said.



Lisa Ferstenfeld directs "Magic Hat" rehearsal (Photo by Frank Jewett)



Daytime DJ Rick Leader at the controls (Photo by Frank Jewett)

## WSHJ gains new equipment

By SCOTT GREENBERG  
JAY Staff Writer

WSHJ, Southfield High's radio station, is going through some changes this fall.

The biggest of changes (because of some financial help from the Board of Education) will be the acquisition of new equipment. "The Board of Education has shown faith in WSHJ and the program," General Manager Mr. Arthur Voisin said, "by investing in new, basic broadcasting equipment which will improve our quality and service to the citizens of Southfield."

To be specific, the station will be receiving a much needed transmitter to replace the station's 1946 model that was purchased second hand (this transmitter was the first model built by RCA after World War II), an audio processor to give the station a punchier sound, and a remote broadcast transmitter to be used for out of station broadcasts, such as school board meetings.

"We're very fortunate," said Chief Engineer Joseph Hick, Jr., "as a high school radio station to be able to pur-

chase such high quality equipment."

In addition to the new apparatus is the arrival of a new format. For this year, WSHJ will play Top 40 music with a little more emphasis on older tunes, album cuts and theme shows for the disc jockeys.

Disc jockeys this year will be Barry Gold, Tricia Anderson with an all request show, Sports Director Sam Eichner, Sean Folster, Keith Oliver, Music Director Larry Stern, (who's playing all the oldies), Renee Richardson, Promotions Director Amy Goldstein, (who promises something new every week), Community Affairs Director Alisa Bidol, newcomer Brad Jaffe, Logs Director Steve Cournoyer, News Director Mike Roskind, Assistant Music Director Marc Gould, Senior Music Director Scott Greenberg (who'll be counting down the hits) and Disc Jockey Captain Jason C. Hill, playing four hours of continuous dance music.

WSHJ broadcasts on the designated frequency, 88.3 FM, from eight in the morning until ten at night and eleven on Fridays.

By MICHELE BURDOWSKI  
JAY Staff Writer

The results of the 1983 International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement programs were recently released. The programs offer Southfield's academically motivated students a chance to earn college credit.

Southfield's IB program is one of few in the country. Five of 1983's seniors have been awarded full IB diplomas, having successfully completed the rigorous curriculum. The students are: Ann Michelle Fecteau, Ronald Kirkland, Charles Lee, Yuko Nakanishi and Gary Sinclair. The five, full IB diploma graduates were among 36 students from the district's two high schools that took qualifying examinations last spring.

Students also took 128 Advanced Placement exams last spring. The exams covered 14 subjects. A reported 64 percent of the exams were successful, receiving a grade of "three" or higher. Five students at SHS received top scores of "five".

At Southfield High, the following students received passing scores on IB exams: Pauline Basmajian, physics; Renee Booker, English, contemporary history and Spanish; Michael Cho, psychology and physics; Carolyn Conrad, chemistry and physics; Ann Fecteau, English, French, chemistry and physics; George Frances IV, psychology and physics; Sandra Freedman, psychology and physics; Kenneth Henry, English and chemistry; Amy Goldstein, mathematics; Ronald Kirkland, contemporary history, physics, Spanish and mathematics; Bryan Langer, physics; Larry Langer, contemporary history and Spanish.

Also, Charles Lee, English, contemporary history, chemistry, Spanish and mathematics; Vernon Lind, psychology; Rob Montgomery, physics; Yuko Nakanishi, English, chemistry and Spanish; Belyne Poore, physics; Catherine Relyea, physics; Lillian St-

Angelo, physics; Sharon Santini, physics; Gary Sinclair, English, contemporary history, chemistry, Spanish and mathematics; David Steiger, physics; Eve Tsao, psychology; Eva Tugman, English; Eric VonOeyen, English and mathematics; Ilka Warshawsky, English; and Katherine Willingham, English.

"Southfield was very successful as a whole, and was more successful than a number of schools," IB coordinator, Mrs. Gayle Mineweaser, said of the exam results.

## City delays cable; classes go without

By ED RAYKHINSHTEYN  
JAY Staff Writer

What happened to the WSHJ cable TV system that was due to be installed before the school year began? That is the question that many Southfield-Lathrup and Southfield High students are asking.

The cable programs were supposed to start working at both Lathrup and SHS, but something happened in the negotiations between the schools and the city cable commission and so the cable is still not installed at either high school.

Right now the commission is in the process of renegotiating the contract with the schools. However, the commission does not know whether the cable will be good for the schools and for the students. And that is why the city is not accepting the school's bid at this moment.

"The process is not negative, it's just frustrating," said Mrs. Barbara Johnson Low, an employee of the Continental Cable Network.

"But the good thing is, that everybody is interested in the best for both parties," she added.

## Clubs, activities organize; NHS launches tutoring program

By JOANNE SPALLETTA  
JAY Staff Writer

Southfield High School's clubs are underway planning events for this year that include fund-raising, charity drives and trips.

### National Honor Society

The National Honor Society, with President Stan Berenbaum, is planning the usual tutoring sessions, which will start Oct. 19 from 7-9 p.m. and continue on Wednesdays each week.

The tutoring sessions for the upcoming weeks are on Oct. 19 and 26, and Nov. 2 in House B cafeteria. To sign up for them, go to the Counseling Center on the Thursday, Friday or Monday before the scheduled date. Students should bring their materials to tutoring sessions.

The NHS is also planning community service activities such as a bowl-a-thon for charity. "We want to make it known that we socialize and are not just people who read books," Berenbaum said. There has been a decline of applications for the NHS and, as a result, they may try to publicize themselves more. The NHS wants to take a trip to Franklin Cider Mill and later to Cedar Pointe.

### DECA

The Distributive Education Club of America, headed by Mr. George Brackx, is in the process of getting organized. The officers have met but the club will not get going until the workshop (where the officers get trained in their duties) starts in October. They will enter competitive events where the students challenge each other using their knowledge of restauranting, food marketing, advertising and general skills. DECA may also fundraise, as they did last year, for organizations such as Multiple Sclerosis and the Children's Burn Hospital.

### French Club

The French Club is holding meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. They have sold "wipe and write" boards and are planning on selling magazines, clip boards and "junior" entertainment books for \$7. Their goal is to go to Montreal and Quebec.

### Spanish Club

The Spanish Club had its first meeting in September. They will be selling the usual candy and now, popcorn. They are trying to raise enough money to go to Spain, but it "will be tough financially," adviser Mrs. Dorothy McIntosh said.

### SSF

The Southfield Student Forum meets second hour every day in room B-20. This year the officers are: president, Hanna White; vice-president, Andrew Mulhinch; recording secretary, Cheryl Hobbs; corresponding secretary, Che Watkind; and Sonia Young, treasurer. The members of SSF are Duminie Allen, Eric Belland, Roxanne Bowen, Elyse Dobyne, Marvin Doyle, Shai James, Montaha Jendo, Nicole Lewis, Desi Pye, Cheryl Richardson and Scott Woods.

### Pep Club

This year the Pep Club will be headed by Ms. Anita Bradford, a hall monitor at SHS. The Pep Club was almost abandoned because no one volunteered to sponsor it after former sponsor Mrs. Kathy Heichel left SHS. Ms. Bradford expressed an interest and was asked to

be the sponsor, but first, had to receive Mr. Daniel Hogan's approval. She has had no experience heading a club before, but is doing it just "so the kids will have something to do," Ms. Bradford said.

### Italian Club

The Italian Club, headed by Mr. Arthur Carinci, got underway earlier this month. They are thinking of activities such as seeing movies, plays and going to Toronto. Mr. Arthur Carinci is the adviser.

### Yearbook

Although the arrival of the 1982-83 yearbooks has been delayed, the Blue and Gray Staff began production of the 1983-84 book.

A work schedule has already been formed even though the school year has just begun. Currently, money from ads placed in last year's book is being collected. Also staff members received section assignments and underclassman photos were taken.

The next task faced by staff members is that of choosing a theme. The theme for the 1982-83 book was hot air balloons.

Mr. Richard Welkenbach, yearbook adviser, has chosen Danielle Patrick and Sharon Price as Senior and Junior editors respectively. The staff also includes 14 other members.

## Apple computers aid math instruction

By ESTEE LIPENHOLTZ  
JAY Staff Writer

Using Apple Computers as an aid to teachers and students, the Math Lab Resource Center is an addition to the math department this year.

Math department chairman Mr. Ray Tulkki first heard about using computers as a teaching device in this capacity at a state conference last year. There are programs like this starting all around the country and the trend caught on fast at Southfield High.

The teachers set up certain objectives that they want their pupils to learn. The unit is then taught in a regular classroom setting. When the unit is finished, a test is given on a computer sheet, Mr. Tulkki explained.

Once their tests have been processed, every student will then receive a print-out of what skills they have mastered, partially mastered and have not mastered. The computer will then list helpful programs for that student.

"Our class hasn't worked with the computers yet, but it should be great and make math easier to understand," Karen Rhoton, algebra student, said.

Piloting algebra and pre-algebra classes, the teachers this year are Mrs. Evelyn Narozy and Mr. Cliff Dubowski. "I am very optimistic that this system will work," Math Lab Resource Coordinator Mr. Kenneth Hull said.

Eventually this system will be used for all math classes. Right now, wheel-in computers are available for all of the teachers in the math department to use in any class if they feel the computer will help them in any way.

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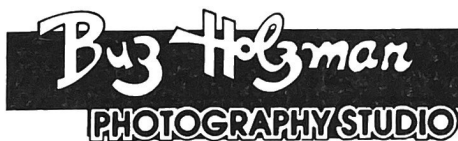


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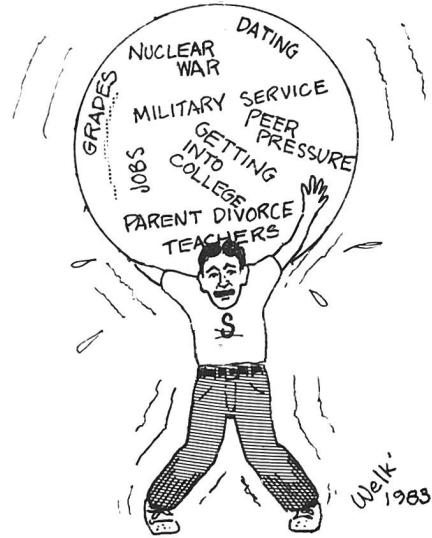
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## SUICIDE: A growing problem for American teens

By ESTEE LIPENHOLTZ  
JAY Staff Writer

There is an alarming rate of suicide among teenagers in the United States and it is on the rise.

Every year about 2,000 young people in this country between the ages of ten and 19 kill themselves, twice the number known ten years ago. Mrs. Robin Steiner, volunteer counselor for Runaway Hotline speculates that for every teenager who succeeds in killing him or herself, at least 50 others make serious attempts that fail.

Approximately 300,000 girls made unsuccessful attempts at suicide last year, one third as many boys. But for the first time girls who once used passive self-destruction methods such as sleeping pills, are now hanging and shooting themselves so that they presently make up 40 percent of the successful suicides, Social Researcher Janet Chase reports. "A reason for this may be the pressure put on girls from society to be pretty, smart and have it all together. Many girls feel inadequate," Mrs. Steiner commented.

"It is normal for many teens to think about suicide when they are depressed, but they would never try to harm themselves, but a definite number of teens are having a hard enough time with their problems that they see suicide as a way out."

The teenager who has reached the point of seriously considering suicide sends out certain clues. Obvious signs as very deep depression is a clue. Grades go down; hobbies, sports and after school activities that at one time were important are now avoided or ignored. The teen interacts less with people and becomes isolated.

"The act of suicide is a cry for help," Mrs. Steiner said. "Teens may give away their possessions, write poetry and songs about death and may actually come out and say they feel worthless and want to bring their lives to an end. These are big warning signals," she said.

Every suicide attempt increases the chance of success by ten percent. The more often a person tries, the more likely that they will succeed.

"If you know somebody is very down and might be thinking of suicide, the best thing to do is show your concern. Even if you cannot solve the problems yourself, you can let your friend know that you really care," Mrs. Steiner said.

Talking about suicide does not increase the risk. It decreases the dangers of an attempt.

"By going to get help with your friend, they realize that there is somebody who cares and wants to help," Mrs. Steiner explained.

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# Students experience life in other lands

## Lipenholtz attends Israeli high school

By ELIZABETH PLOTKE  
JAY Staff Writer

Southfield High School always has students coming and going, but Estee Lipenholtz, who had gone away to school in Israel for a year, is now back at Southfield High School to stay.

Estee, while in Israel, attended Kfar Hayarok High School. The Kfar is an Israeli boarding school, with approximately 450 Israeli students and 60 American students. The American students are taught separately and are in a curriculum called the Kfar Hayarok High School in Israel Program.

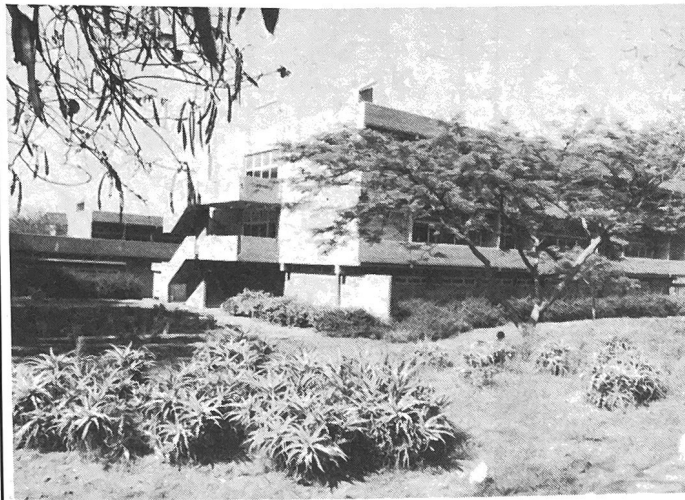
In leaving the Kfar, Estee said she missed the experience of meeting people from different countries, such as Brazil, Sweden and Canada, as well as all the Israeli people she had met and learned about.

The Kfar has a schedule that cannot be compared to Southfield's. The students there attend school six hours a day, six days a week, Sunday through Friday. Friday night until Saturday night is their weekend. The students are also required to work three hours a day.

The jobs were varied, and switched every few weeks. Estee said that the first two weeks she woke up everyday at 3:00 am and milked cows. "We used to make milkshakes straight from the cows!" she said.

For the next few weeks she picked oranges and grapefruits and then moved on to working in the dining hall, where she helped prepare meals for 600 people everyday. She explained that she even drove a tractor once.

"Israel has a whole different culture."



Above: Kfar Hayarok High School in Israel where Estee Lipenholtz attended school last year.

Right: Estee drives a tractor as part of her high school duties.

Estee said. Her favorite experiences at school were field trips. In her Hebrew class and Bible classes, she would study something and then the class would go on a field trip to see what they were learning.

Estee said that she would really like to go back in January to visit all her Israeli and American friends who stayed at the Kfar to finish.

Meanwhile, she explained, "Southfield High is a good school to come back to."

## Meyer spends summer in USSR

By PAMELA MILLER  
JAY Staff Writer

While most people spent their summer concentrating on the pursuit of happiness, Tracy Meyer spent her summer trying to bridge the gap between the US and the Soviet Union.

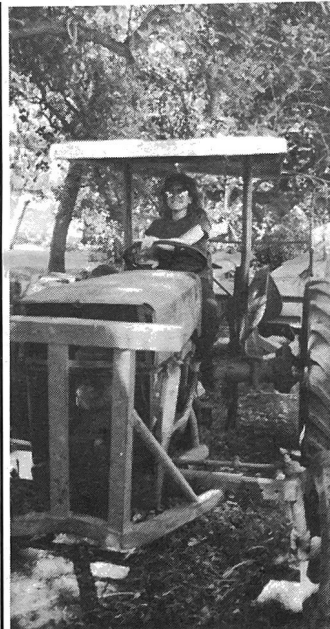
Meyer, an SHS junior, was chosen as one of eight Americans to attend Camp Artek, an international children's camp in Crimea on the Black Sea. The camp session lasted five weeks drawing 5,000 people from almost 100 nations. An adult must accompany the delegates who have to be recommended. Along with Meyer, there were three people from New York, two from Minnesota and one person each from Maryland and California.

Meyer became familiar with the camp through the American-Soviet Friendship Society of Greater Detroit of which both of her parents are members. She was recommended by the president of the committee. "I thought I could meet Soviet kids and find out if they're really like our government says they are. They're not," she said.

The activities ranged from carnivals to cultural events. Interpreters helped overcome the language barrier as they went through a daily routine of exercises, folk dancing and sports.

One of the camp highlights was a "national day" when each country presented exhibits of postcards and other memorabilia. Meyer brought pictures of Michigan and Southfield Civic Center calendars. Then all the Americans served Kool-Aid "because it's an American drink."

Soviet Premier Yuri V. Andropov spoke to the group stressing that he would never initiate a nuclear war. Just before everyone left for their respective countries, all 5,000 marched through the city of Yalta as an expression of world peace. "Regardless of what the US government says, the Soviets are fighting for world peace and friendship," Meyer said.



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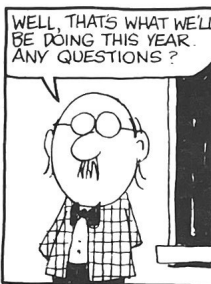
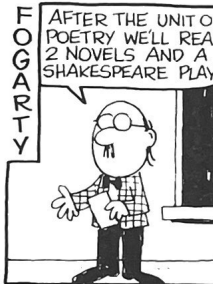
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# October Horoscope

**LIBRA**

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

The first few weeks of school always seem to be hectic. Don't rush when making important decisions. Think and plan carefully in order to make the most of your efforts.

**SCORPIO**

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Problems! Problems! Everyone has them. However, don't let them overpower you. Look for logical solutions.

**SAGITTARIUS**

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Don't give in to your friends' whims. Remember that you have your own life to lead. Make your own decisions.

**CAPRICORN**

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Ask questions! Don't let ignorance be a stumbling block to your success in or out of school.

**AQUARIUS**

(Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

Don't be afraid to say "No!" Even friends may try to take advantage of your kindness, especially during your weaker moments.

**PISCES**

(Feb. 20 to March 20)

Tackle your problems head on! Being afraid of failure is no excuse for not trying. Remember, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

**ARIES**

(March 21 to April 19)

Don't jump to conclusions! Everything you hear or read isn't necessarily one hundred percent true. Sometimes

being a doubting Thomas makes a lot of sense.

**TAURUS**

(April 20 to May 20)

Unfortunately, what you say may be misinterpreted. Always clarify statements that might appear to be the least bit misleading. Your extra efforts will pay dividends.

**GEMINI**

(May 21 to June 21)

Make a determined effort to put school work before your social life. There's plenty of time for fun and games after you close your books and have finished assignments.

**CANCER**

(June 22 to July 21)

Don't try to please everyone. Some people continue to demand more and more. Avoid them whenever possible!

**LEO**

(July 22 to Aug. 21)

Be persistent when trying to overcome difficult obstacles. Often with just a little more effort, an elusive goal can be achieved.

**VIRGO**

(Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)

Give yourself a pat on the back after achieving **PERSONAL VICTORY**. Be proud of your accomplishments no matter how small they may seem to be.

**ANSWERS**

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**Sounds**

By SCOTT GREENBERG

## Rick James puts on dynamic show

Hi, my name is Scott Greenberg and I'll be writing the JAY music column this term. Throughout the course of the year, I will be reviewing concerts and albums, looking at the latest trends, writing about up and coming bands, as well as old favorites and just keeping all of the readers up to date on what's happening in the world of popular music. In this, my debut column, I will be reviewing the recent Rick James concert.

Rick James is one of those performers who leaves an audience completely drained by the end of one of his high energy shows and this year's stop at Masonic Temple in September was no exception.

The show opened with James' Stone City Band tearing into "Lady's Choice," a tune from their latest album. These guys know what they're doing and do it quite well. Halfway into the set they were joined onstage by the Mary Jane Girls, James' background singers for the past few years. Accompanied by an almost frantic response from the audience, the girls performed a five song set, highlighted by "Boys," "Candy Man" and "All Night Long," all of which are popular radio tunes. Not only do they sing well and look great on stage, but they can move! After such a set as this, James would have to put on a set that would be nothing short of phenomenal.

Following a brief intermission, the long haired James, clad in a brown leather outfit, hit the stage as the fans went delirious. Within a matter of seconds, he ripped ferociously into "Ghetto Life" from 1980's now classic funk masterpiece, "Street Songs." What was to follow was a blistering set of James' trademark brand of red hot funk, including such songs as "You And I," the now classic "Super Freak," "Standing On The Top" (originally recorded with the Temptations), "Hard To Get" and the title track of James' latest lp, "Cold Blooded."

One of the highlights of the approximately ninety minute set came when James and the Stone City Band were playing "Mary Jane," a song from James' debut album "Come Get It." They turned the tune into a medley segueing this into a spirited version of Peter Tosh's "Legalize It."

Despite his reputation as a heavy-weight funkster, James can croon with the best of them. The sight of swooning females served as more than evidence of the above statement, as James soulfully sang two slow numbers, "Fire And Desire" and "Happy" (both of which he recorded as duets with Teena Marie).

Immediately following this excursion into balladland, James tore into a medley of "Super Freak" and "Give It To Me Baby," prompting the crowd, as one, to jump to its feet and dance in the aisles.

It is a rare performer who can control an audience in such a matter, but Rick James is just that kind of artist who can accomplish this feat. Though if there is a fault to be found in James' show, it is the lack of material from his new album, "Cold Blooded," which the town is promoting. Nevertheless, since James' performance is so dynamic, it really doesn't matter.

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## Push for sports season equality is on

By **ED RAYKHINSHTEYN**  
JAY Staff Writer

With all the attention being centered on the boys football teams right now, the female athletes, such as basketball and tennis players, feel that they don't get the attention they deserve.

But that could soon change. The Michigan Project on Equal Rights (PEER), in conjunction with a group of parents, students and school board members from across the state, has filed a complaint with the US Office of Civil Rights against the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Also named in the case are five school districts — East Grand Rapids, Detroit, North Adams, Farmington and Houghton Lake.

The biggest concern is the seasons in which the girls compete. While the boys have basketball and swimming in the winter, the girls must compete in these sports in the fall. The central issue is girls basketball.

Michigan is one of only five states to play fall ball, and PEER says it hurts girls chances for college scholarships, hurts fan interest and hurts media coverage.

However, Annette Lynch, Northwestern women's basketball coach has a different point of view. "It helps us to be able to go out and watch players when we are not playing," she said. "That's why we do a great deal of recruiting in Michigan," she added.

The opposing argument is stated by Ms. Carol Cook, the girls basketball coach at Brighton. She does not like competing with the boys football. "Last year at a pep assembly we had to take a backseat to a football team that didn't have a winning season," she said.

Marcia Federbush, the author of the complaint says that the schools have facilities, but they don't use them.

Plymouth Salem's Fred Thomann, who will be coaching girls and boys basketball this year, remembers when Salem and Plymouth Canton boys were sharing a gym.

"I've had to live in a building with a double program and it was incredibly difficult to run your program efficiently," he said.

Thomann gave several reasons why he feels the girls are better off playing in the fall: "Utilization of facilities. Better referees. Recognition and ability to be seen by college coaches. And, the coaching talent is better."

Our Lady of Mercy coach Larry Baker does not feel that his girls are being cheated by having to play in the fall.

In 1981, each school in the state was polled, and of the 585 that replied, 512 wanted the seasons to remain the same, 61 wanted a change and 12 said they had no preference.

The group that makes all these decisions is the MHSAA Representative Council which is made up of five representatives from Class A and B schools, four from Class C and D schools, two from physical education departments, two from middle schools and one from a private or parochial school.

There are three women on the council and what concerns PEER is that none of them have backgrounds in athletics. In addition to the Representative Council, PEER is concerned with the makeup of the 23 committees for sports such as football and hockey even though girls do not participate in those sports.

According to Vern Norris, executive director of the MNSAA, equal representation on the committees is tough because more men are coaching women's athletics than before.

The decision about the seasons had to be in writing by Aug. 1, and it was to be implemented by Sept. 7.

"We could not change the seasons now," Norris said.

If they could, however, what would all this mean to Southfield High? First of all, according to Mr. Fred Goldberg, SHS athletic director, "All three middle school gyms would have to be used. In fall we already have basketball, wrestling, swimming and it would be very hard to have three more basketball teams. We don't have the facilities," he said. Mr. Goldberg also pointed out that a similar situation exists throughout the state. Most of the schools do not have the facilities to change seasons but he feels that the girls are absolutely right when they say that they should play during the fall. "The only way this could be resolved is if we moved volleyball to fall and had the girls and boys basketball together," Mr. Goldberg said.

## Southfield's cross country runs for respectability, SMA championship

By **ANDY SMITH**  
JAY Staff Writer

On the back of his jacket it said Southfield CC. CC, what's that? CC probably stands for Catholic Central. Wrong. Perhaps the young man in the jacket is a member of the Cross Country Ski Team. Not quite. The CC stands for Cross Country which is long distance running, and there is a team alive and well at Southfield High School.

The Cross Country Team runs in meets on a variety of courses that are all 5,000 meters (3.1 miles) in length. Southfield's home meets are held at the Civic Center. It takes training and dedication to prepare for a Cross Country race.

"Cross Country is the hardest sport I've ever done, but it's a lot of fun," Tupper Lysaght said, a freshman, and the number two runner on the girls team.

The head coach of the boys and girls team is Mr. Bill Wright. He is assisted by Mr. Bob Harding and Sgt. Daniel Ayala. This is Mr. Wright's first coaching assignment at SHS.

"I'm really thankful to Mr. Harding for breaking me in, it's been a long time since I've done any coaching," Mr. Wright said.

This season the boys are experiencing a rebuilding year with only two returning lettermen. The team is very young with three sophomores and two juniors running varsity.

"I feel we have the potential to be a good team...the pressure is on me to set the example for my underclassmen teammates," senior captain Jeff Dienes said, who finished fourth in the league in 1982.

Led by junior Chrissy Stabile and senior captain Beth Wireman, the girls team is looking for a successful season. Stabile, who has been running number one for the girls has a very good chance at going all league and perhaps leading the team to the state tournament.

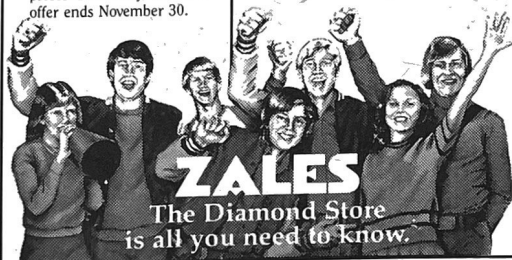
"I think it's pretty neat," Chrissy said. "I've wanted my picture in the hall (Blue Jay Hall of Fame) since I was 12."

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## Football Focus: Speed, style

By AMY GOLDSTEIN  
JAY Staff Writer

"SHS's team this year is like Pershing's last year," Captain Bill Reed said, a transfer student from last year's Public Schools League co-champions. This year's team has a new head coach, a new philosophy and a new chance at the SMA title. To win, some key people will have to play good football.

Almost everyone is a speed threat on the football team, even the front line. All are capable of making the big play.

Tim Ford, starting quarterback brings versatility to his position. He can pass the ball as well as run for the big gain. He has a front line that can match any in the league.

Dick Burnia, named captain this year, is a strong rusher and a smart linebacker. Dirk has good football sense and can turn any play into a plus for SHS. He has a lot of strength which he can use to run right over a lone defender.

Quick back Torin Dorn has been titled "the Sophomore Sensation", and any scouting coach can tell you why. Torin is quick enough and slippery enough to gain yardage on any carry. He can take a hard hit and get right back up to play again. He and Dirk give SHS a great combination in the backfield.

Quarterback turned receiver Chris Guyor adds a lot of versatility to the passing game. He can make the big catches and is always a threat of a trick pass. He, too can take a hard hit and get right back in the game.

Nose guard Bill Reed heads up the awesome defense. Penetrating almost always, Bill becomes the essential man on the line. Other teams will have to double or triple team him to keep him down, and that gives others a chance to get into the backfield. He is a team leader, and has been named captain.

Captain Bryan Langer is one of the few playing both offense and defense. Though this is tiring, he enjoys it. He gives power to both lines and is an asset in the trenches.

The final captain, Greg Towns, can make the catches that count. He is fast (like most of the team) and has good hands — a threat in any league.

Coach Calvin Fletcher has installed his more explosive veer offense, and his special brand of discipline. He expects a lot from his players, and they work hard to give him their all. "He has a positive attitude towards the season, and wants to win," Guyor said. To win, which Coach Fletcher believes is very possible, the Blue Jays will have to have not only speed, endurance and strength, but plenty of discipline and good leadership at the helm. Fletcher hopes he can prove to be the winning man. □

## Stabile changes sport, still #1

By ANDY SMITH  
JAY Staff Writer

As a sophomore at Southfield High, Chrissy Stabile was the top female swimmer on the entire team. She has three school records, and just missed making all-SMA to two girls who went All-State. She was two-tenths of a second away from qualifying for the state meet herself.

Swimming competitively since age seven and with a shot at being the best girl in the state by her senior year, Chrissy quit the Girls Swim Team before the 1983 season began.

"I got sick of it. I didn't want to practice and I thought 'I'm not going to want to swim,'" Chrissy said. "I needed a break so maybe I'd want to swim again," she added.

Along with Chrissy, two seniors who had been swimming since their freshman year, Mary Taylor and Jill McAnn, also quit the team this year because of other commitments. Right now Chrissy is running cross country to keep herself busy.

### STAFF from page 3

Mr. Dzedzic, who was pink-slipped last spring, was recalled during the summer to an English position at Thompson Middle School. However, after school opened this fall he was able to transfer back to the English department here.

Also recalled from last year's pink-slipped list are Ms. Sherla Evans in the English department and Mrs. Claire Krawczak in special education.

Mr. Robert Legg, teaching science at SHS last year, has continued his leave of absence for the 1983-84 school year. He left last spring to attend medical school. □



Chrissy Stabile

"I wanted to do something with the school," Chrissy said. "I liked track and CC was close to it."

Chrissy plans to start swimming apart from the school again this winter and plans to swim for Southfield in 1984 if she feels the desire to work once again.

"The maturity of a SHS student today is that of many diverse interests and responsibilities. It is hard for many potentially good athletes in our school to dedicate themselves to one commitment," girls swim coach Mr. Leo Oschinsky said. "Personally this saddens me because we are now in a world of specialization and total commitment."

"She (Chrissy) played a big role on our team and we will have to work hard to get along without her," co-captain Kristin Andrews said. □

## SHS soccer off to strong start

By JIMMY HEUER  
JAY Sports Editor

The Southfield High Soccer program is a relatively new one to the high school's long list of winners. With the varsity having three freshmen among its 18 players and the remaining majority consisting of sophomores and juniors, youth is definitely one of the team's strong parts. Coach Frank Catalano's two best players, however, are seniors Ed Raykhinshteyn and John Helner, both co-captains. The varsity's goal keeper, Steve (Stimmy) Stimson, is a senior also.

"It's a rebuilding year," according to coach Catalano, but it looks like the last one for about four years. On the defense are two sophomores, one junior and one freshman; on mid-field there are one sophomore, a junior and up front they have two freshmen, one sophomore and two seniors.

Catalano has had the luxury of not having to teach the game to a hopeful soccer-player. "Just about every kid trying out for soccer has had years of soccer experience," Catalano adds. "If we play tactically strong we can beat anyone in the state, if not, anyone can beat us," the coach said. "The only real problems we should have occur this year, will be lack of experience."

Earlier in the year the Blue Jays defeated the Lathrup Chargers, 6-3, with Steve Stimson picking up the win. Lathrup, since soccer was instituted, has never beaten Southfield. Catalano can't explain this, but does say former SHS student and junior varsity coach John Buchanan "teaches the kids everything they need to know."

Coach Catalano has a very surprising prediction. "In 15-20 years high school soccer will outdraw both basketball and football. Kids right now are the 'soccer generation.' When they get older their kids will grow up learning soccer and eventually will overshadow the sports which are popular now," he said.

The next game is against Ferndale on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7:00 pm. Southfield plays at home. □

## No one asked, but Heuer says anyways

No one asked me, but . . .

...the starting quarterback position for JV seems cursed both Rod Hurst and Jay Jewett have been injured.

...are you sure we don't have to give Pershing compensation for the signing of Bill (Moby) Reed, uh...er...he is only in high school?

...I would like to wish coach Fletcher and all the football team members and staff good luck this year.

...sophomore running back Torin Dorn will make Blue Jay fans forget Devoe Cornell very shortly.

...my prediction is: sophomores Erik Enyedy, Brian Menzcer and Jimmy Whiteford will be All-Staters in soccer their senior year.

...where does the golf team play their home matches.

...with Mike McCaskill gone who will put on the dunk show you ask? Thirteen out of the 15 members of the Summer League team could "boom." The dunksters were led by Ronnie Austin, Charley Hart and Vince Baldwin.



## Jimmy's Jive

by Jimmy Heuer

...I don't think it's fair that the football team has to take on teams with world champions on them. Some area teams have added members of the USFL Champions, the Michigan Panthers, to their coaching staff.

...soccer goalie Steve Stimson is like a water faucet: one game he records a shutout, then the very next game he sets the record for the most goals allowed in a game (9) he has the JV record (13) as well.

...Chrissy Stabile is the female version of superman.

...the tennis team sure could use two year All-SMA performer Jenny Barry. Don't worry coach Vanderbrink, she promised me she would be back, with racket in-hand, next year.

...Girls Varsity Basketball player Deidre Cheeks is going to be next in line for girls basketball stardom.

...four out of the five athletes gracing the cover of the JAY's June 1983 edition (Glenn Williams, Craig Gaillard, Craig Mathews, Brian Fitzgerald and Mike McCaskill) are attending Eastern Michigan University. Only Fitz decided to go elsewhere.

...Tim Ford is the male version of superman.

...While we're on the subject of basketball, there will be another Baldwin running up and down the court, Vince's younger sister Ingrid leads the girls JV team as a freshman.

...Athletic Director Fred Goldberg sure does a good job pronouncing all the crazy names on the daily announcements.

...those swimmers are crazy. In the fall they either are on the team or swimming AAU (depending on gender). In the winter the same. In the spring they swim AAU again and in the summer... they are lifeguards. □

## Climie new Girls' Varsity Basketball coach

By CAROLE GARVIN  
JAY Staff Writer



Sophomore Debbie Watson (15) looks to co-captain Lori Silverman for leadership (Photo by Frank Jewett)

The 1983-84 Girls Varsity Basketball season has started. This year, the coach of the team is Mr. Jeff Climie, a teacher at Birney Middle School. This is his first year coaching the Girls Varsity Basketball Team.

"Last year we won six games and lost 12. I would like to think we could win, but it will be hard. We will have to improve," Mr. Climie explained.

This year the captains of the team are Laurie Silverman and Toya Hankins.

The starting five players are Silverman and Kendall Williams, starting guards; Sabrina Mann, starting center; and Hankins and Dabrita Darden, forwards.

Although the team got off to a bad start by losing the first three games of the season, Silverman is optimistic about the future. "Our team has gotten off to a slow start, but we have a lot of talent and we will make a big recovery," she explained.

This year the team has lost one of its valuable players. Doe Elrod, who is now attending Southfield-Lathrup High School. "I think losing her, especially in the rebounding areas, has affected us," Mr. Climie said.

But, the girls are still hopeful they will make it past the district finals this season.

"Even though we started off the season on the wrong foot, we have been improving," Amy Ayala explained. □

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## Some tips for entrance to college of choice

**T**hinking about applying to college in the future? Well, here are a list of tips for applying. First, be realistic about your chances of being accepted by a given university. Don't apply to places where you won't be accepted. Some universities will make special considerations academically if you have a special talent, such as art or music, but you must be extremely good at whatever you do.

Secondly, apply to only those schools that you think you will wind up attending. Don't apply just for the sake of applying. If a school that you apply to accepts you, plan on going. And, make sure that the school is everything you think it is. Application fees are far too expensive these days to waste your money.

Take a trip to a university. Visit a school before you apply. Take the university tours and sit in on a group information session. Even arrange a staff interview; they don't count, but they show your interest in the school, and can help you in deciding whether or not to apply. If you cannot travel to a university, visit with its school representative in the fall. Just talking about the school with someone who knows it will help give



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you an idea about the people they are looking for, and about the university, itself

If you know what you want to go into, buy a copy of a book on American colleges. These books are helpful in finding the better schools in your field, as well as describing thoroughly the campus life, the student body and other aspects of a university. If you cannot afford a copy of these books, the counseling center has some which can be borrowed.

**P**lan to take your tests early. For those applying only in state, the SAT or the ACT will be the only test for you to take. Still, the earlier you take them, the more time you have to retake them if you need to. For those applying out-of-state, it is better to take either the ACT or the SAT at least once, as well as three achievement tests.

The earlier you take these tests, the less pressurized you are when filing your application.

Speaking of filing, apply as soon as possible, but be careful. Don't rush through your application, especially through your essays. Those are the most important part of the application. They really tell the admissions board a lot about you, how you think, how you write and your life's experience. Also, be honest. Of the two philosophies in filling out applications, honesty is really the best policy. A university can usually tell when a person is stating the truth, and when he is lying. You are the only thing that you can offer a university, and that is all you can offer. If you offer more, you may not be able to live up to that image.

Financially, file your FAF as soon as possible. Try for all possible scholarships. Research opportunities, there are

many scholarships out there available to students just like you that you may not know about. Talk to your counselor about opportunities, they, too research the topic.

Give your recommendation sheets to your teachers early. They need time to compile a fair, comprehensive recommendation for you. Handing one to a teacher late in the semester may be harmful to you. Also, don't bombard the board with recommendations. Get a few good ones, not many mediocre ones. The universities are not impressed with quantity, but with quality. Get your recommendations from different fields of study; one from English or social studies and one from math or science usually will suffice.

Remember, be respectful of the admissions board, you are not the only student applying to their university. You want to make yourself look as good as possible. Don't be modest. It's fine to brag about yourself to the board, after all, you are selling yourself to a college. Try to make yourself seem like the best candidate. In your application to a college or university, I hope these simple steps will help you to choose the right school for you.

## District sports code sets standards for athletes

By CAROLE GARVIN  
JAY Staff Writer

The Athletic Code of Conduct is a new policy in the Southfield School District. The policy, adopted by the Board of Education last summer, states that all interscholastic athletes must comply with these district regulations in order to be on a sports team.

Within the Code are 15 guidelines that athletes have to abide by. If, at any time, a student fails to comply with these rules, the school can revoke or restrict the privilege of participation on a sports team.

Key regulations in the High School Athletic Code of Conduct and Responsibility Manual, include:

### Grades

"In order for an athlete to be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics in Southfield

Public Schools, he/she must be progressing satisfactorily toward graduation."

### Violations

"Any student athlete involved in season with smoking tobacco, alcohol, drug abuse, larceny, physical assault or vandalism will be immediately suspended from the squad."

### Participation

"Athletes may not transfer from one team to another (after two weeks from the individual's first practice date). Athletes may not participate in an organized season training program while participating on any interscholastic team. An athlete may not participate in an off-season training program after having been dismissed from or quitting an interscholastic team (after two weeks from the individual's first practice date)."

This is the second year that Southfield has had an athletic council, which was formed due to the fact that in the

past, there was much confusion on how things should be coached.

The council is made up of teachers, coaches, administrators, parents, students and athletic directors. The council meets once a month.

"I think the policy will be a motivating factor to upgrade the students academic achievements," Activities Director Mr. Goldberg said.

"Sports are a big part of me, but my

studies are also important, so I guess it will help in both ways," junior Angie Koski, said.

Not everybody is in favor of the policy. "I feel that the code will cut too many good athletes and the teams will be hurt," sophomore Brian Schiff explains.

"If you do your job like you're supposed to, and do your homework, you don't even have to look at the code book," Mr. Goldberg said.

## Associated Press snags Jay alumnus

By ELIZABETH PLOTKE  
JAY Staff Writer

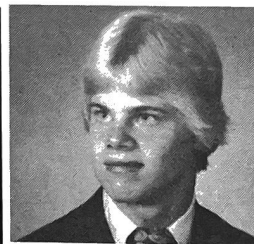
**F**ormer Southfield High student and former editor of the Southfield JAY, John Raby is presently working as an intern for the Associated Press.

Raby, who had worked on the JAY throughout his high school career, was the co-editor of the JAY in his senior year. After graduating from Southfield High in 1979, he continued his education at Michigan State University, where he works on the staff of the State News as a sportswriter.

He had been informed by a friend that the AP Lansing Bureau was looking for someone to cover the MSU basketball games. He contacted the bureau and talked to a man who he later met at one of the games. Without question, he was given the job.

When the season came to an end, Raby called the bureau to inquire if they were in need of help over the summer. The bureau had only one opening for someone to fill an internship. (A writer who takes the place of all absent writers.) He was given a four hour exam that included a spelling, writing and an IQ test. Three weeks later he was contacted and told that he had received the job.

Raby has worked at the AP, an international news gathering agency, since May 12 and has covered everything from sports to press conferences. He said that working for the bureau has helped improve his writing skills because



John Raby

of all the pressure involved in meeting deadlines — Raby's internship ends Nov. 12.

After graduating from Michigan State in June '84, Raby plans on traveling and writing sports.

He advises people interested in entering the field of journalism to be assertive, "go for the 'gusto' as soon as possible!" he said.

He said that there are many times that a beginner may be rejected. "If you can get your story in the newspaper, you have accomplished something," he said. "Keep at it. I started in ninth grade and kept at it!" Raby worked for the Observer Eccentric the summer before his senior year.

Mr. Kenson Siver, editorial adviser, of the JAY said, "John was a persistent newspaper writer and continually looked for jobs freelancing. Obviously, his persistence paid off."

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seven to ten. Mr. O'Brien taught a variety of subjects. This, his first class ever, won the "Seventh Grade Field Day". Mr. O'Brien also coached the eighth grade reserve basketball team. Their record was 2-2, recording the only wins that year for any Southfield team.

Mr. O'Brien was assigned to general science and biology classes in 1953 and was the faculty ticket manager, also. Becoming the junior member of the social studies department in 1954, Mr. O'Brien had classes in history, government, economics, sociology and geography.

He began teaching summer school classes in 1960. He also became principal for three weeks while the regular principal went on vacation.

"The best part of a classroom teacher's career is always the same, contact with the students, and idea exchange," Mr. O'Brien said.

A farewell "tea" was held in the Blue Jay Cafe on Thursday Sept. 15 by the SHS Staff for Mr. O'Brien.

### CABLE, from page 8

**P**resently, CCN is training teachers and other staff so when Southfield does get the cable, the teachers will be ready to teach the students to run the program and then the students and the teacher will have their own channel.

Besides all the educational programs the CCN will be showing six football games, two from Southfield High, two from Southfield Lathrup and two from Oak Park. There will be no homecoming dance shown this year, but there might be one next year if students, teachers and parents will all work together to get it done.

CCN is also planning to show a Southfield Cup Soccer game, between Southfield High and Southfield Christian on Oct. 13.

Southfield Television class is having to do without cable right now, but they will get it before the end of this year, according to Mrs. Johnson Low.

"Everyone is trying to do the best job, and working toward the best of the schools' interests," she said.