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SHS's leading orphan Juli Scannell stars as Annie in this year's spring musical.

PHOTO: Frank Jewett

Editorial

Smoker's complaints of little merit

Since the first time that someone started smoking, there has been a debate on the rights of both non-smokers and smokers. In the 1960's and 70's, non-smokers rights emerged with the establishment of non-smoking sections in restaurants and other public places.

Recently however, the tables have turned with many smokers complaining that their rights are being infringed on because of laws that have been passed or are in the process of being passed that limit them from smoking at work and in public.

It has been proven that the non-smoker who is around a smoker for long periods of time will suffer ill effects from the smoke. Many non-smokers become very uncomfortable when around smokers for many reasons, including irritation to the eyes and breathing problems.

We feel that rights are not being denied to the smokers because of these laws. Rather, rights are being given to the non-smokers who have had to put up with the suffering brought on by smokers. A person's rights are not absolute when they start infringing upon someone else's rights. It is time that the non-smokers right to breathe fresh air be made into law.

We strongly support these new laws that have taken effect in California and elsewhere and urge the Michigan Legislature to pass the similar laws that have been proposed. The Legislature will be holding hearings on this subject in May.

Letters

SHS pride improves; lavatories lacking

To the Editor:

As a former student of SHS, and currently a member of the faculty, activities of all sorts mean a great deal to me. The organization of the "School Pride Committee" is one of the newest activities of this year.

Yes, there has been some improvement in the hallways, but one place lacking "School Pride" is our lavatories. Upon my arrival at school in the morning everything is neat and orderly. However, by 7:30 am it is a totally different picture. I find water faucets left running, dozens of paper towels left in the sinks, on counters, floors, etc. This is not only totally disgusting, but unacceptable pride toward one of the best high schools in the state. Keeping a clean lavatory is not a monumental task, nor is it the sole responsibility of the custodial staff. I would like to see "SCHOOL PRIDE" continue to clean up its act in the lavatories.

C. A. Golden

Chairperson of the Music Department and Class of '71

Jay omits pit player

To the Editor:

In the last issue of the JAY you had a wonderful article on the pit band for Annie, but you failed to mention in your list of musicians, Marie Frasier. She is the electric bass player and the "backbone" of our and any other kind of performing band (other than concert or symphonic bands).

Mentioning this in a short sentence or two in the next JAY or the next time you have an article on Annie or "band" or in the Soundoff would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Jim Jaber
Band Member

School prayer would strengthen values

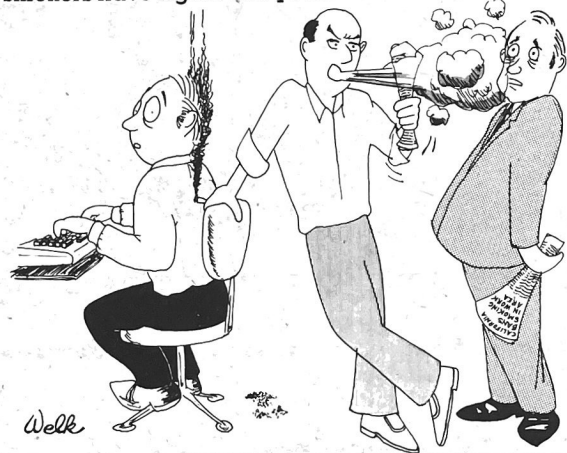
To the Editor:

I am an advocate of prayer in the public schools and am strongly opposed to the viewpoint which the editorial in the March issue of the Southfield JAY so blatantly expressed. In the editorial, it was pointed out that prayer in school "was discontinued in the 1960's". If, in retrospect, the events following those years are recalled, events such as counter-culture demonstrations and riots, one would observe that they are so egregiously liberal and so flagrantly anti-US government, that prayers in school would, indeed, as President Reagan stated, "strengthen traditional values," or at least help reinstitute them. Perhaps, we should lend some thought to this factor instead of continuing to impose a plethora of leftist views and criticism of President Reagan.

I do not feel that students should be forced to pray in school, but simply be given the time and opportunity to do so. Certainly, five token or so minutes is not such a massive amount of time as to be a hindrance to the whole school day. Perhaps, even just a moment of silence would suffice.

In the editorial, you also stated that "public schools are not the place to practice" prayer, as several students recapitulated in "Soundoff", saying that "that's what churches and synagogues are for". However, those of us who believe in G-d know that He is everywhere, and therefore, it is not impertinent for prayers to be said in school. If, as you say, "Religion is a private matter," and should not be practiced in public school, a public institution, then perhaps the Christmas tree and dreidel, religious symbols, which are so gloriously displayed each year during the holiday season in front

"We smokers have rights too, you know!"



Sound Off

Smokers rights for 'right' places

Considerable controversy surrounds the issue of banning smoking in public areas. While non-smokers rights are gaining ground what about smokers? Students were asked how they felt about a person's right to smoke.

"If they're banning smoking, why do they sell cigarettes?"

Greg Morris, 10

"Smokers have rights as long as they look out for non-smokers. We don't need to walk out a door and get a faceful of smoke."

Mary Taylor, 12

"First of all it is stupid to begin smoking, secondly if smokers rights are taken away non-smokers feel better."

Hyme Slotkowski, 12

"If you are 18 you should be able to smoke outside the school."

Steve Blackwell, 12

"People should be allowed to smoke only if it doesn't interfere with non-smokers rights."

Kendell Kirkland, 9

"When people start coughing smokers should take the hint and put their cigarettes out."

Sarah Tushman, 9

"They can smoke, but in their own section. Some people are allergic to smoke and others may be trying to break the habit."

Brian Duk, 12

"Smokers do have the right to smoke, but I don't think they have the right to smoke in certain places."

Flin Fike, 12

"I feel that they should make smokers smoke in private places so that people who don't enjoy smoking won't have to put up with the smoke."

Craig Porter, 12

"I feel that smokers shouldn't smoke around non-smokers because it is dangerous for the non-smokers' health."

Tyana Minnis, 9

"Smokers should be able to smoke anywhere they feel like it and especially where cigarettes are sold."

Dria Marzette, 10

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Scholars program considers 3 Jays

By LIZ PLOTKE
JAY Staff Writer

Each spring the President of the United States honors select graduating high school seniors as Presidential Scholars.

Three students from Southfield High, Sandra Freedman, Vernon Lind and Alicia Washington, are presently under consideration for the program which was established 20 years ago to honor the nation's most distinguished high school seniors.

In 1979, the program was extended in order to recognize students with exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. Out of the 3,000,000 high school seniors in the United States, only 1,500 are considered as Presidential Scholar candidates, and out of those, only 141 are chosen for the award.

Those students who become Presidential Scholars are selected on the basis of their accomplishments in several categories — academic success, artistic talent, leadership, involvement in school and community.

While Sandy and Vernon are both being considered for the award because of their academic success and exceptional college entrance exam scores, Alicia is being considered for her noteworthy achievement in performing arts.

Those students who become Scholars are awarded the Presidential Scholar Medallion, in recognition of their selection by the President of the United States.

In June, the Scholars will be invited to Washington, DC as guests of the Commission where they will be honored by government officials and by others in public life. During the five-day National Recognition Week, the Scholars will meet with Senators, Congressional Representatives, Supreme Court Justices, educators, authors, musicians, scientists and others who are accomplished in their fields. They will visit the memorials and museums of the nation's capital. The program will end with the presentation of the medallions. □

City grants Sfld. Schools funds for video equipment

By DOUG HENZE
JAY News Writer

The \$542,212 grant allocated for the Southfield School district's cable television program has given new hope to cable instructors and students. The funding enables them to attain previously set goals which were delayed by negotiations between the city and schools.

According to Mrs. Kathy Sherman, cable co-ordinator for the city of Southfield, three proposals were made by the schools before the city agreed on the amount which was recently appropriated. Also the question of whether public money should be used to fund school programs was raised.

In the final proposal, the school had to specify exactly what equipment it wanted by preparing an itemized list and submitting it to the City Council.

According to Mr. James Bunnell, SHS cable instructor, the main deficiency in Southfield High's current cable class is the absence of editing equipment.

However, future cable classes will be

25th annual musical opens tonight

By PAMELA MILLER
JAY Staff Writer

Tonight marks the opening of the spring musical, *Annie*.

From *Oklahoma* through to last year's *Hello Dolly*, Southfield High has had a proud tradition of musical theater. This year's show is no exception as can be proven when the actors, pit band and technical crew take the stage this evening at 8:00 pm and for the other performances April 7, 13 and 14.

An alumni reunion will occur April 14 at St. John's Armenian Church. Previously, reunions took place every ten years, but after the 20th reunion, involved people said they didn't want to wait until 1989. The celebration, "Our Silver Quarter Note" will begin with a 2:00 pm matinee of *Annie*. At 6:30 the party will move to the Church for dinner and theatrical representations of each musical.

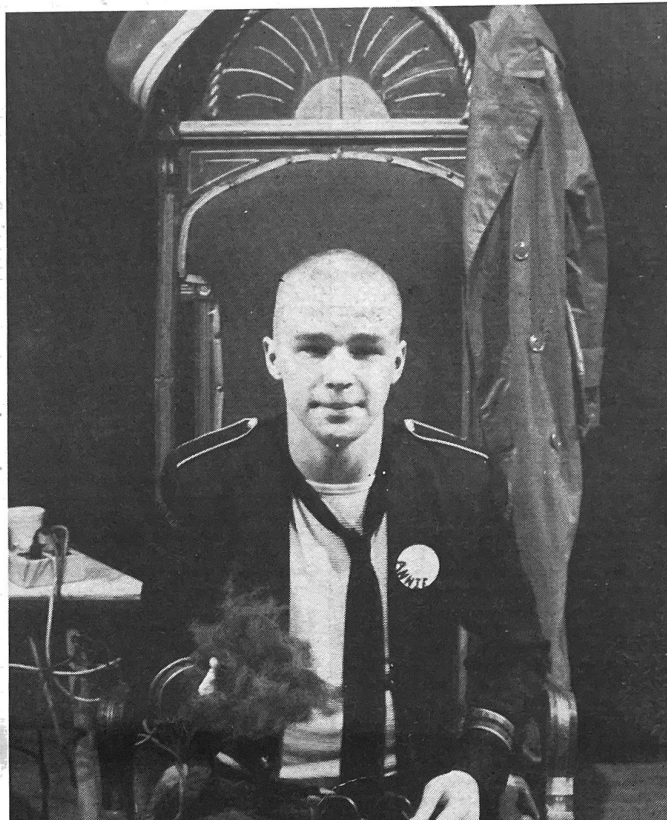
Various crews and committees have been hard at work for the past three months. As most jobs are very involved, most opt for dual leadership of their responsibility.

For the dance sequences, there are two choreographers, Miss Gayle Maudlin and former student Susie Kaufman. "Susie Kaufman has improved the quality of our show with her original choreography 100 percent" Jon Carver (Rooster) said.

Other tasks have student and faculty counterparts. Mrs. Virginia Borts and David Walega both function as directors. Mrs. Gladys Bernstein and Amy Goldstein are both producers. And Mr. James Bunnell and Mike Menczer are technical directors.

The costume committee has had its traditional problem with period clothes. Fortunately, as each person averages two costumes, most of the chorus function as poor tramps which are easy to clothe. "We are renting and having people find their own costumes," Jennifer Peacock, costume chairperson said.

And this week people have been wearing the *Annie* sweatshirt. There was a contest to find a suitable logo.



A freshly shaved David Carlton holds his hair. His locks were shorn in preparation for his Daddy Warbucks role in *Annie*.

At the last moment, Matt Montgomery, an '82 graduate and former JAY cartoonist created a design while visiting Mr. Arthur Voisin. That design is also on the cover of the *Annie* program and the billboard displayed in the material center.

And tonight is the debut performance for Rusty Betman who will

portray Sandy.

Tickets are \$3.50 and can be bought in advance for the 8:00 pm performances this weekend and April 13. Tickets will also be on sale at the door. There are no reserved seats. For ticket or reunion information see Mrs. Borts or Mr. Bunnell, backstage. □

able to benefit from the equipment recently purchased by Southfield Schools from the Victor Duncan Corporation, a wholesale dealer in video equipment. Among the items purchased are: four monitors, editing recorders, studio cameras, porta packs (portable cameras powered by battery packs), microphones and video cassette recorders (VCRs). This equipment cost approximately \$35,000.

In addition to these purchases, which compose a category called "Student Training Equipment", Southfield Public Schools is planning to spend allocated funding in seven other categories according to Mr. Fred Lebowitz, supervisor of elementary instruction and technology. They are:

General Equipment: This includes additional editing equipment and equipment for the control room. This differs from the student training equipment in that it is 3/4 as opposed to 1/2 inch. It will cost approximately \$100,000.

SHS Portable Equipment: This

category, which is exclusively for Southfield High, will cost about \$65,000.

Portable Production Equipment other Than High School: All equipment which will be used in the middle and elementary schools is included and will cost approximately \$60,000.

Classroom Reception: Funds have been set aside to install television monitors and purchase video recorders for each Southfield school. Southfield and Southfield-Lathrup will each get six monitors and four recorders; Birney, Thompson and Levey middle schools will each receive five monitors and two recorders and the elementary schools will get three monitors and one recorder. The total cost will be approximately \$72,000.

Cable Cast Equipment: Included are modulators, processors, film chains (to broadcast films) and video cassette players. This equipment will be used to actually broadcast the cable productions. The cost is approximately \$35,000.

The final two monies which have been allotted will be used to hire a

coordinator to oversee the program for a cost of \$30,000 and to purchase supplies. Of the \$26,000 which will be spent for supplies, \$15,000 will be used for videotapes.

Also \$117,000 has been set aside for the cost of wiring the school for cable access. This is entitled Interconnection Distribution.

"Although these categories have been agreed on by the city and the schools, the needs of the school are subject to change because the cable industry is ever-changing," Mr. Lebowitz said.

Mr. Bunnell said that although most of the equipment won't be in the cable class's possession until the end of the year, some big changes are in order for next year.

Two classes will be formed, an introductory course and an advanced class. The introductory class will be similar to the current class, essentially learning technique. However, the advanced class

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Visitation team to perform on site evaluation of SHS

Southfield High School will advance to the national level in the Secondary School Recognition Program. US Secretary of Education Terrel Bell has notified SHS that a visitation team will be sent here shortly.

In February, the State Department of Education announced that SHS was one of nine Michigan high schools to be designated as an "exemplary school" for 1984.

The recommendation for a site visit means that SHS's educational programs will be evaluated for further recognition. Visitors will be sent to observe classrooms, talk to students and administrators for two days.

Principal Daniel Hogan is proud that SHS has been recommended for this honor. When these visitors arrive he hopes that students and faculty will put their "best foot forward" to show pride in SHS.

SSF cancels election, blames poor response

The Southfield Student Forum (SSF) has cancelled its representative election for the upcoming school year.

Due to the lack of response, Miss Mary Markos, SSF adviser, has cancelled the election. Students submitting petitions, should contact Miss Markos. Students wanting to participate in the SSF should have their schedule set accordingly.

The last week in February was "Student Pride in Southfield High School Week". The week was designed to help keep our school clean. Containers were purchased for the disposal of trash during lunch hour. Students displayed pride by going out of their way to throw away trash.

Bands slate meets, concerts, tryouts

The instrumental music department is busy competing and preparing for next year.

The orchestra at the end of March visited the Lahser Hills Nursing Home where they performed and talked to the residents. They also performed with the Symphonic Band, on March 13, the annual concert.

On March 23 the Symphonic and Concert bands visited Southfield-Lathrup to hear the Xavier University Band. And at the MSBOA District 4 Band Festival, the Symphonic Band received a II rating.

Several students are going to perform at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival for an individual performance rating. These students are Stan Berenbaum, Cindy Thomas, Simone Henton, Lori Takacs, Laura Johnson, Eve Tsao, Alex Novacek, John Simms and Marc Betman, Robin Brown, Tracy George and Peggy Nielsen. Many of these students also performed their selections at the concert March 13.

The 1984 Color Guard is also being selected. Three clinics to help interested students audition for the rifle, flag or pom-pom squads were held during March. Judging will begin April 9. The pom-pom squad will remain at 16 while the flag and rifle squads are hoping to expand. Interested students should contact Mrs. Chriss Golden for audition information.



Culinary arts award winners Kathy Volante and Ken Harris (Photo by Frank Jewett)

Harris, Volante net culinary honors

Southfield junior Cathy Volante and Southfield-Lathrup senior Ken Harris won medals at the Cullinary Arts Salon sponsored by the Lansing Chefs Association last month. Both are student chefs in the SHS Blue Jay Cafe.

In this competition a food display with seven areas was prepared. Different high school students competed at the Kellogg Center on the Michigan State campus.

Ken's filled almost past tart categorized under French pastry, won him a gold medal. Ken had been preparing for a little over three months. "I didn't expect to place," Ken said.

Ken's next most recognized achievement was the bronze medal he won last year. "My father is a good cook and both he and Mrs. Maude Moore (the vocational foods teacher) inspired me to start and continue cooking," Ken said. He enjoys cooking in his spare time and works at the Bijou restaurant in Southfield.

Cathy also enjoys cooking in her spare time. Her display of rolls shaped like sea creatures, including an octopus, received a bronze medal for originality this year. Cathy had been preparing for about a month. "Because my practice display was better than the one entered in the show, I didn't think I would do well," she said. Cathy has been a student chef at the Blue Jay for two years now. Cathy is presently working at the Quality Cuisine Bakery and Specialty Shop in Southfield, making French breads.

Art Awards contest has 5 SHS finalists

Last March 17, the finalists were announced nationally in the National Achievement Scholarship Program For Outstanding Negro Students and in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

John H. Berry IV advanced from semi-finalist to finalist in the NASPONS, while Sandra Freedman and Eve Tsao

did likewise in the NMSP.

About 80 percent of the 1,500 semi-finalists have become finalists in the NASPONS, and only 1,200 finalists are being considered nationally for more than 650 Achievement Scholarships to be awarded this year.

College sponsored four-year Achievement Scholarship winners will be notified in May and June. Announcements will be handled on an individual basis, after award acceptance.

Approximately 90 percent of the 15,000 semi-finalists in the NMSP met the tough standards to become finalists, and only about 13,500 finalists are being considered for some 5,300 Merit Scholarships to be awarded this year.

Scholarship programs name Berry, Tsao, Freedman as finalists

Five Southfield High School students have placed among the top finalists in the Michigan Regional Scholastic Art Awards Contest. The five finalists are Abby Bachaiov, Shawn Sturos, Julie Pollack, Paige Powers and Micheal Landgraf.

This contest was for students in grades 9 through 12. A variety of art was entered, but most common was watercolor paintings.

Awards, certificates and scholarships were given.

Abby Bachaiov entered a painting and it qualified for judging in the New York Nationals.

Shawn Sturos and Julie Pollack both entered watercolor paintings which also were finalist status.

Paige Powers entered a portfolio which qualified for a scholarship.

Michael Landgraf entered a sculpture called "Shadow" which also was a finalist.

"We had a good turn out considering we entered late" art teacher Mrs. Veronica Straus said.

Finalists will not know what they will receive until the end of June 1984.

Forensic one act lands third place in state competition

The forensic one-act, *Member of the Wedding*, received high honors at district and state competition.

At state competition, *Member of the Wedding* placed third. Alicia Washington and Jon Carver received superior acting certificates. Jennifer Dunlop and Angie Spencer received excellent acting awards. And the technical crew won excellent certificates for properties, sound and set design.

Earlier at district competition, which was held at SHS on Jan. 27, *Member of the Wedding* placed first of the six competing schools. Superior acting honors were awarded to Jennifer Dunlop, Alicia Washington and Jon Carver. Angie Spencer was given an excellent acting certificate. The technical crew won superior honors in set execution.

Clubs popular with language students

Year after year, Southfield High School students opt to take foreign languages, and to express their further interest, many join the corresponding foreign language clubs.

A multitude of activities are coming up for the French Club. Pizza parties, roller skating and a possible trip to Cedar Point are just a few scheduled activities. This year, senior Karen Walli is the president and Ms. Ruth Moltz is the adviser.

Fundraisers are a big part of the club's work and they have already sold calendars, clipboards and write-and-wipe boards. As of now, there are eight members who attend the meetings regularly.

The Spanish Club, with Brian Langer as their president is by far the club with the most members, 20 to be exact. They have sold spices and cannisters of snacks and the money will probably be used for a banquet at the end of the year. Ms. Dorothy McIntosh is the adviser.

The Hebrew Club, with Ms. Datia Traison as the adviser, seems to be the wealthiest club due to their successful raffle sales. Things they have raffled off include a bike and car wash. The club is planning to go to the Art Institute to see an exhibit from Czechoslovakia. Presently, there are 15 members and Michelle Burdowski serves as president.

Colleges offer summer programs

Summer educational programs sponsored by various colleges and universities for high school students have been announced.

Information concerning the following opportunities is available for: Explorations in Careers and Knowledge — Michigan Technological University; Summer Math at Mount Holyoke College — Massachusetts; Summer Science — Lawrence Institute of Technology; Summer Institute for the Arts and Sciences — sponsored by the Michigan State Board of Education; Summer Scholar Program — Ohio University; Explore-a-College — Eartham College — Indiana and The Washington Summer Seminar in American Government — The American University — Washington, DC.

For more information including dates and addresses, contact Mr. Robert Roebke in the counseling center.

SHS trio earns national math honors

Three Southfield High School students have placed among the top of 400,000 entries in the 1984 American High School Mathematics Examination. The three top students are Sandra Freedman, Alex Novacek and Eve Tsao.

To enter anyone in the grades 8-12 was eligible. It was mandatory for everyone to pay a 75 cent entry fee.

The test consisted of multiple choice questions based on intermediate algebra and plane geometry.

Awards and certificates were given for superior performance. A gold medal was given to the student who achieved the highest score in his school for four consecutive years.

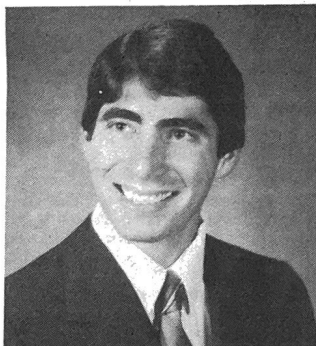
A silver medal was given to the student who achieved the highest in his school for three consecutive years. A bronze medal was given to the student who achieved the highest score in his school for two consecutive years.

Honor roll pins, Mathematics Award pins and certificates for outstanding achievement were also given.

Sandra Freedman will be awarded a special award for being top student in the examination at this school for three consecutive years. Alexander Novacek and Eve Tsao will be awarded certificates.

The test was given Feb. 28, 1984. It was taken in the United States, Canada and 11 other countries.

The test is sponsored jointly by Mathematical Association of America Society of Actuaries, Mu Alpha Theta, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Casualty Actuarial Society.



Stan Berenbaum

Berenbaum's essay takes top state honor

Senior Stan Berenbaum was named winner of the state level in the Optimist International Essay Contest sponsored by the Optimists Club of Southfield/Lathrup. Berenbaum entered the state competition after winning the district with the essay on the subject "Freedom, Our Most Precious Heritage."

"America is based on the freedom of its people and it's understood that America will fight for its freedom," Berenbaum said.

Berenbaum's victory in the state competition has sent him on an all-expense paid, three-day trip to Valley Forge, PA where he will attend a Freedom Foundation seminar and visit Philadelphia and the Valley Forge National Park. The seminar will be held Aug. 23-26. He has also been entered in the national competition. National competition results will be announced this

summer.

"I think I've learned quite a bit because most people take freedom for granted," Berenbaum added.

PYG, Thompson to hold family workshop

"Families — Staying on Target," a workshop designed to help parents and children better understand the dynamics of the family unit, will be held on Thursday, April 12 from 7:30 pm to 10 pm at Thompson Middle School, 16300 Lincoln Drive in Southfield.

Co-sponsored by the Southfield Parent Youth Guidance Commission (PYG) and Thompson Middle School, the workshop is open to all parents and adolescents aged 10 and over. The participation fee will be \$2 for adults and 50¢ for young people.

The workshop will be divided into four concurrent sessions. The sessions include "Family Communication," presented by Ruth McGuinness, a psychologist with a private practice in Southfield; "Single Parent Families," presented by Brenda Beron, a psychologist who works with the SPACE program and is in private practice; "A Positive Approach to Handling Family Stress," presented by PYG caseworker David Monroe; and "Healthy Snack Foods," presented by Lois Thieleke, a home economist with Michigan State University/Oakland County.

Each session will be repeated twice throughout the evening so each parent or youngster will be able to attend two of the four sessions.

To register or obtain more information on the workshop, contact the Parent Youth Guidance Office, 354-4864.



Mrs. Priscilla Campbell

Southfield High welcomes new nurse

Southfield High School has recently received a new school nurse Mrs. Priscilla Campbell. She is replacing former nurse Mrs. Pat Okon.

Mrs. Campbell works out of the Oakland County Health Department in Southfield.

Mrs. Campbell was last employed at Clawson High School. This is her second high school job. She works most often in middle schools and elementary schools.

Although part of her job, Mrs. Campbell does not specialize in just ailing persons. She also gives advice to students on health and personal hygiene.

Mrs. Campbell is here every Thursday from 8:00 to 2:30 pm. She is located in the counseling center.

Mrs. Campbell has been working in Southfield Public Schools for many years now.



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April 9	Oak Park	T	3:00
April 11	Novi	H	3:30
April 11	West Bloomfield	H	8:00
April 13	Walled Western	H	8:00
April 14	Warren Fitzgerald	T	11:00 DH
April 16	Cass Tech	H	4:00
April 16	N. Farmington	H	8:00
April 25	Walled Lake West	T	12:00
May 1	Hazel Park	H	4:15 DH
May 2	Groves	H	7:30
May 4	Andover	T	4:15 DH
May 8	Kimball	H	4:15 DH
May 11	Berkley	H	4:15 DH
May 12	Litigot	T	12:00 DH
May 15	Seaholm	T	4:00 DH
May 16	Rochester Adams	H	6:00 DH
May 18	Ferndale	T	4:15 DH
May 19	Lahser	H	10:00 am DH
May 21	Lathrup	H	3:30 DH
May 22	Troy	H	4:15 DH
May 25	Pre-Districts Oak Co. Tour		
May 29	Make Up		
June 1	Make Up		

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BREAK DANCING!

The break down on break dancing

By **BRIAN HAIRSTON**
JAY Staff Writer

It originated on the streets of New York as a substitute to gang fighting, but now some believe the new craze, break dancing, will derive into an art form.

Break dancing began in the 1970's with spinning on backs, but evolved into a multi-complex activity in the 1980's with rhythmic spinning on heads, hands and shoulders, as well as backs.

Break dancing spread throughout the nation and can be found in many parts of metro Detroit. Many discos, like Area Code 313, which provide the necessary space for break dancing, are the most popular. Even the Southfield High School gym during lunch hour can provide entertainment for break dancers or "breakers", as they are commonly known.

The Southfield Floor Masters, SHS's own break dancers, electrified the Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) talent shows with their unreal dance movements. From the contorted movements of pop-locking to the smoothness of the arms in waving and twirling of the body in break dancing.

The Floor Masters are comprised of breakers Rick and Tim Titsworth and Al Miller. Miller the newest addition to the trio was taught by his talented



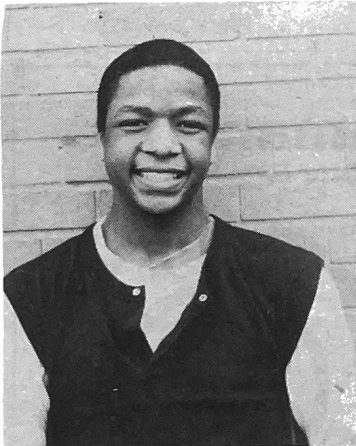
The Southfield Floor Masters, Rick Titsworth, Tim Titsworth and Al Miller. (Photo by Frank Jewett)

partners.

Tim, the elder brother, enjoys the sheer excitement of the sport. "If you do the wrong thing at the wrong time you'll end up on your face," Tim said.

The Titsworths have performed in a music video for the local-cable station and have received job offers. Miller questions the future of break dancing, for the mere fact that some cities are in

the act of outlawing this activity because they fear it will cause public disturbances. However, the Titsworths are assured of the longevity of break dancing.



Tim Titsworth

Floor Masters break into the Southfield scene

By **SCOTT GREENBERG**
JAY Staff Writer

Dance is an art form that has been passed on from generation to generation and has gone through numerous changes. One person who has mastered the latest change, break dancing, is Southfield High senior Tim Titsworth.

Tim, along with brother Rick, and Al Miller (the Southfield Floor Masters), have been part of the touring SMA talent show this year, playing to packed auditoriums and wild applause. "It's been a lot of fun and a great experience," Tim said. "The best was at Ferndale, we were treated like kings."

For the "Floor Masters", though, the SMA shows were just the tip of the iceberg. Tim, who's been dancing since

eighth grade, Rick, who's been dancing since seventh grade and newcomer Al will soon be seen in a video by a Detroit based band called Prophet. The video is still in the editing stages, but should be available for national distribution soon.

Tim expresses a definite interest in break-dancing, "waving" and "pop-locking" for a living, yet he stresses that it is a lot of hard work. "As far as break-dancing goes, the hardest part is that no one teaches. I learned from watching videos. If you do the wrong thing at the wrong time," Tim said, "you'll end up on your face."

Taking his own advice seriously, Tim, who started break-dancing last August, practices at least ten hours a week. "Whenever I get a chance, I practice by myself, or with the group."

Tim said.

Forming the group was difficult for Tim. "I'd always wanted to get a group together, but I couldn't find anyone, besides my brother, who would dance, until Al came along."

Tim believes that the Southfield Floor Masters have the perfect chemistry to keep going for a long time. "They're real good to work with, that's one reason we've stayed together so long," Tim said.

As far as the future goes, the "Masters" plan to practice heavily during the summer in hopes of getting more work. There is even a possibility of them traveling with a dance school.

"Break dancing", Tim said, "is an art. In the future it will go on to be accepted as a classic form of dance."

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National School Woes

Discipline ranks as nation's chief public school concern

By BOB ELLIS
JAY Staff Writer

Discipline. What is it? The vast majority of responses would be negative; punishment, detention, suspension. According to a research letter out of Bloomington, IN, it is the biggest problem in the schools of today.

Parents of school-aged children rank discipline as their number one education concern. Yet many observers say this problem is overly exaggerated. Many new discipline techniques have been put into use to help reduce discipline related problems.

In Houston, TX, the Houston Independent School District has put into effect suspension centers to help reduce the traditional out-of-school suspension. "... Kids who were sent home usually wandered around all day without supervision," Ginger Harper, supervisor of community youth relations said. This "center" provides supervision and makes students think twice before breaking the rules.

This, and other programs strongly emphasize keeping parents involved and informed. Not only are letters sent home to parents, but conferences with the child and school officials are set up.

In High Point, NC, each year there were 300 traditional suspensions at High Point's Ferndale Junior High School. After the introduction of ISS (In-school Suspension Center) the number of suspensions was reported at 85, according to Ferndale Principal Betty Thomas.

In the State of Michigan, one in every 16 kindergarten through grade 12 students is suspended or expelled. This results in hundreds of thousands of dollars that never reach the children of Michigan.

Currently, one of the policy changes proposed is the application of school discipline in a fair and equal way. Current law does not give adequate guidance. Different guidelines are followed by schools across the state. According to Michigan Standards Bill, "What is needed is to standardize these procedures for all students across the state."

Governor James Blanchard has put together a task force to help reduce discipline problems. Also, a proposed bill was introduced requiring schools to utilize all available educational alternatives prior to suspending or expelling a student. Each proposal is consistent with recommendations by the governor's task force.

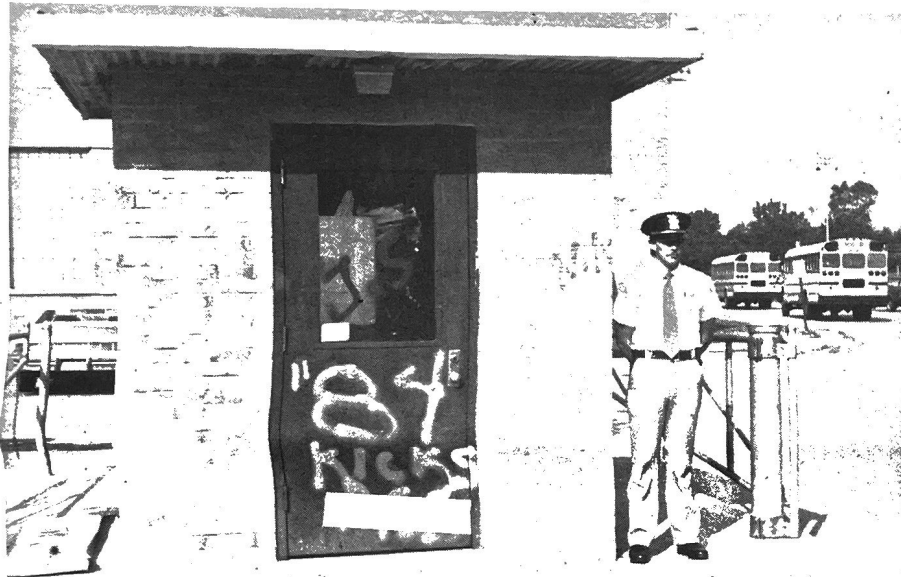
In Washington, DC, the school system has put into effect security aids to help reduce recurring problems. "In 1970, we had two murders. One student was stabbed to death over 20 cents. In 1972, an assistant principal was shot and killed, and in 1979 one rape occurred," Mr. Mercyl Miller, assistant security director said. Hopefully this will reduce the number of crimes.

In 1982, the New York City Public School System (consisting of over 1,000 schools) received 13,216 reports of violence or crime; over 1,564 assaults; 1,306 disorderly conduct complaints; 2,033 possession of weapons and 306 narcotics possession and sales annually. Mr. Bob Terdy, director of the New York City Board of Education's news bureau, stated that the number of incidents reported have declined considerably since then.

In Southfield, a pamphlet entitled "Code of Student Conduct," is distributed to each student, giving him or her basic guidelines to follow in the schools. "We all need to understand and accept a balance between individual freedom and the limitations of responsible behavior," Dr. Carl W. Hassel, superintendent of Southfield Public Schools states in a letter directed at students attending Southfield Public Schools. "With the mutual cooperation of you, your family and your teachers, each classroom can be a positive place where effective learning can take place," he adds.

At Southfield High, discipline is definitely a problem, but not a severe one. "The students are generally well-behaved," Assistant Principal Mrs. Olivia Dyson said. "The detention room usually takes care of the other students," she added.

Many people believe discipline problems in schools are overly exaggerated. Many state school violence may be an extension into the community, therefore it is not a separate problem. But according to many, reviewing this problem nationally, "You are only as safe as you think you are."



Security guard Chris Peters on duty at vandalized gate house.

Vandalism's toll: \$400 million yearly

By KELLEY MURPHY
JAY Staff Writer

There is something no matter how small or seemingly insignificant that affects every school, everywhere. It is vandalism. Vandalism can be broken windows, scarred desks, defaced doors, torn books and wrecked equipment.

This all adds up to \$400 million a year nationally. School vandalism takes about \$15 a year away from each public school student, Senior Scholastic magazine reports.

At Southfield High, there is no set budget to pay for the repairs of vandals. One year it could be \$1,000 in damages, the next \$10,000. The more that is spent on vandalism the less that is spent on academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Although there was a time within the past ten years, when vandalism reached its highest point, Assistant Principal Dr. Sally Spedding reports that the rate of vandalism is considerably lower now.

Vandalism takes many different forms. Such as graffiti on walls both in and outside the building. "In one case last year, four girls created such a mess, outside contractors had to be brought in to clean up," Southfield Schools Custodial Supervisor Mr. Larry Gilgallon said. "The sum was about \$800."

Other common forms of vandalism and theft are broken windows and stolen equipment. "Stolen computers," Mr. Gilgallon said, "have cost the school over \$3,500, and to replace broken windows, about \$900."

Just as there are many forms of vandalism there are many reasons. "I think that the rate of vandalism depends on different seasons. Assistant

Principal Mr. David Williams said, "Just before Christmas vacation, spring break, and especially at the end of the year there are many signs of vandalism."

"The window on the door by the auto shop has been replaced two times already since the school year began," Mr. Williams said. "Also there have been cases when 'frustrated girlfriends' punched out two different windows."

There are also many ways of preventing vandalism. Here at Southfield High expensive equipment is chained down when classrooms are not in use, doors are locked, security guards and hall monitors are on patrol. Schools in other cities like Chicago suffer from vandalism so badly that alarms have been placed on doors and security guards walk around with walkie-talkies during school. Social scientists feel students resent all this security which causes them to rebel and create more damage.

Social scientists say most young vandals do not expect to get caught. When they are, they do not expect others to take their crimes seriously. Most often it was meant as "just a prank" and "they meant no harm". Often the penalty is just probation or a warning, rarely having to even pay for the damage.

In Southfield one or a combination of the following take place, suspensions, expulsion or restitution of damage. For example, when one SHS student was caught breaking a window last summer, he was required to perform 40 hours of cleanup work at Brace-Lederle Community Education Center to repay the school district for the cost of the window.

Many students feel the whole reason behind vandalism is revenge for not being accepted. It has been suggested by Senior Scholastic that every student not just talented, bright or athletic achievers have a sense of belonging, involvement and pride in their school. J

Students pack bags; head for sun, slopes, sand

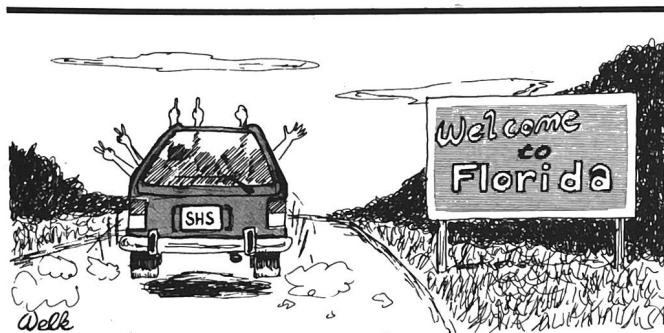
By SHELLIE ROSEN
JAY Staff Writer

Spring break is here at last! It's time to start packing the bags and fly off to various places on the globe.

This year, as in the past, the most popular spot for SHS students is Ft. Lauderdale. Joining the crowd down in Florida this year will be Liz Plotke, Michelle Otis, Sherry Namy, Stacey Falk, Riva Dines, Holly Shay, Denise Gold, Juli Scanell, Lisa Orechkin, Michele Burdowski, and Bonnie Fellows. They are all traveling together and staying for 14 days at the Howard Johnson Beach Hotel.

"I'm so excited. I can't wait to hit the beach," senior Plotke said.

Joining the group in Florida will be Rick Wisniewski and Michael Garfinkel. They plan to stay in Florida for a few



days, and then are taking a cruise to the Bahamas.

Seniors Michelle Thomasian and Alisa Klemm are planning on the hot Florida sun while staying at

the Biltmore Hotel located on the "strip".

Natile Rankovic, Janet Sorisho, Nyree Ardash, Nancy Calley, Joanne Sorisho, Machael Boman, Janet Pedwayden and Kerri Wight are flying to Ft. Lauderdale

for two weeks. "Spring Break '84" is going to be 13 nights and 14 days of continuous partying" Sorisho said. Ft. Lauderdale better look out because among the tourists this year will be Dirk Burnia, Craig Frost, Brian Duk, Steve Blackwell, Jim Sorisho and Mark Garmo.

SHS this year offered a package senior trip which includes two nights in Florida, one in Orlando with a trip to Disney World, the other in Miami, three nights on a cruise in Freeport and the last day, a visit to Six Flags in Atlanta. Jill Ferguson, Toya Hankins, Renee Richardson, Bre Mann, Tracey Jones, Monique Parnell, Tracy Darden, Joscelyn Johnson, and Kim Minor are a few who took advantage of the deal. "No teachers, no parents and no drinking age!! Party time!" said Jill.

Shellie Rosen and Trina Romolino are two SHS students who did not want the traditional Florida vacation. These two plan on a two-week stay in Acapulco, at the Ritz West Hotel. "It's going to be unreal, hot sun, gorgeous guys and no drinking age, I can't wait," said Trina.

There are some seniors, however, that for their spring break are choosing not to go to the sun. Renee Cornichini plans on a trip to Chicago to eat in good restaurants and spend money on clothes. Jason Hill plans on spending his break on the slopes in Aspen.

SHS joins national language celebration

By ROBIN MITCHELL
JAY Staff Writer

This year Southfield High School joined the nation for the first time in celebrating Foreign Language Week, March 4-10. The celebration was held to draw attention to the necessity of knowing a foreign language.

"For Americans, it is self-evident that this is the time to learn another language — and learn it well. To be really successful, you will have to be trilingual," John Naisbitt wrote in his recent bestseller *Megatrends*, a book that tells of the near future.

Others are saying the same thing. "The State Board of Education, the Michigan Department of Education and local school districts have recognized the importance of the foreign language program," Governor James J. Blanchard wrote recently.

To celebrate Foreign Language Week at SHS many activities were held. The daily announcements started out in either Italian, Spanish, French or Hebrew by advanced students from all language classes. On Friday students sent out messages to friends during sixth hour written in a foreign language. Cultural experiences were shared in class.

The organization behind Foreign Language Week at SHS was done by

Chairman of the language department Mr. Arthur Carinci, Spanish and French teacher Ms. Dorothy McIntosh, Spanish teacher Ms. Sarah Pullar, Spanish and Hebrew teacher Ms. Datia Traison and Spanish and French teacher Ms. Ruth Moltz.

Feb. 29 the State Senate passed a resolution in conjunction with Foreign Language Week commending South-

field Schools, Oak Park Schools and the Lycee International of Southfield for their efforts in promoting foreign language instruction.

"We're very pleased the Federal and State governments have finally recognized the important value of knowing a foreign language," Ms. McIntosh commented.

Students expand musical ability through MYS

By DOUG MCCOLLOUGH
JAY Staff Writer

Music students of Southfield High School and other Metropolitan area schools have an opportunity to expand their musical abilities through the Metropolitan Youth Symphony.

An educational instrumental group, the MYS has attracted 200 students who are serious about music. The symphony is divided into three divisions. The strings, instructed by Judy Culler, is the division that includes many of SHS' orchestra students. They are Joy Greer, Pam Berry, Sharon Lowery, Valerie Royal and Tracy Johnson. The second division is the concert band, instructed by Douglas Bianchi. The third is the symphony division considered one of

the more advanced sections.

Each division has individual concerts as well as combined concerts. Concerts are held in schools in the Metropolitan area, with many at SHS. In March one was held at the Orchestra Hall.

The MYS runs from September to May every year. Two years of experience is required to audition and students must reaudition each year. Joy Greer said, "I joined MYS because I wanted to be around more experienced players." Included in MYS activities are auditions for scholarships to summer camps and workshops such as Interlochen or Blue Lake.

It is evident that young members of the MYS receive exposure to and training in symphony skills and possibly an advantage in the world of professional instrumentalists.

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of the Southfield city offices, also of public domain, should not be displayed there. Similar to this, "the Nativity scene" was displayed in front of the city offices of a city in Rhode Island by that city. However, a resident of this city took the city to court, and both the Rhode Island State Supreme Court and the United States Federal Supreme Court upheld a decision that stated that this was not unconstitutional.

The words, "In G-d We Trust," grace all our American currency and coinage, and each day, upon raising the flag, when reciting "The Pledge of Allegiance," one can be heard saying, "One nation, under G-d, indivisible . . ." and yet some of us continue to contradict ourselves by trying to extricate prayer from the public schools. Shouldn't we, indeed, advocate our national statements instead of persisting to protest them. Think about it.

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Promotion Power!

WSHJ seeks wider listener recognition

By LIZ PLOTKE
JAY Staff Writer

Southfield High School's radio station WSJH, 88.3 FM, is aggressively marketing its name this year.

WSHJ Promotional Director Amy Goldstein, along with her assistants Ari Goldstein, Keith Oliver, Tim Tittsworth and Ken Browner, are attempting to make WSJH a local household word.

Several new ideas have been put into action to promote the SHS station. One, the Mr. and Miss Southfield High contest, was held in February. During second hour sheets were passed around asking the guys to vote for the girls they thought were the cutest and the girls were asked to vote for the guys who caught their eye. All candidates had previously nominated themselves voluntarily for the contest. The two top vote getters were Nicole Castell and Ronnie Austin. The finalists (in order of preference) were:

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| Dirk Burnia, 12 | Juli Scannell, 12 |
| Al Miller, 11 | Dietta Collins, 12 |
| Dave Rabinowitz, 12 | Alicia Kanstofsky, 9 |
| Bill Reed, 12 | Carol Willingham, 11 |
| Chris Guyor, 12 | Tupper Lysaght, 9 |
| Rodney Galliard, 10 | Michelle Lafour, 11 |
| Steve Blackwell, 12 | Sherri Seagul, 11 |
| Chris Packala, 11 | Joscelyn Johnson, 12 |
| Scott Ingersoll, 12 | Angie Ledda, 10 |
| Joe Portillo, 12 | Tracey Williams, 12 |
| Charlie Hart, 12 | Toya Hankins, 12 |
| Tim Tittsworth, 12 | Alisa Klemm, 12 |

Although nothing more will be done to promote Mr./Miss Southfield High, the station hopes that the contest will become a tradition and that in the future the idea will be extended to include things such as a calendar and fashion shows.

Other promotional ideas for the station include remote broadcasts from local malls. The station plans on broadcasting live from the Southfield Arts Festival '84, which will be held May 18-20. The station has already done a remote from Tel-Twelve Mall, broadcasting live on April 3.

"The station," Amy said, "plans on having students on the air." She explained that by having more students involved in the station, more people will hear

of WSJH. If any students are interested in getting on the air, they can do so by contacting station manager, Mr. Arthur Voison or by contacting Amy.

"It's really going to be great next year," Amy said. "There are a lot of plans for the future."

Branch, Castelle set to serve on Twelve Oaks panel

By ROBIN MITCHELL
JAY Staff Writer

Two Southfield High juniors have won positions on the 1984 Fashion Panel at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

The two positions were filled by Nicole Castelle and Richard Branch. The panel is a voluntary program developed to get people interested in modeling experience. Nicole and Rich will model throughout the year and serve as representatives of Twelve Oaks. Modeling will include informal and window modeling along with runway shows.

"I feel really privileged about winning the contest when so many people could have been chosen," Nicole said. "It was really a longshot."

There were nearly 200 applicants and each was interviewed. Seventy-five semi-finalists were chosen from the 200 applicants. Then the semi-finalists learned a choreographed runway routine which determined the final 25 winners.

Being on the panel is a good way to get recognition in the field. Nicole has already been asked to do other modeling. Although she has never taken modeling classes, Nicole has been taking pictures and hopes to pursue her modeling further.

"I'm happy I was chosen for the panel," Rich said. He too hopes to take this further.

"Nicole and Rich both move very well with a lot of style. If they want to become professional models in the future this is a good start, but it's up to them to pursue it," events coordinator and judge Ms. Lisa Elian said.

Lost & found stows forgotten items

By CAROLE GARVIN
JAY Staff Writer

There are many things at SHS that students are very familiar with, like the library and the counseling center, but what may be unfamiliar to them is a place where items get turned in and claimed everyday. This is the lost and found.

"Gold chains, rings and wallets with money inside are some of the items that get turned in because we have lots of honest students and teachers," office aid Jamie Grossman said.

You may wonder just how the office can tell if a person is claiming something that they say is rightfully theirs. "We make students show identification and have them describe the item they are claiming," secretary Mrs. Delores Urquhart said.

Despite what some people may

believe, there has never been any problem with people claiming items which are not rightfully theirs.

Items that are unclaimed by the end of the school year will all be thrown out, although clothing is kept for no more than a month.

"We used to give all the clothing to the Turnin' Point, but eventually they would throw it out," Mrs. Urquhart said.

Things most commonly turned in are sets of keys and eyeglasses, as well as wallets and locker locks.

At press time, the following items were in the lost and found (among others):

A Kodak camera, various pairs of eyeglasses, a 1982 Southfield Recreation Youth Soccer Patch, school books, a social security card, a brown watch, leather gloves, a contact solution kit, 10 locks and a brown pair of boots.

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Raykihnshteyn retells Russian life

By **ANDY SMITH**
JAY Staff Writer

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to live in another country, culture or society? Perhaps the Soviet Union?

"Russia sucks," a large number of SHS students said.

"The only difference between the Soviets and ourselves is communism vs. democracy, but the common people aren't any different," sophomore Aidan Lysaght said.

"I think its probably a terrible atmosphere to grow up in," junior Tracy George said.

Russian stereotypes are found everywhere in America. Our president identifies the Soviet Union (USSR) as the "focus of evil in the modern world."

What is it like to live in the USSR? Farmington Harrison senior and former SHS student Ed Raykihnshteyn need not play guessing games. Ed was born in Leningrad and lived there until 1979, when Ed, 12½, and his family left the USSR.

"The Jewish people were allowed to leave because it was right before the Olympics and many Jews were not happy," Ed said. "My parents wanted a better future for us (Ed and two older brothers)."

Before they were allowed to leave, Ed and his family had to have the move approved. Many families would go to relatives elsewhere in the world, but since they had none, they wanted to go to America. Time was spent in Austria and Italy before they could go to the States.

"They wanted to check you out and make sure that you're not a KGB agent or anything," Ed said.

"I told my good friends (about the move) who were not prejudiced, but a lot of kids and teachers at school were because I was Jewish," Ed said. "I have one friend whose family was going to leave, he may be here (in the USA) now."

The Raykihnshteyns arrived in New York on July 5, 1979. From there they went to Detroit where the Jewish Community Center would take them.

"The culture is very different, but I like America much better," Ed said. "The conditions (in the USSR) weren't too bad, we were satisfied."

"My brothers tried to write to friends, but for me I didn't," Ed said. "They (Ed's friends) might get in trouble for communicating (with somebody in America)."

Ed started school in the USSR when he was seven years old and would have continued for ten grades. After the tenth grade, students are able to go on to the Institute to further their education. Ed's older brothers were both turned down because they were Jewish. They would have to serve in the military without a chance to ever improve their education.

"I wasn't restricted, I was only 12," Ed said. "Some people use Jews as scapegoats, (for) no real reason."

The ideals of Communism state no existence of God, no higher being. Still today in the USSR, many people practice Judaism and Russian Orthodox Christianity. Religion is passed on by older people who still firmly believe. Though religion cannot be as widespread

as in countries where the government recognizes God, worship can be meaningful when it is not accented by the authority. More people practice Judaism or Christianity in the USSR than are part of the elite Communist Party.

"We went to services two or three times a year," Ed said. "My grandmother was very religious. The old people are the ones that are trying to keep it alive."

Had Ed stayed in the USSR he may have seen the changes in the minds of Russian youth concerning ideals and religion.

Komosol, the Young Communist League, has many more members than the Communist Party. Even still, as

"The government is the only difference (between the USA and USSR)"

—Ed Raykihnshteyn

the 1980's began, Komosol chief Boris Pastukhov sees changes occurring in Russian youth as they stray from Communist ideals which place people on the same level. Perhaps the young people are realizing that the system has flaws when the officials of the party are in a high position of wealth and status as they preach the commonality of the people.

"(Youths are) too interested in religion, too hooked on western fads," Pastukhov said.

The USSR has no unemployment, everyone has a job and a place to live. While there is little room to improve oneself, there is never the problem of poverty coming from unemployment. The exceptions to this rule are people with status in the Communist party.

"My friend's father, an officer in the army, brought his son to school in a very nice car," Ed said. "It would be kind of like getting a ride to Southfield High in a limo."

During Ed's first twelve years he enjoyed his friends, neighborhood and nearby parks. He went to see movies, Tarzan and James Bond were popular foreign films. He did not like the three television stations run by the government.

"I miss my old neighborhood and my old house," Ed said.

Today, living in America, Ed feels that some Russian immigrants do not appreciate what they have in this country. Many do not want to work in order to have a better life, when they were guaranteed the minimum in the USSR.

"The government is the only difference (between the USA and USSR)," Ed said.

The ideals that based the Russian Revolution in 1917 yearned for a world where "all members of a community shared in the work and the products". As the government tries to bring about this end and control it, it oppresses people and restricts them in order to maintain such a state.

"People are the same everywhere. The government oppresses (in the USSR), but there are a lot of nice people and of course some bad," Ed said. "I left a lot of friends."

Computer technology improves instruction

By DOUG HENZE
JAY News Writer

In this age of technology, computers are prevalent throughout American society. The use of computers in education increases in popularity every year.

Nationally, the Department of Education has financed a \$5 million research project in computer programs across the country. According to the National Science Foundation (NSF), over 2,000,000 computers will be used by 85 percent of the schools in the US by 1988.

Robert Price, president of Control Data Corporation reports, "Students who've previously experienced difficulty in group learning experience a remarkable increase in computer-based education because they learn at their own pace."

The House Ways and Means Committee recently passed a bill which gives tax credits to companies providing computers to post, secondary and secondary schools. If the bill, which was rejected by the Senate, had passed, the Apple Computer Company was prepared to provide every school in the country with computers!

Computer usage is not restricted to the United States, however, in fact it is almost a universal language in the world today.

According to Arnold Fege of the National Parent-Teacher Association, the United States is behind other nations in computer literacy. He claims that, "the Japanese and western Europeans are miles ahead of us."



Steve Kosinski and Andy Beemer at terminals in the SHS computer lab.
(Photo by Frank Jewett)

One advantage of computer usage in schools is that while instructors usually teach material once and refuse to repeat lectures for individuals, computers can provide endless repetitions.

Included in the recent report on the state's schools by the North Central Association (NCA) was a recommendation for computer lab in its accredited schools. Southfield High met this requirement last June and has already put the new equipment to use.

Computers are used in various ways at Southfield High. Two computer classes are available, offering instruction in the BASIC and PASCAL languages. Students are able to gain hands-on experience on the IBM PC's (personal computers) and IBM Time Share

terminals. Additionally, students working in the Math Lab Resource Center are able to use the Apple computers. Currently, Southfield Schools has 180 computers in use.

However, computer use isn't limited to math applications. Word processors, which decrease the amount of time required to complete an English paper by eliminating the need for rough drafts, are becoming popular among students. The computer allows mistakes to be corrected while still on the screen.

Because of these advantages, word processors are becoming popular. Currently, students in the office-related instruction class are getting a basic overview by learning

basic commands, footnoting and how to delete and move paragraphs.

According to Mrs. Shirley Menzies, SHS business teacher, a new class dealing strictly with word processing will be formed next year. SHS will be getting five new Apple IIe computers in addition to the five they already have. The major difference between the current class and the one planned for next year is that next year's class will cover the uses of word processors more thoroughly.

"If you have a really good word processing program everyone from the fifth grader, learning to write, to the twelfth grader, writing a term paper, could use it," said Mark Tucker, director of the Project on Information Technology and Education, in Washington, DC.

However, computer education isn't limited to high school and junior high school levels. Private colleges are beginning to become involved in the technology wave.

At Clarkston College, in Potsdam, NY, owning a microcomputer is a requirement for admission. Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ has started a similar program and has ever taken precautions to eliminate power failure which may erase programs.

In short, the computer wave which is sweeping the world appears to be a permanent aspect of future education. Schools may be forced to develop computer programs to keep up with the technological advancements of the future.

Non-smokers continue battle for clean indoor air

By ESTEE LIPENHOLTZ
JAY Staff Writer

The first US Surgeon General's report on smoking approximately 20 years ago warned that cigarettes could be harmful to the health of people who smoke. Today many non-smokers regard smoking in public as a violation and feel they have specific rights for their health's sake.

Smoking is now on the increase after a ten-year decline. Approximately 38 percent of American adults now smoke, up from 35 percent three years ago. The percentage of smokers in the 12 to 17 year age bracket went from approxi-

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mately 12 percent in 1979 to 15 percent in 1983. And, a survey of high school seniors conducted by the Institute of Social Research at the University of Michigan in 1983, revealed the first increase in five years of smoking seniors, from 20 to 21 percent.

The smoking minority has to contend with a newly aggressive majority of anti-smokers. Two years ago anti-smoking sympathy helped convince Congress to double the cigarette tax.

The tobacco industry is wealthy and has much influence, but it faces opponents on many sides. Thirty-six

states now restrict smoking compared with five in 1971. Vigorous action is being taken by cities against smoking in public.

In Michigan a bill was introduced on Dec. 21, 1983, very similar to the newly effective law in San Francisco requiring all private employers to provide "reasonable accommodations" for both smokers and non-smokers. If one non-smoker objects to the arrangement, the company must prohibit smoking in the non-smoker's area or face a \$500-a-day fine.

In Michigan the fine would be \$25-a-day if the bill became law. The bill in Michigan would set designated areas where people would be permitted to smoke, but would not affect where smoking is forbidden already. Minnesota is the state with the most restrictions on smoking. Nine years ago the legislature passed a Clean Indoor Act prohibiting smoking in banks, stores, offices and almost any other public place except where specifically designated as a smoking area. Penalties range from warnings to \$100 fines. A consequence for giving cigarettes to a minor are harsher than giving him a "joint".

Medical research has strengthened the non-smokers' rationale. Facts on the ties between smoking and lung cancer, cancer of the mouth, larynx and esophagus, heart disease and strokes has risen over the years to staggering figures. Continued research has suggested dynamically surprising discoveries. Dr. Wilbert Aronow, of the Creighton University School of Medicine



in Omaha showed that angina sufferers develop chest pains when exercising in poorly ventilated smoke-filled rooms more quickly than patients working out in smoke-free areas. Another study done at the University of California, San Diego, found that non-smokers exposed to second hand smoke from their co-workers for 20 years or more had the same respiratory damage that would be found in a "light" smoker of 11 cigarettes a day.

Now there are as many as 50 anti-smoking groups across the US. Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), a Washington based group started in the 1970's by persuading the Civil Aeronautics Board to restrict smoking on

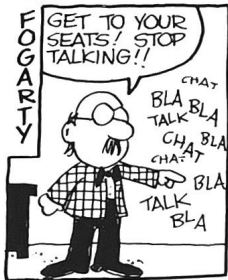
airplanes. These groups are highly supported by the American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association.

Researching how to rid people of the fears of smoking's hazards has been one of the biggest objectives of the tobacco industry's \$1 billion-a-year ad budget. In the last few years a brand of cigarettes containing as little as one milligram of tar captured 60 percent of the market. Recent medical research shows that low tar and nicotine cigarettes do as much harm as good because they prompt smokers to take longer, deeper drags. Lately, instead of stressing safer cigarettes, taste and machismo are the key, such as the ads for Marlboros and Kools.

Because of ads, and old movie greats, teenagers view smoking as glamorous and debonaire. Many teens have stopped listening to long-term health warnings. Many administrators feel that the best way to get teenagers to quit is to emphasize immediate consequences like yellow teeth, yellow fingernails, smelly clothes and hair. Kids like to smoke because "it makes me feel older" one student commented, and disregard all consequences.

Smokers have been banning together to fight the opposition, but anti-smokers feel that eventually they will win the battle over smoking. In the meantime the tobacco industry is confident that their business will continue to prosper — approximately 60 million Americans smoke.

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April Horoscope

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Your motivating drive and the pride you have in your work will greatly enhance your chance to succeed in any undertaking. Continue to work at a pace that is both comfortable and efficient.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
Use your charm to persuade friends to "walk the straight and narrow." Your efforts and concern will eventually be appreciated.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 21)
Your way is not the only way! Try to roll with the punches. Tolerate and accept the weaknesses of your friends and peers. Don't try to change what cannot be changed.

CANCER
(June 22 to July 21)
Unfortunately, arguments among friends do arise occasionally. If you find yourself in this predicament, try to iron out problems as quickly as possible. A prolonged delay may result in a breach very difficult to correct.

LEO
(July 22 to Aug. 21)
Try to be more realistic! Don't lure yourself into a false sense of security by believing that nothing can go wrong.

VIRGO
(Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)
Don't consider intimidating anyone, directly or indirectly, for personal gain. Instead, rely on hard work and determination to succeed.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Disappointment and failure are part of life. By understanding and accepting this fact, you may be able to more realistically cope with your problems.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Don't panic! Don't get overexcited! Take things as they come. Try to solve your problems one at a time, slowly and carefully.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Honesty is the best policy! Don't be reluctant to express your true feelings. If you disagree with your friends, let them know. Perhaps they will agree with your rationale.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)
Moods come and go. However, what you say or do on one of your off days may be long remembered. Carefully weigh caustic comments or criticism before speaking.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)
Be wary of those who offer insincere praise to you or others. Try to determine their true motives.

PISCES
(Feb. 20 to March 20)
Easter is fast approaching! If you haven't already done so, formulate plans now to make this holiday memorable.

Match This!

Even those that are not avid readers are probably familiar with many of the following authors and their novels. Try to match each writer and his or her work of fiction for which a Pulitzer Prize was awarded in the year specified.

AUTHORS

- Thornton Wilder (1928)
- Pearl S. Buck (1932)
- Margaret Mitchell (1937)
- Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (1939)
- John Steinbeck (1940)
- Upton Sinclair (1943)
- James A. Michener (1948)
- Herman Wouk (1952)
- Ernest Hemingway (1953)
- William Faulkner (1955)
- Mackinlay Kantor (1956)
- James Agee (1958)
- Allen Drury (1960)
- Harper Lee (1961)
- Shirley Ann Grau (1955)
- Bernard Malamud (1967)
- N. Scott Momaday (1969)
- Eudora Welty (1973)
- Saul Bellow (1976)
- Norman Mailer (1980)
- John Kennedy (1981)

NOVELS

- The Good Earth
- Gone with the Wind
- Dragon's Teeth
- Andersonville
- Bridge of San Luis Rey
- The Yearling
- The Grapes of Wrath
- The Keepers of the House
- The Executioner's Song
- House Made of Dawn
- Tales of the South Pacific
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- Advise and Consent
- Humboldt's Gift
- The Optimist's Daughter
- The Fixer
- The Old Man and the Sea
- The Caine Mutiny
- A Fable
- A Death in the Family
- A Confederacy of Dunces

Sounds

By SCOTT GREENBERG

U2 leads, others follow

"Fields of Fire", "Sunday Bloody Sunday" and "The Stand" all sound like movie titles, but are actually song titles belonging to three bands who create what is known as "rebel rock".

The first of these bands is a fresh young group of Scots called Big Country. Americans got their first taste of Big Country, when the band's debut LP, "The Crossing", crossed the Atlantic in late August. The album's first single, "In A Big Country" became a hit faster than one can say shillelagh and made these boys "critic's pet".

Part of the reason for their high accessibility is the way that lead guitarist and lead vocalist Stuart Adamson (formerly of the Skids) makes his guitar sound like a bagpipe. The other reason for their listenability is Adamson's "American dream-Scotland style" songwriting.

The rest of the band has quite an interesting background, bassist Tony Butler was offered a chance to join the Pretenders, but turned it down to stick with Big Country. Mark Brzezicki, the band's drummer, is a childhood friend of Butler's. Together, Butler and Brzezicki played for several years in a band with Simon Townshend, until one day, Townshend's older brother, Peter (of Who fame) recruited them for work on his recent solo albums. Rounding out this foursome is guitarist Bruce Watson.

One thing that Adamson can be proud of is the fact that The Edge, lead guitarist extraordinaire of one of the most critically acclaimed bands of recent times, U2, has publicly proclaimed the Big Country axeman as one of his main influences.

After listening to the Edge's blistering fretwork on songs like "New Year's

Day" one would wonder if he would have any influences at all. Along with bassist Adam Clayton, drummer Larry Mullen, Jr. and charismatic lead singer Bono (real name Paul Hewson), the Edge (or David Evans to mom and dad) came across the "big pond" from Ireland in 1981, at the height of the ill-fated "new romantic" scene.

Lost in the midst of what was going on, the critics managed not to let the Irish quartet's first album, "Boy" go unnoticed. This was an album dealing with adolescence through the eyes of a young lad in war-stricken Northern Ireland. Highlighted by songs such as the haunting "I Will Follow" and "The Electric Co.", it was evident that U2's type of growing up did not deal with girls, cars and fast food.

U2's musical commentary continued with "October". Though the lp sold poorly it cemented U2's reputation as a serious young band with a promising future. This album was released in October of 1981.

Until early 1983, the only news from Ireland was of the fighting going on. This is when U2 released the third lp of their career, an album already being hailed as a classic, "War".

In no time, American radio listeners were intrigued by Bono and company's view of the Northern Ireland situation. "New Year's Day", the first single was receiving massive airplay as well as "Sunday Bloody Sunday" and "Two Hearts Beat As One". War had begun and U2 was to come out victorious.

The highlight of 1983 for U2 and their fans, now a thriving mass, was on Memorial Day Weekend at the US Festival. Besides being on the same bill as David Bowie, the Pretenders, Berlin, Stevie Nicks and Missing Persons, U2 gave fans a performance not to be soon forgotten.

During a rendition of "Sunday Bloody

ANSWERS

- 1.E, 2.A, 3.B, 4.F, 5.G, 6.C, 7.K, 8.R, 9.Q, 10.S, 11.D, 12.T, 13.W, 14.L, 15.H, 16.P, 17.J, 18.O, 19.N, 20.I, 21.U

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Cagers cringe over disappointing season

By STEVEN STIMSON
JAY Editor

Southfield High's Varsity Basketball Team has finished their worst season in years with a record of 14-10. "It's funny," Coach Greg Sliwka said. "Some schools would love to have our record with 14 wins and a district championship. Everyone, including myself, expected too much this season."

"I was disappointed with the season. We went through more this year than we ever have in all my years here," Mr. Sliwka said. "We had unforeseen problems that did arise, Berkley affected our confidence, there were distractions from our goals and the competition was keener," he added.

"It was an up and down season," Charlie Hart said. "We didn't always play together. In the games we won we played team ball and in the games we lost, it just was not there."

Southfield's poor record, however, was made worse than normal by the state powerhouses that they played against. Five out of the nine losses came to teams that at one time in the season were ranked in the top ten, and in two cases, the number one team. Both Flint Northwestern and Willow Run were ranked number one in the state when Southfield faced them, with Highland Park being number three.

The Blue Jays looked as if they might turn the season around after the Northwestern game, but it did not happen.

Before winning the Class A Championship, Northwestern's coach attributed some of his team's success to the game against Southfield. SHS played the closest game this year against Flint.



Coach Greg Sliwka

When the playoffs came around, SHS thought the district tournament would be easy to win. After blowing Farmington High out of the gym, it looked as if it was going to be just that. North Farmington had a different idea though. Coming into the game with only five wins, North gave the Jays a scare, but good free throw shooting down the stretch, clinched the seven point win. "We did what we had to do to win," Mr. Sliwka said.

After easily handling West Bloomfield for the district title, Brother Rice

was next, only it was Rice who easily won, handing the Jays a 25 point loss.

"One of the sad things in high school basketball is that all teams except one, end their season on a losing note," Athletic Director Fred Goldberg stated. "Many people expected Southfield High to return to the final four because when you go there for two years straight, it becomes expected. What most don't realize is how hard it is to get there once," he added.

"The reason we did bad this season is that we had no leadership or any team playing," Rod Hurst said.

"It was a disappointing season," Ron Coleman said. "We had no desire to win," he added.

"We learned a lot from this season," Kenny Hollie said. "Unity was the problem. Coaching could have had something to do with it because they have to have a good relationship with the players," he added.

"It's not my place to say anything about Mr. Sliwka's coaching. He is a good coach," Hart stated.

"I believe he is a good coach," Tim Ford said. "But the team and I let him down. He should, though, change some of his ideas on coaching such as discipline," he added.

"He has to do what he has to do. He has very high standards and if his players don't live up to those standards, you saw what happened," Mr. Goldberg said. "I have a lot of respect for him," he added.

Two others who commented on Mr. Sliwka's coaching were Michigan State's coach Jud Heathcote and University of Michigan's coach Bill Freider, both of whom think Mr. Sliwka is an excellent coach.

"Everyone expected this season to be without behind the scenes disci-

pline problems," Mr. Sliwka said. During the season Mr. Sliwka took disciplinary action on six different players.

"We learned this season what happens when you don't give 100 percent or go on an ego trip," Mr. Sliwka stated. We also learned that you must keep young players on the team so you always will have experience when players graduate," he added. "I realized the importance of team unity and I learned that outside things have a lot of influence on the court," captain Vince Baldwin said.

"We'll be back strong next year," Baldwin said. "Experience and speed will be our strong points. We're all going to be close. If we see a problem arise, we will be able to discuss it," he added. "The whole team will be strong with a balanced attack. Everyone will do their share," Baldwin said.

"We have some juniors who could prosper next year," Mr. Sliwka said. "We have five kids who started sometime during the season that will return. I don't know how we'll be next year. A lot depends on how well we do during the summer league and if that carries over into the regular season. I don't think I will ever predict how a season will go again," he added.

"Southfield will be small, but very, very quick. Rod Hurst will lead the 85-86 Blue Jays to the State Championship with the help of Ron Coleman and Co.," said last year's starter Ray Kelsner.

"Any team can be better if they work hard and have the desire to win," Coleman said. "We will work harder next year. We have something to prove," he added.

Rod Hurst goes against Mr. Sliwka's belief of predicting seasons by saying, "Next year we'll be 'noice'".

Girls soccer team kicks off new season

By STEVEN STIMSON
JAY Editor

Girls soccer coach Frank Catalano has a big job ahead of him this year starting with an almost entirely new team because of losing players to graduation.

"I'm looking forward to this season and because we lost so many kids, we're in a definite rebuild status, which means a fresh start," Mr. Catalano said. This year's team has only three seniors on it, captain Mary Taylor, forward Jill McCann and goalie Sheila Kneal.

"Mary is a great mid-fielder and we will build around her. She will be "all-everything" this year and All-State could be included. She has excellent speed, quickness, skill and everything. All things put together, Mary could be the best girl soccer player to ever come out of Southfield High," Coach Catalano said. "Jill will be our main goal scorer, but defense will be the key to wins," Mr. Catalano added.

"It's very possible that we will start six sophomores. We're moving Susie (Cohen) from goal to defense. She is one of the best athletes on the team," Mr. Catalano added.

Some of the underclassmen that coach Catalano feels will help his team are Jackie Dano at defense, Bonnie McCann at mid-field, Kathy Taylor, Nancy Huffman, Lisa Marulli, Karen



JV Soccer players M. Warner and L. Behar (Photo by Frank Jewett)

Michael and Jackie Sturos.

Two of the team's better players are out with injured knees, captain Maureen Troy and Sharon Price. Troy is out for the season and Price is expected to return soon. "Losing Maureen will definitely hurt us since we have such an inexperienced team," Taylor said. Troy narrowly missed making All-SMA last

season.

Southfield plays some tough teams this season including Saginaw Eisenhower, Seaholm and Troy twice each. "All of these teams are always tough and Seaholm has probably the best player in the state," coach Catalano said. "We will play a defensive game with a quick counter attack offense," he added.

Softballers attempt repeat season

By BRIAN HAIRSTON
JAY Staff Writer

The returning Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) Champion Girls Softball Team of Southfield High School kicks off the new season April 9 against Farmington Harrison.

Sixth year coach Mr. Jerry Dolan must lead his Blue Jays against the likes of Royal Oak Kimball, Hazel Park and Ferndale — the league cream of the crop. Mr. Dolan plans to keep his league status "It will take an outstanding season from all my seniors for us to stay on top," Mr. Dolan said.

Captains Lori Silverman and Maria Rabara, both three-year varsity players, are considered tops in the league at their respective positions. Rabara, Silverman and left-fielder Nancy Calley add stability to the Blue Jays, but Pedwaydon will be the difference.

Pedwaydon, the number one starting pitcher, will pitch most of the crucial SMA games, or as long as her arm holds out. The pitcher, the most important position on a girls softball team, must pick up the slack.

After losing four all-league players, the Jays must bounce back with "team work," Rabara said. The team's senior players have been together for four years. The same team that finished first as freshmen.

Chapman excels at sports photography; captures Tigers

By CAROLE GARVIN
JAY Staff Writer

Who do you know that is such a devoted Detroit Tigers fan and avid photographer that she would travel to Lakeland, Florida for one week every spring to watch the Tigers train for spring season? English teacher Ms. Diane Chapman does exactly that.

For the past three years, Ms. Chapman has had a passion for sports and photography because "I love baseball and when I went to the games I enjoyed taking pictures of what I saw."

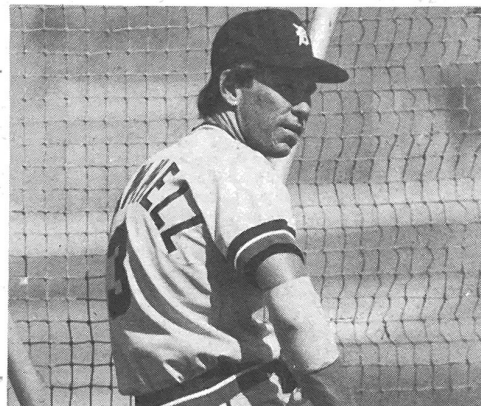
"During baseball season, including spring training, I take about 30 rolls of film."

In fact, the pictures that she does take of baseball players are so professionally done that such Tiger players as Dave Rozema and Glen Wilson always demand copies of the pictures she takes of them.

She also has her own filing system she uses for her sports pictures. "I file the negatives in order by the number and label all the pictures with the proper negative number."

Although Ms. Chapman only considers sports photography a hobby, she does supply her pictures to retail stores who want to carry them, and the stores keep a certain percentage.

"I do sell my pictures because other people seem to like and enjoy them and the money that I do make from my pictures supports my hobby," she said.



Ms. Chapman captures Alan Trammell in pensive moment

The Old Ball Park in Livonia and the Baseball Diamond in Madison Heights are two such stores which carry her photographs.

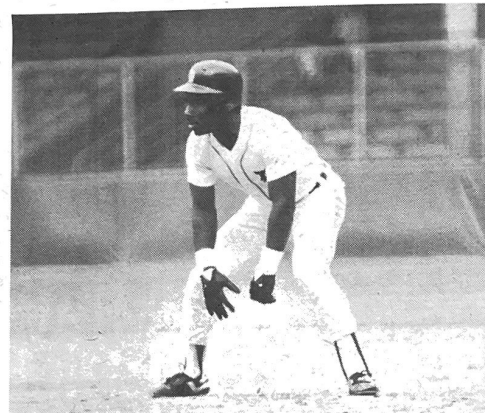
Ms. Chapman admits that when she gets close enough to her subjects to photograph them, she does get nervous. "I'm afraid that they will get distracted by the camera if they are busy practicing."

Her main goal is to sell her pictures to companies that make baseball cards, but feels that they don't have the right quality as of yet.

The kind of camera she uses is an

Olympus 35 millimeter camera with a 500 millimeter telephoto lens.

To show just how strong a baseball fan she is, Ms. Chapman subscribes to two baseball magazines called Baseball Hobby News and Sports



Chet Lemon braces for action as Ms. Chapman's camera catches him.

Collectors Digest. She is also a baseball card collector and attends many of the baseball card shows in the area.

Ms. Chapman estimates her baseball collection to be worth several thousand dollars and for that reason and sentimental value, she keeps it locked up.

Fletcher retires as grappler coach

By SHELLIE ROSEN
JAY Staff Writer

Mr. Calvin Fletcher, coach of both football and wrestling for many years, has announced his retirement as head coach of the wrestling team.

To be the coach of any sport, one must be prepared to give many long hours to the team. Mr. Fletcher explained that he just did not have the time to devote himself to both sports. Especially since they follow one after another in the seasons. Also he said he was not spending enough time with his family and did not have enough of a personal life.

Former captain of the wrestling team George Francis IV said, "Under the direction of Mr. Fletcher the team has done the best in the school's history. And I

fear it will take many years to get the team back to the point that it is now without his guidance. That is, if it ever gets back."

Another wrestler Steven Shopnick said, "Mr. Fletcher has been the best coach I have ever had in any sport. He really knows how to keep you going. I hope he changes his mind and decides to coach next year because he has been great with the team and made it the best ever. I think he has to change his mind because I plan on going all-state next year and as my coach he would get all the credit."

Mr. Fletcher plans on returning as football coach next year. As far as wrestling goes, Mark Pajot the assistant coach this year is interested in the head wrestling coaching job. Both head, and assistant jobs are being posted.



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Tracksters acquire new event

By KELLEY MURPHY
JAY Staff Writer

Southfield Girls Track has two changes this year. For starters, the 100 meter low hurdles will be raised from 30 inches to 33 inches. Secondly, the 3200 meter run is coming to Southfield, and will be run in dual meets.

The 3200 meter run, a relay where four runners run eight hundred meters, about a half mile each. This event had only been run at the Southfield Relays, in which last year, juniors Cecile Baker and Chris Stabile, senior Cathy Relyea and 1983 graduate Elizabeth Kargilis broke the record with a 10:34 time.

The reason this event is being

included in dual meets is so the teams that heavily run distance can have a better chance against those teams that heavily run sprints, like Southfield.

"I think this event is going to help Seaholm and Berkley more than us," head coach Mr. Pete Mazarra said. "Even though Seaholm along with Southfield and Berkley are the favorites to win the SMA this year, we have a good chance of winning it despite this event," Mr. Mazarra said.

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Chris Webster looks on as Kevin Mendelson hurts discus. (Photo by Frank Jewett)

Boys Track — a tough act

By BRIAN HAIRSTON
JAY Staff Writer

The 1984 Southfield High School Boys Track Team has large, quick shoes to fill after the loss of many sensational runners to graduation.

Glen Williams, (who finished second in the state in the high hurdles), Terrace Robinson and Reggie Anderson (the best half-miler coach Mr. Tom Eschmann had ever had), have moved on. This is the same team that took first in the Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) and Oakland County and also placed 13th in the state. But captains Greg Towns, Darryl Sailor, Al Miller and Garrett Dunn are out to fill those shoes.

Mr. Eschmann, the sixth year boys track coach, still has the artillery to finish first, but others do not think so. "They're not looking at us as defending champions," Mr. Eschmann replied, "giving the nod to Ferndale." Besides Ferndale, Troy is also a worthy title contender.

The sprinters once again are the strength of the team. Captains Sailor

and Towns, both four-year runners, add needed experience and ability to the squad. While junior, Melvin Peeples and sophomore Torin Dorn (the Boy Wonder) gives the sprinters more talent for this year and in the years to come.

In the hurdles, Dunn, Miller and junior Joe Peoples will be tough to beat in the league. Dunn, the senior of the terrific trio, has a very good chance of not only competing in state competition, but winning the high hurdles.

Other keys to the Jays success will rely on the legs of two outstanding long jumpers, Jerome Greear and Carlos O'Banion. This duo may even end up fighting it out for all-league honors.

The distance team paced by senior, Mike Cho and junior Ron Aho, with discus and shot putters Rob Montgomery and Don Walker round out the already talented track team.

"If we obtain the three D's — discipline, desire and determination — we shall reach our goals," a confident captain Towns said. The Jays open up at home on April 10 against Lathrup.

Baseball dept. undergoes change

By BOB ELLIS
JAY Staff Writer

The Southfield High School baseball department has taken major steps to improve the baseball program at SHS.

The major changes include coaches, players and practice organization and drills. The new coaches are as follows: For the varsity squad head coach, Mr. Dave Sontag will be in charge with the assistance of Mr. Vern Sontag. The junior varsity team, will be piloted by Mr. Dane Smith, a new teacher in the social studies department. A former ball-player himself, Mr. Smith's baseball experiences include a year at Eastern Michigan University. The freshman team will be lead by Mr. Mark Pajot, who last year was the JV skipper.

"It looks like it's going to be a good year," varsity coach Mr. D. Sontag said. "We've got a good crop of ballplayers," he added.

"Everyone is, looking pretty good so far," Mr. Smith said. "Looks like (the

teams are going to have) a good year," he added.

Last year the varsity squad was under the direction of Mr. Cliff Dubowski, who, on March 17 resigned for unknown reasons. After looking for almost a week, Mr. Sontag was selected for the job.

The first week of practice (Mar. 12-16) the coaches scouted the players and made preliminary cuts. As of Mar. 23 the roster of the Varsity Baseball Team was as follows: seniors, Mike Burwell, Ken Chaput, Tim Delgado, Chris Guyor, John Goldberg, Steve Sontag, Al Wohlart and Kevin Cleveland; juniors, Matt Russman, Gary Lunsford, Mark Litmatta, Adam Hills, Sam Eicher, Tal Crabb and Kevin Palarchio; and three lone sophomores, Jay Jewett and Aidan Lysaght.

"So far it's been great," Chaput said. "It's the first real practice we've had in three years," one third year varsity player stated.

"Even the little guys (freshmen) look pretty good," Delgado said.

The first few weeks of practice were perhaps best summed up by Jay Jewett, "We're going to be great!"

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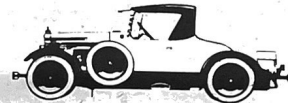
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'Clean Kut' Chris creates computer corp.

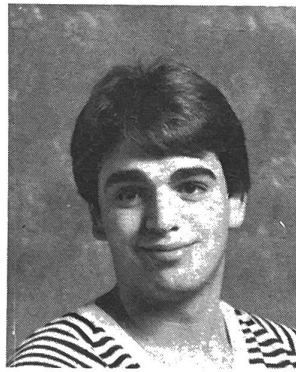
By ESTEE LIPENHOLTZ
JAY Staff Writer

By day he works as a co-op student at the Oakland Intermediate School District and by night he runs his own micro-computer company, DBA Associates. He is 17 year-old senior Chris Koulouras.

"It all started at my brother Spero's graduation five years ago. He received an Apple Computer as a graduation present. Right away I became interested in computers and read a lot of articles. I've always wanted my own company and this was an interesting field with high profit," Chris said.

Chris started his company in his junior year and by cutting lawns with his lawn service "Clean Kut" and with monetary help from his father, he launched the business. Last summer he realized that he was getting behind in high technology and really worked hard to make a name for his company.

Through the years Chris has taken many computer and electronic classes at SHS. Every afternoon Chris is on co-op at Oakland Schools in Pontiac in the vocational education department.



Chris Koulouras

He is a micro-computer robotic specialist and advises teachers and administrators from Oakland County Schools on which computer systems and software are the best for their needs. He also maintains the department's collection of

vocational education software.

In March Eastern Michigan University sent Chris and another student on an all-expense paid trip to Columbus, OH to attend the American Industrial Arts Association Convention showcasing what students are doing in industrial education.

Chris says that electronics teacher Mr. Robert Yonker and Dr. Jim Hannemann from Oakland Schools have been key factors in his high-tech gamble. Chris feels that the reason for his success on the computer is the ease of interaction with the technology.

At present, Chris' business is prospering and he has been able to purchase new computer technology items. In the near future he plans to attend college part-time and work at his business full time.

In ten years Chris sees his computer business prospering and expanding to include the video music industry and laser light technology. He hopes to make enough money to be able to retire at a young age, travel the world and have an extensive automobile collection. □

People

Annie celebrates success of SHS theater

This month, the theater wing of the speech department celebrates its 25th musical production — its "Silver Quarter Note".

Theater at SHS has a long and rich history, which extends to today. *Annie* is not only this year's musical, but it is a celebration of success; a success that has come from years and years of hard work.

Each year, the theater wing puts on a fall play, spring musical, forensic acts, children's theater and spring (drama directors) one-acts. Often, many students work in more than one show at a time. This hard work and dedication has its rewards, in the form of audience approval (applause) on the night of performance.

Let's face it — Mrs. Virginia Borts and Mr. James Bunnell (and the countless other teachers and parents) don't do it alone. The kids are also in school until 11:00 or 12:00 at night; who pull all-nighters so that the enormous set can be painted and textured correctly.

Many hours are spent in the cos-

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will create their own programs.

"I see no reason why the cable classes of the future can't produce their own weekly programs," Mr. Bunnell said.

Southfield-Lathrup is also benefiting from the city's grant. They received approval to construct a full studio. The equipment currently used at S-L will be used as training equipment for next year's classes. The studio will be essentially for students who have previously received training in the use of cable equipment and possibly for cable-wise SHS students.

"Now that the city has taken care of its public schools which were labeled 'high priority', it will be examining the needs of the private schools," Mrs. Sherman said. □



The Notebook

by Amy Goldstein

tume room, measuring, fitting and planning costume schemes. Backstage, full costumes are changed in a matter of a few seconds. At times these changes are accompanied by make-up changes, such as in *Sugar*, where two males were transformed into two females in short order.

Rehearsals for the musicals are held every day after school for months. Perfection is the object. Performers do and redo scenes over and over again. They get tired and fed-up, and just when things look the worst something clicks and it all comes together.

For 25 years, the faculty production staff has guided students in producing such memorable shows as *Oklahoma*, *Hello Dolly*, *Oliver!* and *Brigadoon*. With an average of between 100 and 200 kids working on each production, this year's spring musical reunion party should be large, not to mention diverse! The anticipation surrounding the reunion has added extra excitement to this year's production. The reunion will take place on April 14 in the social hall of St. John's Armenian Church. Approximately 500 people are expected to attend.

Some of the people who will be attending this reunion, the distinguished alumni, produced shows that were performed on the stage in the gym, before the Robert E. Hall Auditorium was constructed. I'll bet that even then, Mrs. Borts was able to bring tears to the eyes of the cast and crew with her green-room speeches and letters!

There is one very special thing about our theater group here at SHS. It is the

close family relationship that develops between members of the Thespians. It's very rare when, at the end of the closing night's performance, there are no tears from at least the seniors.

The love given so unselfishly to the other members of SHS theater is very special. It makes people feel as if they belong in the theater, and gives them a place to be themselves. The "house" is a second home, and the Thespians, a second family.

The long hours and the closeness instill a love of the production, and an immense pride in the finished product. The unity of cast and crew can be seen in the sweatshirts, the friendships and the fact that sometimes actors help in painting, set construction, or other facets of the behind-the-scenes work. Everyone joins together to make the magic of the musical comedy work.

This magic has evoked questions of awe from audience members such as "Where did you get your set? Was it designed by a professional?" No, the set is designed by the assistant technical director or another technical director. And sometimes the entire cast and crew end up painting some part of the set.

Hopefully, now that you have read this article, you will understand a little more about the enthusiasm of theater people. And hopefully you will get just a little enthused yourself as well.

There is only one real way you can show your support for the cast and crew of any musical — that is go, see the production and APPLAUD!!! □

Kaufman shuffles from dynamic dancer to choreographer

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Susie Kaufman, SHS 1976 graduate and student choreographer of the 1975 and 1976 spring musicals, has returned to co-choreograph the 25th musical, *Annie*.

Susie danced professionally after high school and came back to choreograph at SHS because she kept in close contact with Ms. Gayle Maudlin who has choreographed seven spring musicals including *Annie*.

"I think that Susie's expertise in dancing is very beneficial to the show," Ms. Maudlin said.

"I love to dance, I've been dancing all of my life," Susie said. "I'm happy that I can come back now and choreograph with much more background."

Tap dancing at three years of age and ballet at seven, Susie continued with jazz, tap and ballet. After high school she studied in New York with experts in dance Luigi, Ron Farella and at Martha Graham's dance studio.

Susie's credits include performing with the Oakland University Dance Company, in *Showboat* at Opryland, in "Salute to the Stars" at Mr. F's nightclub in Sterling Heights and dancing for Detroit Auto Shows. For the past four years she has been a teacher at Southfield's "Stage Door Dance Studio" which her mother owns.

Susie feels her life has been somewhat like the Broadway dance musical *A Chorus Line*. "I thought that I would be dancing professionally my whole life until my doctor told me that I would not be able to dance because of deteriorating knee caps," Susie said.

Susie will continue teaching at "Stage Door" and is thinking about going to school to become a physical therapist specifically for dancers "because there are few specialists in this area," Susie said. She is also thinking about going into the vintage clothing business.

Right now Susie is enthusiastic about *Annie*. "The 25th musical *Annie* is going to be great. There is a lot of talent to work with and it has been a lot of fun," Susie commented. □

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Sunday", Bono took hold of a white flag and proceeded to climb all the way to the top of the stage set up (too high to even think about). Upon arriving at the top, Bono, accompanied by a delirious southern California crowd, finished the song and threw the white flag he'd been waving into the audience.

Another notable event was on June 5, 1983. A concert at Red Rocks amphitheatre which would be shown on MTV and would be part of a live EP, "Under A Blood Red Sky".

Finally, the last of the big three rebel rock outfits is the Alarm, led by a friend of Bono's, guitarist and vocalist Mike Peters. After two albums (1983's "The Alarm" EP and the brand new "Declaration"), the boys have secured themselves an opening spot on the Pretenders 1984 tour (the Fox Theater show will be reviewed in next month's Sounds). Though much is not known about the Alarm, like U2 and Big Country, success will only be a matter of time. □