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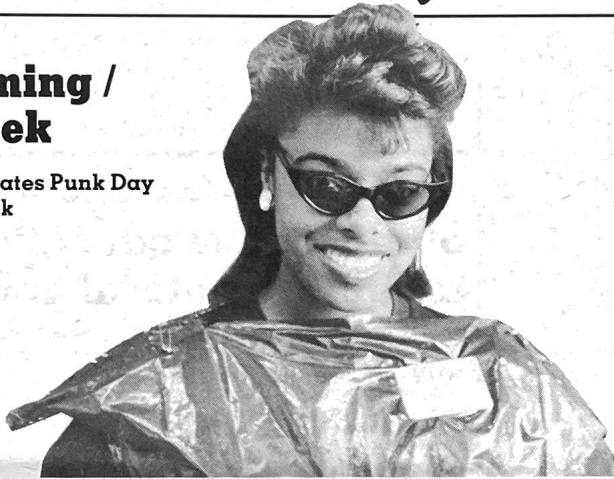
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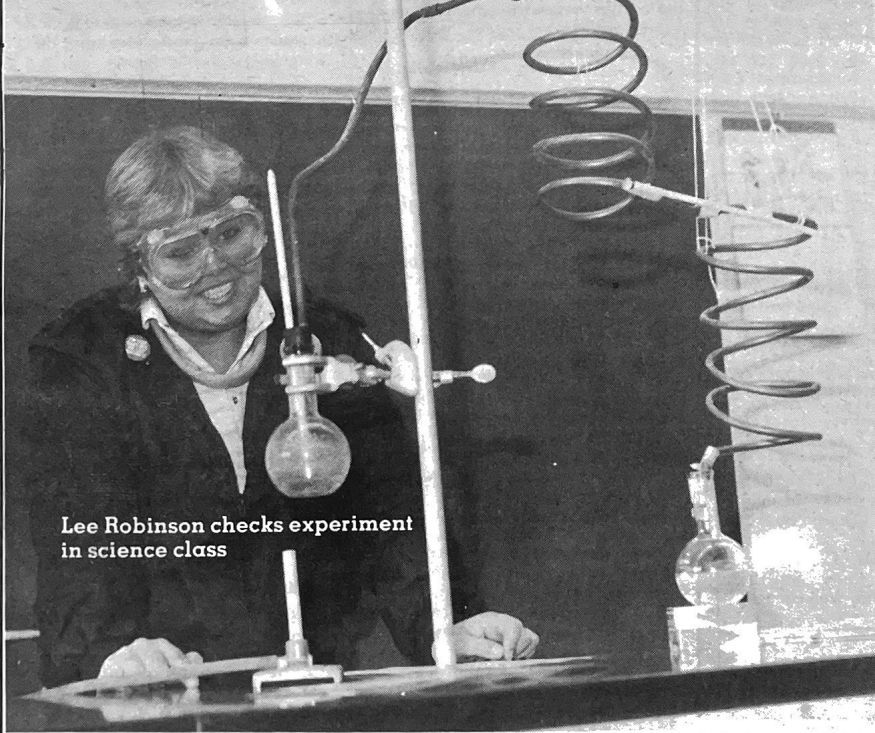
*Southfield High School Monthly*

## Homecoming / Spirit Week

Sheri Todd celebrates Punk Day during Spirit Week



## The State of Education: How are Schools Doing? What Reforms are in the Offing?



Lee Robinson checks experiment in science class

### *This Month*

#### **National Debate Centers on the State of Education**

A score of state and national studies have been released this year reviewing the American educational system. Two of those reports are covered in this issue along with student opinion on the state of education at SHS.

#### **The SHS Marching Band: New Leadership, New Goals**

The Marching Band has a new director and new directions. Halftime activities and competitions have filled the first few months of school.

#### **College Costs Keep Rising; Students Learn 'Ins & Outs' of Financial Aid**

With yearly tuition in the thousands, financial aid has become more and more of a necessity for the college bound.

#### **Dating and Relationships: Some Troubles, Triumphs for Teens**

Dating and forming relationships are of concern to many teens. The JAY gives some pointers on both and how to make a relationship work.

#### **'Disappointing' — Fall Sports in a Word**

Despite the generally unsuccessful fall sports season this year, SHS can look forward to a promising future as teams and coaches rebuild.

#### **Plus . . .**

A wrap-up Homecoming 1983

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## Editorial

### Stiff grad requirements alone will not improve education

With the spate of reports issued this year on the nation's educational system, it is clear that something must be done — and must be done fast — with the nation's schools. While the Southfield Public Schools have relatively high standards and quality programs, we believe that they too could be improved in light of these reports. We feel that reforms in the educational system need to be made from pre-kindergarten through college level.

Strengthening high school graduation requirements, as many studies have recommended, will help. In Southfield and elsewhere we feel it is important to add a requirement in computer science for high school graduation. And further, there is merit to the requiring foreign language study. But more importantly, it is our conclusion that stiffer graduation requirements will *not* do the job alone of improving the education of America's youth.

It is our opinion that grade-to-grade promotions would have a much greater affect in improving the final product of any given school system. This in effect would force students to learn the material they are supposed to learn when they are supposed to learn it. It also might add incentive to students to learn as they will want to keep up with their classmates. Students unable to keep up could go at their own pace, but would still have to learn the required material even if it took them a longer period of time.

At a recent meeting of the Congressional Student Forum sponsored by US Representative Sander Levin, 40 SHS students along with others from 17th Congressional District high schools strongly endorsed this same proposal. We hail their decision and hope that school administrators, teachers, school boards and legislators are listening.

## Letters

### JAY's first edition 'well done'

To the Editor:

I congratulate you on your first issue of the *Southfield JAY* for the 1983-84 year. I found it so well written and interesting that I could not put it down until I had read it from cover to cover. I'm extremely impressed with the high quality of the writers and the balanced coverage of all the school activities. I was glad to see the articles about the

new staff members and I learned a lot of things I didn't previously know.

Thank you also for that nice article about WSHJ and the changes in our equipment. I hope that we can keep you informed about program and station activity throughout this year. You and your staff deserve to be commended for such quality and excellence on your first edition.

Arthur Voisin

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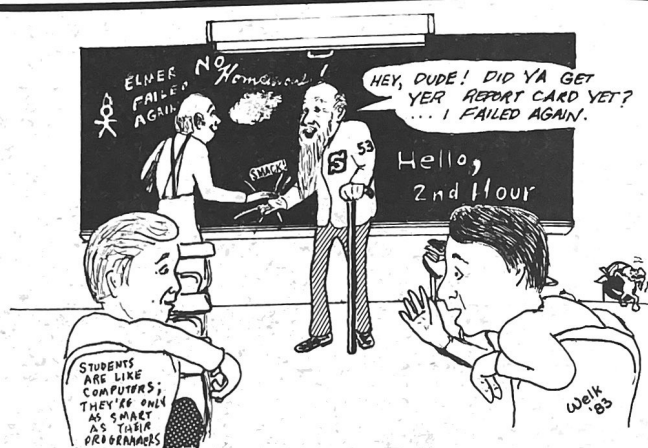
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## Sound Off

### Students rate education at SHS in light of natural concerns

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Robin Kelley, 11

**The report "A Nation At Risk" issued by the National Commission on Excellence, charges that the educational system in the United States has declined. How would you rate Southfield High in relation to this report?**

I say that our whole school is very good because there is a lot of variety and the atmosphere is good, but we still do need younger, more involved teachers.

Brian Schott, 12

Some teachers seem to act as if they are just here to make their money. They don't care if the material covered is learned and they push homework off on you just to get it out of the way without teaching you how to do it.

Anita Morabito, 12

I think that Southfield High School's education program is good, except for the fact that there are too many extremes, some students have it so hard, while others have it so easy.

Linda Kurkechian, 11

I think that Southfield High has one of the better systems because it is more fulfilling in student interest, whereas some schools are more traditional in education.

Doug McCollough, 11

I see vast room for improvement.

Robbie Sabo, 11

The system is much too easy and not challenging enough.

Bill Salo, 11

I think that Bill is wrong, because some of the teachers are incompetent and rude when you ask questions. They expect you to comprehend all the material on your own.

Tony Cho, 11

I think the survey is absolutely right because Southfield High proves it when the teachers don't bother teaching the students and they just throw homework at your without any explanation.

Nancy Calley, 12  
Janet Pedwaydon, 12

I think the whole educational system is going down. Not enough money is put forth to pay teachers, who in turn act

"We think the system is good because the teachers are good and a lot of them try and help you understand."

Kim Peterson, 9  
Tupper Lysaght, 9

"I think a student has to try to get an education, which many don't. It's a public school, therefore no rule about that can be enforced. I think the education is there, but you have to want it."

Juli Scannell, 12

"I believe the educational system here at Southfield is one of the most helpful and well equipped facilities in the metropolitan area. I say this because you very rarely find a school whose teaching majority is one of high quality and concern for the student's welfare."

Jason Cord Hill, 12

By LIZ PLOTKE  
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## Students crown Cho, Collins as Homecoming royalty

Southfield High put the finishing touches on a spirited homecoming week by crowning Michael Cho king and Dietta Collins queen at the annual homecoming dance in the gym on Saturday evening, Oct. 22.

Southfield students began homecoming festivities by participating in a Spirit Week in which Monday was Career Day; Tuesday, Punk Day; Wednesday, Dress Up Day; Thursday, Toga Day; and Friday a combination College Shirt and Class Color Day. A spirit assembly highlighted the week on Friday. The junior class won for the best cheer at the assembly and the senior class won for their billboard, this year taking the place of floats. The seniors also won the cheerleaders paper ring spirit chain.

Friday night led to a disappointing loss for the Varsity Football Team at 15-0 against the Ferndale Eagles yet the annual candidate procession took place during half-time before the band's notable performance.

The week climaxed at the dance Saturday evening where over 300 people danced to music by Don Dooley until 11:00 pm when the winning king and queen were announced. Both Cho and Collins admitted to have waited anxiously for the results when finally the two were crowned by Principal Daniel Hogan and SSF Advisor Mrs. Mary Markos.

Cho said that he ran as cross country candidate because he believed it would be "a lot of fun." He realized that his campaigning was the reason for his victory because no one else put forth as great an effort, especially to get the freshman and sophomore votes.

Collins was an independent candidate and agreed that being queen would be a lot of fun. She had considered the position since her freshman year. Collins said that she was confident at the start of the campaign, but began to feel that "all the competition was taking the fun out of the (election)," and decided to campaign more vigorously.

## Frosh, senior boards plan class activities

Every Tuesday during lunch the Senior Class Board members meet in Room B14 to discuss the problems and current events of the Class of 1984.

There are five people on the board. They are: Dietta Collins, Mary Taylor, Jim Zissus, Mike Garfinkel and Alicia Bidol.

These five people had some responsibility for putting homecoming together, and now their main concern is the senior prom and getting a DJ for it.

The prom will take place at Fairlane Manor and the tickets will be \$30. This will pay for the dinner which will include three kinds of meat and a salad bar. "It will be really good," Class President Collins said.

There will be a fundraiser for the prom. This year the seniors will be selling cookies instead of magazines. Last year's senior class lost money on the magazine sale.

"We need more involvement from the seniors," Dietta said. "If you are interested, come to one of our meetings, or contact Mrs. Thompson or Mrs. Collins," she added.

The Class of 1987 is also active. Five



Mike Cho and Dietta Collins were crowned Homecoming King and Queen last month.

people who are on the Freshman Board are Robin Mitchell, Chuck Hobson, Dian Oliver, Graten Little and Sherill Richardson. These people were responsible for the ice cream eating contest and a tug of war during the homecoming assembly.

"We worked so hard," Mitchell said, "but we'd like a little more help." The Freshman Board meetings take place monthly every second and fourth Wednesday at the WSHJ office. "All interested people are welcome," Robin said.

## Thespians announce pick for spring play

"Annie," the life of the famed comic strip character Little Orphan Annie, has been chosen as the 1984 Spring Musical.

As this is the 25th anniversary of musicals at Southfield High, a reunion has been set after the final performance. Alumni of every musical have been contacted for a banquet at St. John's Armenian Church.

"Annie" will be presented five times including an in-school matinee April 6 and evening performances April 6, 7, 13 and 14.

Casting won't begin until sometime in December. In the interim plans are being made for the Forensic One-Act. Casting for that production will be Nov. 7. For information and audition material check the backstage door or see Mrs. Virginia Borts or Mr. James Bunnell of the speech department.

## Total to students: 'We don't want you!'

The Total gas station, located on the corner of Ten Mile Road and Lahser, is no longer allowing students on their property during the lunch period.

One reason for the new rule is all the garbage that students leave on Total's property. Another reason, is the theft of articles from the station.

School-Police Liaison Officer William Soule, who investigated the situation, was told by employees that students were asked to stop throwing their trash on the ground, but they continued to do so. Employees of Total proceeded to bring over a waste basket to the students and again requested for them to pick up their mess.

Students were obstinate in their refusal.

Total managers, Rick Smith and Fran McDowan contacted SHS later that day to inform the main office of the new rule. The daily announcements informed students that the Total station no longer wished their business.

One employee said, "The kids steal candy left and right. It's a big nuisance we can't tolerate it."

Total intends on not allowing students on the property, during lunch period, for the rest of the year.

## Blue Jay reopens with new features, catering menu

The Blue Jay Cafe, Southfield High's licensed restaurant in downstairs House A, reopened for the year in October. The Blue Jay, which is open to the public, serves mostly SHS teachers. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am to 12:45 pm.

Several new features have been added this year. They are: "Salad Day" on Tuesdays which includes the deluxe salad bar and soup bar. Wednesday through Friday a full luncheon menu is offered. Carry-out orders are also available upon request. Bakery items are for sale daily and by special order. A limited catering menu will be available after Nov. 15.

The requirements to work in this restaurant are as follows: students must be 16 years of age or of junior class standing, and they must have working experiences or taken basic food classes in home economics.

Students enrolled in Vocational Food Management completely run this program. They take care of everything that is related to the restaurant. Their duties include waiter, cook or dishwasher and the responsibilities are rotated on a weekly basis to give everyone an experience in every duty.

"Since students are here for two or three hours straight, I have fewer students than most teachers. I get to know them really well," Miss Maude Moore, the faculty advisor said.



A mammoth pumpkin grown in her family garden dwarfs junior Chris Henry. (Photo by Frank Jewett)

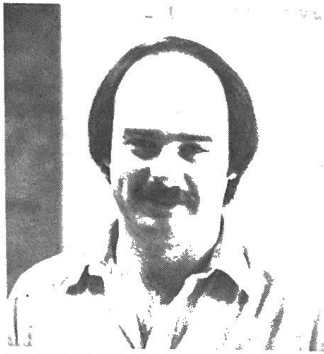
## Pumpkin just grew and grew and grew

In planning for Halloween, this summer Ken Henry, 1983 graduate of Southfield High School, and his family planted pumpkins. One of those grew to an amazing 235 pound pumpkin in their Southfield garden. Henry, now attending the University of Michigan, has placed the pumpkin on the porch of his Southfield home.

The pumpkin surpasses this year's winner at the Michigan State Fair of 129 pounds, but comes nowhere close to the world record for a squash, 1,851 pounds. "It (the Henry's pumpkin) is so big that if

you sit on it your feet can't touch the ground," Chris Henry, Ken's sister and SHS junior said.

The Henrys got their seeds for the plant straight from a friend's pumpkin. The seeds for that pumpkin came from Switzerland and cost \$2 for four seeds. The Henrys didn't use fertilizer or milk-feed their plant, the only nourishment (besides water) was garden compost. They got about five good sized pumpkins, ranging from 75 pounds to the 235 pounder.



Robert MacFarland

## MacFarland returns

Mr. Robert MacFarland has returned to SHS this fall after being recalled from lay off status to fill a vacant position that surfaced in September.

Mr. MacFarland's job this year includes a ninth grade English class first hour at Southfield High. Due to schedule change he assumed the English class that had been assigned to Mrs. Gail Carp of the math department. The remainder of the day he is at Levey, teaching English to seventh and eighth graders.

"I like my job this year. I like both schools. They are different, but they both have their plusses," Mr. MacFarland said.

Mr. MacFarland started teaching 11 years ago at Thompson. From 1973 to 1975 he continued to teach at Thompson. Due to declining enrollment he was transferred to Levey. From 1975 to 1979 he taught at Levey. Again, declining enrollment then forced a transfer to Southfield High. He taught at Southfield High from 1979 to 1982. He was then laid off until March of last year, when he was called back to finish the school year at Thompson.

## School publishes fall/winter calendar

The following are known dates on the SHS calendar for the remainder of the first semester.

November	
5	SAT Testing at SHS
5	Pontiac Silverdome — Football Game SHS vs S-L
10	Parent-Teacher Conferences. Students dismissed at 10:35 am
11, 12, 13	Camp Tamarack
17	String Concert
21	Parents' Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, House B Cafeteria
23	School dismissed at 10:35 am
24, 25	Thanksgiving Vacation — No School
December	
3	SAT Testing at SHS
3	Madriral Dinner
10	ACT Testing at LIT
12	Parents' Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, House B Cafeteria
14	Financial Aid Forum 1-7:30 pm, Auditorium
20	Winter Recess — End of Day
January 1984	
3	Classes Resume
11	Financial Aid Forum II — 7:30 pm, Auditorium
12	Winter Choral Concert
14	Cabaret Concert
17, 18, 19	Semester Exams

20 (½ day am)  
28 Records Day — No School  
SAT Testing at SHS

## P-T conferences set for Nov. 10

The annual Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at Southfield High School on Nov. 10 from noon until 3:00 pm and from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the gymnasium. School will be dismissed for students at 10:35 am that day.

As in the past, report cards will be available for parents to pick up outside the gym during the conference periods. Parents may speak with all, some or none of their child's teachers if they so please. Parents are urged to attend the afternoon session if possible so that the evening session is not as busy.

To compensate teachers and staff for the extra hours they will work on the 10th, school will be dismissed early on Wednesday, Nov. 23, the day before Thanksgiving Recess. Dismissal on Nov. 23 will also be at 10:35 am.

## U of M report praises 1982 SHS grads

In a report summarizing the academic performance of Southfield High's 1982 graduates who completed their freshman year at the University of Michigan, Principal Daniel Hogan was informed that, as in the past, students achieved an excellent academic record.

Of the 22 freshmen from the SHS class of 1982 that went to U of M last year, 15 (68 percent) earned a grade point average of 3.0 or better, six (27 percent) earned a grade point average of 2.0 or better and only one (five percent) ended the year with less than a 2.0 average.

In the report, Lance Erickson, associate director of admissions at the university, stated that the high level of performance continues to demonstrate the quality of Southfield High's faculty, staff and programs and the strong commitment of the people of Southfield to maintain an excellent educational system.

## Auto Shop winterizes senior citizens' cars

The Vocational Auto Shop at Southfield High School is winterizing the cars of senior citizens from McDonell Towers and elsewhere in the community for free during the last two weeks of November.

The service is offered from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm Monday through Friday. Interested seniors should call 354-8547 to make an appointment.

"The main reason for doing this is that it improves relationships between the senior citizens and students," Mr. John Broome, supervisor of Auto Shop, said. "Young people will see the appreciation of the old." Auto Shop makes students employable and simulates a shop-type environment.

"The kids are learning while doing even though the job may take up to twice as long as normal to complete," Mr. Broome said.

To get the senior citizens cars ready for winter, checking of the oil, anti-freeze, windshield solvent, battery, tire pressure, lights, power steering and air filter is included. The only charge will be for materials used.

Southfield Mayor Donald Fracassi has sent Mr. Broome appreciation certificates for his past work with senior citizens.

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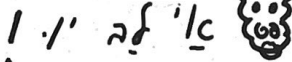


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**Need - Key to financial aid**

By **MICHELE BURDOWSKI**  
JAY Staff Writer

The mere thought of the thousands of dollars needed to pursue a college education can be discouraging, yet when need and academic ability are proven, financial aid can make it possible to cover expenses.

Financial aid comes in a variety of forms: grants (the largest of which is the Pell Grant Program), loans to students and their parents, work-study programs and scholarships. In Michigan, high SAT/ACT scores can qualify students for a substantial amount of aid. In addition, assistance is offered to worthy students by professional and community organizations, service groups, private foundations and large corporations.

The key to financial aid is financial need. Families and the students themselves are expected to contribute as much as they can to meet costs. If all resources together will not take care of expenses, a student should apply for financial aid.

The first step in seeking assistance is exploring all possible sources to greater the chance of success. All of Southfield High's counselors have the 1984 Michigan Postsecondary Admission and Financial Assistance Handbook which completely summarizes needed information concerning every Michigan college.

The next and most crucial step is actually completing the necessary financial forms. The two most commonly used forms are the Financial Aid Form (FAF), distributed by the College Scholarship Service, and the Family Financial Statement (FFS), distributed by the American College Testing program (ACT). Either one form or the other needs to be filled out. A student should not begin to fill out the form until after Jan. 1, because possible aid relies heavily on the applicant's and/or his family's IRS returns.

To insure a student's best chance for receiving assistance, the forms should be filled out accurately and completely. The counselors can help with any questions.

"A rule of thumb," Mr. Robert Roebke said, "is that aid is granted upon need

and an adjusted family gross income of \$30,000." The \$30,000 is the figure to remember, "students must dig to get it all," Mr. Roebke said.

In addition to those mentioned above, a host of other government programs, private donations and athletic scholarships are also available. A student need only go as far as the Counseling Center to find lists of the more obscure programs.

**US cuts education aid for non-registrants**

By **MICHELE BURDOWSKI**  
JAY Staff Writer

All males 18 years of age and over who are thinking of going on to college should also think about going into the armed forces, whether they want to or not.

At a time when college costs are steadily increasing, government aid can be extremely beneficial. However, the government has taken action to deny educational aid to students who fail to register for the Selective Service. The system was resumed in mid-1980 to guarantee that a sufficient pool of men would exist to draw from in the event of a national emergency.

"Congress has declared that a male student will receive no monies from the federal government whatsoever for college without registration," SHS counselor Robert Roebke said.

"The only men not required to register," stated Thomas K. Turnage, director of the Selective Service System, "are non-immigrant aliens living temporarily in the United States (for example, foreign students on temporary visas), members of active armed forces and students at the service academies. Any other 18 year old must register within 30 days of his birthday."

Men who fail to register are currently being prosecuted by the US Department of Justice. Failure to register or to keep the Selective Service informed of the current address is a felony, punishable by a penalty of up to \$10,000 or five years in jail, or both.



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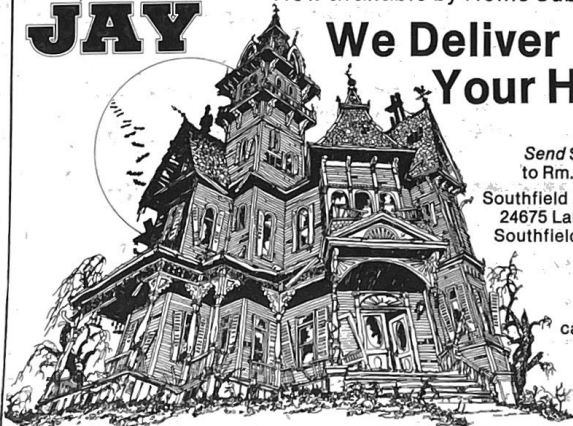
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# Blue Jay Marching Band sets new goals

By PAMELA MILLER  
JAY Staff Writer

The 1983 Blue Jay Marching Band have set a goal for themselves and want to see how close they can come to achieving it.

With the loss of Mr. Paul Lipa and Mr. Richard Brown to transfer and retirement respectively, Mrs. Chriss Golden was promoted from her previous position as assistant band director to the head of all instrumental music programs. She worked throughout the summer to formulate the Marching Band's four song production of "Theme from Blazing Saddles," "Africa," "William Tell Overture Finale" and "Here's a Rainy Day-Brand New Day."

All band members are required to attend a week of intensive marching instruction at Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See. This year's drum major, Stan Berenbaum, and next year's co-leaders Lori Takacs and Ken Johnson also attended Smith-Walbridge Drum Major Camp. There Berenbaum was named drum major first class. Only 14 of the 300 attendees were given the title.

Despite declining enrollment, this year's band remained in the flight one category with its 128 members. At their first competition in Clarkston, the band placed fifth. However at their next competition a week later in Montrose, the band improved their score by 12.65 points and placed second. The band also won best color guard, a combined award for the members of the flag, rifle and pom-pom squads. "We're in a very tough competition class. We've got to work harder, but I'm pleased with the early competition results," Mrs. Golden said.

October 15, the band played at the Durand Invitational and their final competition was at the Plymouth Finals Oct. 22.

As well as performing the half-time show during the home football games, the band also played at the Chinese



The SHS Marching Band goes through a routine practicing for their "halftime" show at a Friday night football game. (Photo by Frank Jewett)

Cultural Festival Sept. 24 at the Southfield Civic Center. Other upcoming events are the Festival of Lights event in

December and a return performance at the Auto Show after the enthusiasm towards last year's show.

"The entire idea is to set yourself a goal and then see how close you come to accomplishing it," Berenbaum said. □

## Cable class functions despite deficiencies

By DOUG HENZE  
JAY Staff Writer

Southfield High's new cable class is proving that it can function, despite lack of equipment. Although the expected financial support from the city has been delayed, the class is operating as scheduled.

Taping of experimental cable programs has already begun with small scale equipment. While cable productions are normally taped using 3/4 inch decks, students have made due with portable 1/2 inch decks.

Although the cable class at SHS is only a beginning course, an advanced course comparable to Southfield-Lathrup's is a future possibility. Advanced students at both schools would then be given the opportunity to contribute to the programming of Channel 35, operated by the Southfield School Board.

"One of the main advantages of cable programming in our schools is that teachers who specialize in areas of a given field, can tape lectures and benefit students at other schools through the exchange of tapes," Mr. Bunnell said.

Students also appear to be aware of the positive aspects involved in learning to use cable equipment.

"I feel that the cable class is going very well," SHS senior Mike Menczer said. "I wanted to get into communications, but I didn't want to go all the way to Southfield-Lathrup to take their cable class. The new class at Southfield High has created new opportunities for me," he added.

"I think that Mr. Bunnell is doing a great job teaching the class," Menczer stated. "Especially considering that he has limited equipment to work with," he said.

Activities in which cable students have already participated include the production of the Homecoming game and the studio production of a 60 second promotion on the subject of their choice.

According to Mr. James Bunnell, SHS speech teacher, several goals have been established. Upon completion of the course, students should be able to use Continental Cablevision's equipment as well as portable equipment. Also they should understand the theory behind class procedures, in addition to comprehension of the mechanics.

Students involved in the cable class have the opportunity to experience many different aspects of cable programming each day. These daily activities include bookwork, lectures by Mr. Bunnell or a guest speaker, question and answer sessions and work with school video equipment. Future cable classes are expected to also include the use of standard cable equipment in their daily activities. □

## Hogan clears question of student locker, auto privacy

By ESTEE LIPENHOLTZ  
JAY Staff Writer

Students who put their books and belongings in their lockers may not realize that although their locker is assigned to them, it does not belong to them and it can be searched at any time at the discretion of Principal Daniel Hogan.

In Section E-4: Lockers, of the Southfield Public Schools Code of Conduct states that students are assigned school lockers during the school year for the sole purpose of storing supplies, clothing and other items essential to their daily needs while in attendance at school. It also states that lockers are the property of the school. Students should be aware that they do not have exclusive possession of assigned lockers, since school authorities have the right to conduct specific or general searches.

Mr. Hogan is the only one that has power to search lockers. He can also give that power to assistant principals,

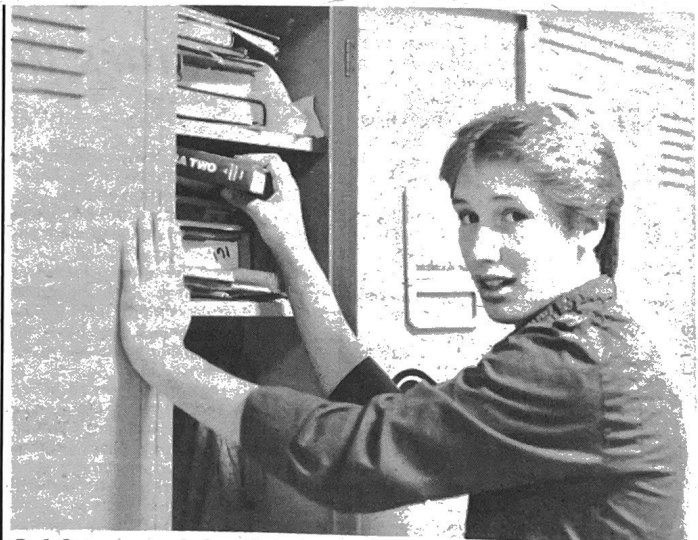
teachers or counselors.

"I would not search a locker unless I had good reason to believe that there was something in it that was illegal or could harm a student or administrator," Mr. Hogan said.

The procedure that Mr. Hogan uses when something is suspect is as follows: First, he takes the student involved out of class. The student is then asked to open their locker. If they refuse, the lock is cut off.

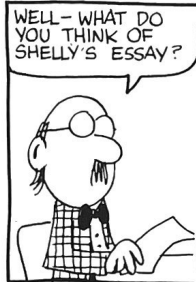
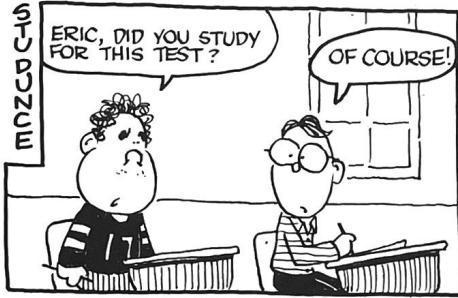
The procedure is similar with the cars on school premises. If there is good reason to believe something illegal or dangerous is in a car, the person in question is asked to open their auto. If the student refuses, the parent is then asked. If the parent refuses, the car is impounded and it becomes a police matter.

"We do not want to infringe on the rights of students, we like to protect privacy," Mr. Hogan said. In recent years there have not been many locker inspections. □



R. J. Cooper poses before his locker. (Photo by Frank Jewett)

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## Decode This!

Test your vocabulary skills and try to decipher the following interpretations of familiar sayings. Everything possible has been, done to obfuscate their meaning.

1. Scintillate, scintillate, asteroid minific.
2. Members of an avian species of identical plumage congregate.
3. Surveillance should precede saltation.
4. Pluchritude possesses solely cutaneous profundity.
5. It is fruitless to become lachrymose over precipitately departed lacteal fluid.
6. Freedom from incrustations of grime is contiguous to rectitude.
7. The stylus is more potent than the claymore.
8. It is fruitless to attempt to indoctrinate a superannuated canine with innovative maneuvers.
9. Eschew the implement of correction and vitiate the scion.
10. Articles that coruscate with resplendence are not necessarily auriferous.
11. Where there are visible vapors having their genesis in ignited carbonaceous materials, there is conflagration.
12. Sorting on the part of medicants must be interdicted.
13. A plethora of individuals with expertise in culinary techniques vitiate the potable concoction production by steeping certain cosmestibles.

### ANSWERS

1. Tinkle, twinkle little star.
2. Birds of a feather flock together.
3. Look before you leap.
4. Beauty is only skin deep.
5. No sense in crying over spilled milk.
6. Cleanliness is next to godliness.
7. The pen is mightier than the sword.
8. It's useless to teach an old dog new tricks.
9. Spare the rod and spoil the child.
10. All that glitters is not gold.
11. Where there's smoke, there's fire.
12. Beggars can't be choosers.
13. Too many cooks spoil the broth.

## November Horoscope

### SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Don't put too much trust in your memory. Keep pencil and paper handy as insurance and remember to take notes.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Avoid dawdling if opportunity presents itself. When practical, take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Dedicate yourself to reaching your goals. Remember that they cannot be achieved without sacrifice. Don't give up!

### AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

Tackle your problems head-on! Win or lose, do put forth your best effort. No one will blame you for not trying.

### PISCES

(Feb. 20 to March 20)

Avoid attempting to impress people with your material possessions or mental prowess. Those who are boastful often live to regret it.

### ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)

If you want to improve your grades, improve your attitude first. You must have a desire to learn and a sincere belief that success can be achieved by studying and working hard.

### TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

Make haste slowly! Instant success is rare except in daydreams. Carefully calculate both short and long range

goals.

### GEMINI

(May 21 to June 21)

Don't desert! Stand by your friends when they need your support. Someday you may be in a similar predicament.

### CANCER

(June 22 to July 21)

Seek help from friends when a difficult situation presents itself. Together, many insurmountable tasks can be accomplished.

### LEO

(July 22 to Aug. 21)

Mum's the word! Don't be tempted to divulge confidential information. Using this tactic to gain or maintain friends is despicable and often backfires.

### VIRGO

(Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)

Don't try to accomplish too much too fast. Evaluate your goals and make necessary adjustments based on present achievements. Whenever possible, enlist the help of others to reduce your chance of failure.

### LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

By motivating yourself you will be able to more easily motivate others. Use your ability and talent to influence people in a wise and prudent manner.



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## Sounds

By SCOTT GREENBERG

## What makes metal mania?

A musical trend started back in the late 1960's with such bands as Deep Purple and Led Zepplin. It is a sound trademarked by crunching guitars, thundering bass, pounding drums and high-pitched vocals. It is "heavy metal".

One thing definitely true about heavy metal is that it's almost always the younger bands that experience the greatest success. A case in point is Def Leppard from Sheffield, England. When the boys made their 1980 debut, drummer Rick Allen was only 16 years old and the oldest member was Joe Elliott, who was 21 at the time. Three years later, the Leps are riding high on the waves of American success with the phenomenally selling lp, "Pyromania", which has so far generated three hit singles, "Photograph", "Rock of Ages" and "Foolin". These guys aren't fooling though, when it comes to rock and roll.

Another major trend in "metal" music is almost comparable to major league baseball. That is, of course, the infamous personnel change.

An excellent example of the personnel change is Black Sabbath. Back in 1980, Ozzy Osbourne left to form Blizzard of Ozz. He was replaced by former Rainbow vocalist Ronnie James Dio and earlier this year he quit, to be replaced by Ian Gillan, formerly of Deep Purple. In addition to this, drummer Bill Ward left in 1982 to be replaced by Vinnie Appice (brother of Rod Stewart's drummer, Carmine Appice). Ward returned to the fold to record their just released lp, "Born Again". Ward will not be touring this year, however, ELO drummer Bev Bevan will fill in.

One more point that is evident is simply, new bands sell. In the past half a year alone, new acts like Fastway and Quiet Riot have enjoyed massive success. This could be attributed to their inclusion of veteran metal players.

Fastway could be called the heavy metal answer to Asia because of a stellar roster that includes former Motorhead guitarist "Fast" Eddie Clark, ex-Humble Pie drummer Jerry Shirley, and bassist Pete Way, formerly of UFO. The only newcomer is Irish, Robert Plant sound-alike Dave King.

Finally, what else can I say about heavy metal, except it really gets the adrenalin flowing. After all, when Kevin DuBrow of Quiet Riot sings "Cum On Feel The Noize" (I swear to God that's how the title is spelled!) how can one not?

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# Talented youth give hope for future, offset fall failures

By **JIMMY HEUER**  
JAY Sports Editor

Any Blue Jay fan who has visited the football or soccer fields and the basketball or tennis courts lately, could make the general statement, "This fall hasn't been very productive for the Southfield High athletic program."

This has not always been the case however. Only two short years ago Devoe Cornell was electrifying football fans with his long touchdown runs, Sharon Brown was smoking the nets for the lady cagers, Brian Fitzgerald was cutting through soccer defenses like a hot knife through butter and a freshman named Jenny Barry was ripping people apart with her awesome serve. Even before them, Vince Bean was the main man on the gridiron and Men's Varsity Basketball coach Mr. Greg Sliwka was the leader of a successful Girls Basketball squad.

Even as the seasons changed the Blue Jays had superstar athletes: Mike McCaskill and Ralph Walker in basketball, Julie Graham in volleyball, Ralph Brookes and Kendall Lynchey in swimming, Paul Strovopolous in diving, Glenn Williams, Terrence Robinson and Cornelius Edwards in track and Craig Mathews and Bobby Graham in baseball, to name a few of the most recent heroes at SHS.

This fall seems to be a rebuilding year for all the teams. Out of the ten fall sports, six of them have new coaches. Football and Girls Basketball lead the way with seven and three new coaches or coaches advancing from one level of competition to another, from Junior Varsity to Varsity for example. Only Golf Team Coach Mr. Tom Ridley, Girls Swimming Coach Mr. Leo Oshinsky and

Boys Soccer Coach Mr. Frank Catalano are holding the same positions they held when last year's season was completed.

At press time, none of the Varsity sports teams were boasting a .500 record or better. Some people might blame this on new coaches, new styles or inexperience, but the lack of talent probably would not be listed as one of the causes for failure this year. Southfield has had a history of athletes, with outstanding ability, entering annually.

All of the coaches, suffering through this disappointing season, have something to look forward to... youth. Just about every team has been blessed with a hord of talented underclassmen, Freshmen, sophomores and juniors, with the potential to join the Blue Jay Hall of Fame, have been coming to Southfield High like bees to honey. The coaching staff at SHS has shown the ability to mold these youngsters into marvelous athletes.

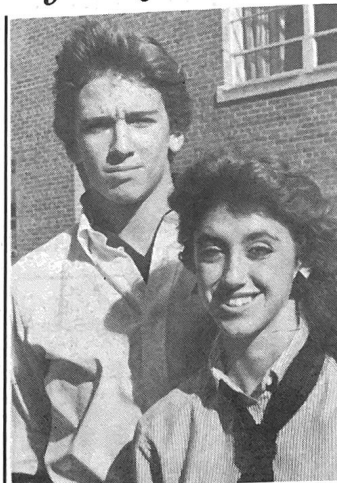
Last year, for example, the Blue Jay junior varsity and freshmen teams completed a record of 118-32. Many players have either made or plan on making the

jump to varsity. If that statistic does not bring hope to the coaches, nothing will.

The athletes at Southfield also have the luxury of using one of the best sets of facilities in Oakland County.

These athletes put this equipment to good use, some of these spectacular youngsters are: Torin Dorn, football, basketball, track; Rod Hurst, football, basketball; Erik Enyej, soccer, swimming, track; Aidan Lysaght, football, baseball, basketball; Willie McAnn, football, wrestling, baseball; Jay Jewett, football, wrestling, baseball; Steve Beverly, football, wrestling; John and Bill Salo, swimming; Cathy Smith, basketball, track; Chrissy Stabile, cross country, track; Debbie Watson, basketball, softball; Ingrid Baldwin, basketball; Deidra Cheeks, basketball, track; and Jimmy Whiteford and Brian Menzcer soccer.

Despite the fact, Coaches Fletcher, Climie and Catalano, things do not look too promising as of now, who knows who will be the next Vince Bean, Devoe Cornell, Mike McCaskill, Sharon Brown or Brian Fitzgerald. They could be sitting in a classroom right next to yours.



SHS teams are rebuilding — Brother and sister Aidan and Tupper Lysaght are part of that effort. (Photo by Frank Jewett)

## Jimmy jives from lunchball to Lysaghts

No one asked me, but...

... for your information, the brother-sister combination with the most athletic ability and the most unusual names are: Aidan and Tupper Lysaght.

... the basketball season is only a month away.

... have you ever heard of Debbie Watson? Do not worry, you will. She is only a sophomore, but is starting on the Varsity Basketball Team.

... don't worry Howard Cosell, the men



### Jimmy's Jive

by Jimmy Heuer

doing the Blue Jay football games on TV aren't going to steal your job.

... just an update on Drew Soicher. He is alive and well on the campus of Michigan State University.

... Jeff Dienes, the Cross Country star, could probably run to Los Angeles, compete in the marathon and run back without breaking a sweat.

... look for a new Blue Jay basketball star. 6'4" Ron Coleman, only a sophomore, has the ability to join the long list of Blue Jay cager greats.

... the idea of the Blue Jay Hall of Fame is great, you could not ask for a greater inspiration.

... if Chris Packala continues training for swimming like he has been, either he will be all-state or grow gills.

... maybe the winter sports teams will make everyone forget about the fall sports teams.

... do not think the Darden Family basketball era is over at Southfield High with the graduation of Terry. The female

version is just beginning, with Dabrita playing varsity and Kim playing junior varsity.

... I'm sorry to say, even 'lunchball' has been hurt by graduation.

... maybe the football team will save face and beat Lathrup.

... you could call the Girls Basketball coaching staff the "Birney Bunch", coaches Jeff Climie, Don Peterson and Joe Belian all teach at Birney.

... Willie McAnn plays three sports, but with people like Willie you let them play whatever they want.

... I feel sorry for Tim Ford, he takes more abuse than a mouse at a cat convention.

... Dirk Burnia sure looks like a refrigerator running through the line.

... I think this year's JAY staff leads the league in athletes. We have two soccer players, a Cross Country runner, a basketball player and a football manager.

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Darryl Sailor and Mike Dyer model their varsity jackets. (Photo by Frank Jewett)

## Athletes sport varsity jackets

By ANDY SMITH  
JAY Staff Writer

What is the purpose of our athletic endeavors? Is it the thrill of victory or fever of competition? Or do we play for a Michelob Light? Many athletes at Southfield strive for the ultimate prize at the high school level, a varsity jacket.

A varsity jacket, obtained after achieving a varsity letter on a varsity athletic team has a personality of its own. No two jackets are exactly alike. A boys jacket, royal blue and gray or a girls, blue and white, has variety from person to person. In recent years the boys have strayed from the traditional gray lettering on blue to a more outstanding grey trimmed with white and a number of eccentric nicknames.

The girls varsity jacket first worn by cross country runners and swimmers

during the 1979-80 school year is now as common as the one worn by the males. Even more recent is the flood of nicknames that were made popular with such classics as "Popcorn", "Springs" and "A.C. Spark".

New nicknames flow endlessly down the hallways of SHS. Some newer favorites are "Captain California", "Baby Hughie" and "Flash". Also becoming popular is the sporting of ones last name on the back of ones jacket. Longroy, Langer and Sedler do this well; not to mention George Francis IV.

The skull and crossbones has become a symbol of strength on the jackets of many athletes. Winged-foots, basketballs, footballs and soccer balls just to mention a few are traditional emblems that will be seen throughout the 80's.

Behind each varsity letter, there is somebody who worked, you know it, now they want, to show it!

## Golfers swing to successful season

By BOB ELLIS  
JAY Staff Writer

The Southfield High Golf Team has completed another successful season. Finishing with a 5-6 record (3-3 in SMA match play) the "rebuilding" year was a promising one.

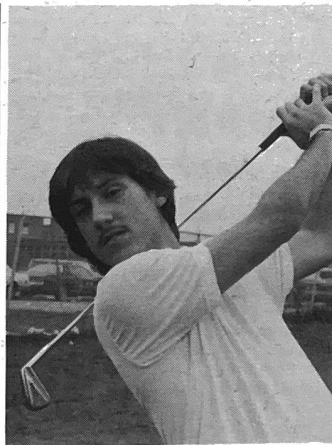
The golf squad consists of seniors Joel Michaels, Brian Paul and Tim Delgado; juniors Alan Broida and Matt Russman; sophomores Greg Calvin and Spencer Overton; and freshman Steve Rabinowitz, Bobby Ellis, Todd Crawford and Eddie Hassell.

The highlight of the season was defeating Birmingham Seaholm, ranked seventh in the state. Thanks to Paul's 36, SHS won by 11 strokes.

The regional meet, held at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth, was another bright spot during this year. After nine holes Southfield was second, but when the meet was completed, they had slipped to fifth. With the four top teams qualifying for the state match, SH missed by three strokes.

In the Southeastern Michigan Association meet Michaels shot 81 and Paul 84, both making All-conference. SH finished third in the championship.

"We started slow, but came back



Varsity Golf Team member Tim Delgado (Photo by Frank Jewett)

strong," coach Tom Ridley said. "Losing our first match to Hazel Park really hurt us a lot. With four inexperienced freshman on our team we started very nervously. Next year we will have at least one sophomore with varsity experience."



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# The thrills and chills of teen relationships

By ED RAYKHINSHTEYN  
JAY Staff Writer

"I'm in love for the first time, don't you know it's gonna last." Those are the lyrics from a famous Beatles' song. This is not how it always works out in real life however.

Sometimes it can be very hard to find the right person to form a relationship with, especially for teenagers because there are so many things that can interfere with their decision making.

However, there are a lot of teenagers who acknowledge that it is not that hard to find someone to go out with. One of them is Marc Gould, a sophomore at SHS. "All the girls are right for me," he said. "They are just happy to be in my company."

Some people are not that fortunate though. They have to pull all the tricks and all the "original" one-liners like, "Haven't I seen you somewhere before?" just to get a date.

Unfortunately, the troubles do not stop here. This is just the beginning. To get to the date, transportation is needed and parents are never too willing to give their cars to "irresponsible" teenagers. Thankfully, parents will usually give in.

Now that the car is taken care of, what to wear is the next question. Appearing too dressy is not cool, but one does not want to look like a slob either. For a boy, today's fashion calls for a leather tie and a pair of blue jeans. For a girl it is a pair of pinstriped pants and a blouse or jacket.

But the most important question, according to high school teens, on their dates is what to do about sex. Who makes the first move? Should it be the boy, or should the girl lead the way?

On the first date, most teens agree there should not be any sex at all. "Please the lady first and always," one SHS senior commented. "It all depends on who you're with, if both parties are



(Photo by Frank Jewett)

willing, why not?" a female member of the Class of '86 said.

Besides sex, there are other questions that concern teenagers. Where to go on a date? There are a lot of choices, but most teenagers like to go to the movies or a restaurant. The restaurant should not be too classy, but nobody wants to go to McDonalds either on their night out on the town.

There are a lot of things that make a relationship, important things like respect and understanding of each other and ability to communicate with one another.

Social worker Linda Ragsdale of Oak Lawn Community High School in New York feels that a relationship is serving an important need for many teenagers at that point in their life.

"Girls handle relationships differently than boys, especially the breakups. They have fantasies of never having another date and never being able to care about 'someone else,'" Mrs. Ragsdale said.

Why do teenagers tie themselves down for long periods of time? Just to get steady with someone? Is it the sense

of security? Always having someone to go out with and always having someone to talk to? Someone's shoulder to cry on?

Most teens agree that a relationship should not tie two people down and should not limit them in seeing their other friends. Some of the relationships do have these problems, but those are usually the ones that do not work out and end rather quickly. Still, there are many relationships that do work out because they have all the right things.

Two SHS seniors Dietta Collins and Howard Ray have been going with each other since last year and their relationship is only getting better according to Dietta.

"We are not tying each other down. We have a very open relationship and we have a lot of fun together," Dietta said. She also added that they often go out with other people.

Many people feel that they miss out on meeting new people and that they can also lose a lot of friends if they go

steady with someone, it does have to be that way.

Dietta commented that, "I have many male friends and Howard has a lot of female friends, but that doesn't hurt our relationship." Relationships are not all fun and games. "Sometimes it can be very hard," Dietta said. "You hear gossip which is not always true, but nothing stands in your way if you really love someone."

Talking these problems out and being able to solve them is what makes a relationship work, say most teenage couples that have been going with each other for a while.

There are some cases, however, when teenage romances do not work out. What happens then? Why does it happen?

According to those teenagers there are many reasons. Some of them are too much devotion or spending too much time together. It is mostly differences in personalities which cause break ups they admit.

Another important question for teenagers is where is it appropriate for them to display their affection? Are school hallways the right place for it? Here students share a totally different point of view from teachers.

Students say that this does not bother them at all but, "Let's not go too far", some said. Teachers have the opposite point of view. They say that school is neither the time nor the place for it. "It is totally tasteless," Mrs. Dorothy McIntosh said. "There are other places where you can show your affection," she added. There are a few teachers, however, who say that this does not bother them and they do not mind it that much. "It doesn't bother me, but I think it's inappropriate to do it in school hallways," one teacher said.

Before it is possible to smooch in the hallways, someone to smooch with has to be found. The best place for it, say teenagers, is at a party. There is always a party somewhere.

## MILLAGE, from p. 3

spend approximately \$4,624 on every student this school year. The district has a yearly budget in excess of 40 million dollars.

"If the millage does not pass, it will greatly effect our educational program," Mrs. Dyson commented.

The 22.79 mills represents \$22.79 for every \$1,000 of assessed evaluation on property and homes in the district.

Students who are 18 and wish to participate in the upcoming election may register at the Southfield City Clerk's Office, 26000 Evergreen Road, in the House O office with Mrs. Dyson or with Mr. Robert Roebke in the Counseling Center. The deadline for registering to vote in this election is Nov. 14.

Registration takes approximately two minutes and entails providing proof of age with a driver's license or birth certificate, declaring American citizenship and filling out a registration form.

## MERIT, from p. 7

teens are still trying to find a way to make the merit pay plan a realistic one. As Mr. Hogan said, "The good people ought to

get it. That's true, but who are the good people?"

Mr. Bill Williams, president of the Southfield Education Association and Levey Middle School teacher agrees with Mr. Hogan. He states that merit pay may in fact scare people away from the field of teaching because of the politics that will be involved. He also pointed out that the parents of school children will not want their children to be taught by teachers who are not receiving merit pay.

At Southfield High, the problem of misplaced teachers is not all that drastic. There is a retraining program and re-education program offered by Oakland County in which the teachers from Southfield are participants. According to Mr. Hogan there is only one person reassigned into a minor area at SHS and all teachers must pass two important criteria to be placed in a teaching subject area in the Southfield School District. They have to be state certified teachers and be qualified in a minor field as well as a major field.

## EDUCATION, from p. 7

program.

According to Southfield Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Carl Hassel,

students, parents and administrators should take a serious look at these reports. Dr. Hassel said that the Southfield Public Schools had made no final evaluation at present of how the reports could effect this district.

However, the Southfield Public Schools has formed a high school excellence committee that is studying the state and national reports and their recommendations. The committee, made up of Associate Superintendent Dr. Beverley Geltner, Director of Pupil Instructional Services, Mr. Lyle Pushman, Supervisor of Secondary Instruction Mrs. Rita Foote, the high school principals and four faculty members from each high school, are reviewing the Southfield high school program as it relates to these reports. The committee is also reviewing the high school graduation requirements of the Southfield Public Schools.

Southfield High Principal Daniel Hogan said the reports have missed some points. "The basic thing that you have to have in a school to make it good is a healthy school environment," he added; "Communication with teachers, positive healthy school climate... you can never get anywhere if you don't have that. Once you have that then you'll be able to do other things," Mr. Hogan said.

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The students who attended this first meeting were enthusiastic about returning to the program's second. "I felt the program was very enlightening," senior John Simms said. "Students came up with such a variety of resolutions and Congressman Levin showed a lot of concern and interest in the student voice by taking resolutions from each caucus with him to Washington."

The caucus that includes SHS submitted a resolution that encouraged the federal government to take a more active role in education by raising standards for promotion from grade to grade and through increased funding.

The following topics are to be discussed at future meetings: political parties, state government, press and TV and local government.

"I feel that this is an excellent opportunity for students to become involved in politics and make practical use of their education," CSF participant Denise Gold commented.

Approximately 40 students from Southfield High are participating in CSF this year. Meetings will be held six times per year in the months of October, November, January, February, April and May.