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Editorial

Dr. King's dream deserves more than school holiday

By the designation of Martin Luther King Day as a national and school holiday, many feel that the United States and the Southfield Schools have done the slain civil rights leader justice.

The man who gave each and every day of his life to serving others, his country and his God might be a bit disappointed to know that an extra day on the weekend for skiing or relaxing is all that he has received in his honor.

The country that the Nobel Peace Prize winner died for has not given him peace on his birthday. The United States continues to provide covert aid to the killing in Central America.

The country that the human rights leader died for has not given him human rights on his birthday. While the United States takes military action to preserve democracy throughout the world, they refuse to take any action to ensure the democratic rights of oppressed blacks in South Africa.

In Ethiopia, millions of people, many of them young children, are dying of starvation while the people in the United States eat in excess. Is this all we give Martin Luther King on his birthday, a holiday?

The Southfield Schools owe much of the credit for their successful integration to the deceased Dr. King. Can we begin to make students aware of his outstanding work with just a few moments in history, English and other classes or even better with special programs and assemblies?

SHS lives the ideals of Martin Luther King in many ways but we can give so much more to the realization of his dreams. On his birthday, let us give him so much more than a holiday, he gave us his entire life.

We all reflect prejudice — But why?

It is safe to say that every human being, whether he be black, white, Catholic, Jewish, Korean, Indian or otherwise has what are known as prejudices. Whether it be on a conscious level or not, a prejudice is an unfavorable opinion or feeling formed usually beforehand or without knowledge, thought or reason. It does not have to be limited toward sex, race or creed, but can be extended towards fads, foods and opinions.

Why are people prejudiced? There are several contrasting answers. In our society today each individual is a product of the environment in which he or she grew up. That environment includes their parent's ideas and way of thinking. Studies show that parents tend to teach by "cueing" their likes and dislikes to their children and more often than not, these ideas reflect the parents way of thinking. When a hatred for something or someone is perpetuated into a child's mind over and over, that child learns to hate. This process is repeated again and again.

Also, jealousy and bitterness can bring on a prejudice. An analogy to prove this would be to go back five decades to World War II and the Holocaust, when six million Jews were murdered at the hands of Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich. There is a saying, "In a world that affects egalitarianism, the cardinal sin is to be conspicuous." Translated, this means that in a world where everyone has the same ideas and way of life, it is a sin to stand out and be noticed for what you are or what you stand for. Because the Jews stood for money, education and success, they were different from most other people in that era, and because of that, they were used as scapegoats. They paid for their conspicuousness by being annihilated. This is an example of a prejudice that was taken to the utmost extreme.

Furthermore, ignorance is one more reason of how it breeds prejudice. There is nothing to justify ignorance in people. It comes from forming an opinion for or against something without adequate basis.

—Hopefully there lies an answer to how we can stop prejudice in our society today. But until each individual takes a truly deep look at themselves and tries to discover WHY they feel the way they do we are afraid that even though our society is leaning towards being more and more liberal, that alone cannot help to end prejudice.



Sound Off

Students speak out on divorce

Do you think that divorce is the best solution for a troubled marriage?

"No because it doesn't just involve the two people. There are usually other people who become just as involved."

Dan Patterson, 11

"If two people are not going to live together happily then there is no point in them living together at all."

Gayle Jacobs, 10

"If two people can't work it out I think they should get divorced because people shouldn't fight."

Debbie Hunter, 11

"People shouldn't get divorced if there are kids involved because the kids could be shattered."

Marshall Winchester, 9

"If two people want to save their marriage they can save it."

Tonya Wilson, 12

"If people have trouble they should discuss it, try to work it out that way."

Todd Crawford, 10

"You shouldn't go through your whole life being miserable just because you got

married."

Elease Dobyne, 10

"No, divorce is too hard on the kids because they have to spend time with each parent."

Craig Kozicki, 10

"Divorce isn't a good idea because kids sometimes get hurt in the process."

Malik White, 9

"Lots of times people can go to a marriage counselor and see what happens."

Marissa Cordell, 12

"If they can't get along no matter how hard they try, they should get divorced rather than ruin the children."

Chris O'Connor, 10

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Hockey horrors!

To the Editor:

It seems that in the sports section of the JAY something is missing. I think it would be nice if Bobby Ellis would pay some attention to other sports besides hockey.

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Technical crew puts in extra time for 'Black Comedy'

By GAYLE STARR
JAY Staff Writer

Almost everyone at SHS has heard of the varsity basketball and football teams. There are always people at swim meets and in the stands for hockey games. Not many people however, realize that Southfield High has a "varsity theater team".

The 1985 entry in the Forensic One Act competition is *Black Comedy*, by Peter Shaffer. For the next month the 46 people in the *Black Comedy* "family" will be getting the play into shape to compete against other schools. The most immediate goal is district competition which will be the weekend of Jan. 25. Regionals are tentatively scheduled for Feb. 8 and 9 in Ann Arbor and state competition will take place on Feb. 15-16 at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

The Forensic One Acts are different from other shows. One reason is the extra time involved. "When you're competing you have to get things done by a certain time so a lot of time is involved," Tammy Donahue observed. "We're there three to four days a week until about 5:30 pm. Then when it gets really close to competition we start pulling all-nighters. Sometimes we're there until 2 am getting things done and some people literally sleep there."

This extra time spent at school can be a very positive experience for many people. "You meet a lot of new people and make a lot of new friends," Sara Stofer (set director and design chairman) commented. "You also learn a lot about the stage and working with others."

"We get to know each other a lot



'Techies' Ed Solomon, Aaron Konvisser, Holly Kearns, producer Spence Overton and Steve Alexander (*The Great*).

better," key grip Renee Stoll reflected. "There are less people than in a regular show and we spend so much time together that by the competition we can really work well together."

Of course all the time spent at school has to come from somewhere. Sometimes homework has to be put off. Time with the family has been shortened and sleep becomes a mere memory.

"My parents get really upset with me sometimes because I can't do anything around the house," Donahue said. "They say I spend too much time at school, and they never see me. I can't go

up north for the weekend anymore either. I miss it."

"You have to give up your normal life and start living backstage," stage manager Eddie Solomon mused. "Friendships get broken sometimes too and there is always an injury or two but it's all worth it in the end."

It's the competition rather than recognition that makes all the "trouble" worth it for these people.

"I really don't care that much about the recognition," Stoll remarked. "There's a

job to do and I like doing it."

"Sometimes I get mad because people just don't realize how much work we do," Donahue stated. "When you're behind on homework and you haven't slept in days, you wonder if it's worth it, but when it's over you can't wait to do it again. There's such a feeling of accomplishment after competition. That's what's important."

There are other important aspects of forensics besides the competition of course. "I have to be honest," technical director Mr. James Bunnell said. "I want to win and we get frustrated when we don't. But even if I know right now that we wouldn't come in first, I'd still want to do it."

"It takes a special person to be on the forensic crew. There's a certain quality of professionalism that we're looking for. We want someone who is competent, can get the job done on time, and we usually like to pick upper-classmen because we travel and we want the most mature kids possible representing our school," Mr. Bunnell said.

The Forensic One Acts create friends, fun and competition for those who are involved. Director Mrs. Virginia Borts and Mr. Bunnell chose 44 young people last November. By the end of competition they will have become a family.

"If they learn nothing else, *Black Comedy* will teach them a lesson in direct responsibility. There's nothing like having a job to do and knowing that 45 other people are depending on you to do it. Hopefully everyone will learn by watching other schools work as well. Being part of the forensic family is theater on an intensive level," Mr. Bunnell said. □

SHS students join rising tide of apartheid protestors

By ANDY SMITH
JAY Co-Editor

Webster's Dictionary defines apartheid as "the policy of strict racial segregation and discrimination against the native negroes and other colored peoples as practiced in South Africa."

Today, 24 million blacks and "coloreds" live as outcasts, in their homeland, while four million whites hold all of the political and economic power. The blacks or Africans make up 72 percent of the total population but are only 1/3 employed and collect only 29.4 percent of the total wages. Whites are outnumbered four to one but take home 58.7 percent of the money earned in South Africa. All Africans over the age of 16 must be fingerprinted and carry a passbook at all times which includes permits to enter white areas, taxes and family status.

What is the United States, a land known for freedom, doing about the situation in South Africa? While President Reagan calls apartheid "repugnant" he maintains the theory of "quiet diplomacy" which would not affect the 14 billion US dollars invested by US based corporations in South Africa. US corporations are supposedly helping the situations of black employees but many Americans and South Africans who have recently sparked demonstrations across the US feel differently.

"One white man who has been president for four or five years (in the US) cannot know more about our struggle than we do," Neo Mnyimzama of the

African National Congress said. "There comes a time in the life of any nation when they must submit or fight. We must fight."

Many Americans have rallied behind the cause for liberation in South Africa. During December, protests began at General Motors World Headquarters in Detroit, opposing the development of the corporation in South Africa. The Midwest Coalition Against Apartheid has targeted GM for their \$243 million invested along with their having 5,038 workers. Corporations capitalize on the repression of union and political activity along with low wages to produce super profits. GM's hiring of South Africans denies American jobs.

Of the people becoming involved in the local movement, five Southfield High School students have demonstrated at GM.

"It is critical that young people take up this issue because the future of humanity is in their hands," Kgati Satheke of the Midwest Coalition said. "Our people want to be free but they cannot be free as long as US companies and government support South Africa."

SHS senior, Jennifer Barry first got involved in the anti-apartheid struggle because, "I believe in black civil rights. I feel that the US creates many injustices that Americans never know about and don't seem to care about, but I wanted to do what I could to correct the situation."

Another senior, Joelle Gwynn took off from her own "free-time to march at GM.

"I personally feel apartheid is disgusting," Gwynn said. "My family and my race have gone through this in America. When we see another country doing this we have to show them that it is wrong. I don't see how America can just stand and watch. This (protesting) is the least that I can do, if I can stop someone from going through the hurt, if I could just help."

Tony Cho, SHS athlete, NHS vice-president and participant in many

community activities also participated in the activities at GM.

"I totally disagree with apartheid," Cho said. "I am opposed to apartheid and any US policies that support it. This (demonstration) is what I feel I should do."

James Heuer transported the group to the demonstration and received a parking ticket for his efforts but he feels that it

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Explore Detroit's treasures this winter

By JO PARRISH
JAY Staff Writer

Detroit has so much to offer for someone seeking fun and culture during the winter months.

To start off there is the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Historical Museum. They are both located on Woodward just south of the Ford Freeway and are in walking distance of each other.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is open Tuesday thru Sunday from 9:30 - 5:30. There is no admission price but donations are welcomed.

The Detroit Historical Museum is open Wednesday thru Sunday from 9:30 - 5:00. There is also no admission charge.

Stepping away from the educational and historical museums and institutes there is the Detroit Science Center, a fun place to go for everyone, all ages. The price for admission is 75¢ for

children between the ages four and five. For children six to 12 there is a \$3 admission fee and for adults, \$4. The Detroit Science Center is open Tuesday thru Friday from 9-4 and on Saturday 10-7 and Sunday 12-7. It is located in the Cultural Center on John R in Detroit.

Many people enjoy getting out and exercising in the cold winter air. The place for them to have fun and get some exercise at no cost is Hart Plaza. Hart Plaza has outdoor ice skating for everyone providing they bring their own skates.

Then of course there is the Renaissance Center right next to Hart Plaza to do some shopping and grab a bite to eat.

In less than ten minutes away from the Renaissance Center is Greektown. Greektown offers a variety of Greek restaurants to choose from, boutiques arcades and bakeries to visit. □

'Insight' program helping students face drug problems

Insight is the ability to see oneself as others see one; self-knowledge. The sudden grasping of a solution. The "Insight" program now offered at SHS helps students with problems they may be having with alcohol or drugs. The Insight group meets for ten sessions (twice weekly for five weeks) during alternating class hours. The group meets in the Faculty Dining Room.

Students are either volunteers or have been recommended for the program. There is a boy's program with staff adviser Mr. William Wright and a girl's program with Mrs. Susan Pearce instructing.

"Confidentiality" is one of the main rules participants in this program must observe. The students are free to share information about themselves without worrying about one of the members discussing it with someone not included in the program.

Drug use history and family life are some of the main topics discussed during the sessions.

"The program doesn't say don't use drugs. They're bad. It just helps you understand why you sometimes abuse chemicals," one Insight participant said.

Students involved in the Insight program are excused from their classes but are responsible for any work missed.

For more information about the Insight program contact counselors Mrs. Pearce or Mr. Wright.

SHS students finish in top five percent in math competition

Three SHS students finished in the top five percent of the first part of the 28th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

These students are sophomore Craig Freedman, senior Matt Russman and senior Mikhail Tretyak. They are among approximately 1,000 Michigan students to compete in the final examination.

The Michigan section of the Mathematical Association of America, which sponsors the competition, will name approximately 100 student winners and will honor them at an awards program to be held on Saturday, March 2 at Alma College. Half of the winners will receive college scholarships. Last year's scholarships totaled \$15,500.

The contributors of the competition are Burroughs Corporation, Ford Motor Company, the Upjohn Company, Michigan Bell, the Kuhlman Corporation and the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Food For Thought to be better second time around

What college should I go to? Is it normal to be jealous of my best friend? Why do my parents argue so much? To provide answers to these questions and many more, a program is being developed called 'Food for Thought'.

'Food for Thought' is a session that takes place during lunch hour. Speakers talk for the first half of the period and the second half is saved for any personal questions.

A couple months ago announcements about these meetings were broadcast by counselor Mrs. Susan Pearce ex-

plaining where to sign up and what the topic was going to be. The 'Food for Thought' program did not get enough participants and was suspended for awhile. The counselors hope to resume the program shortly.

"This program was designed for the kids and I think it would be very beneficial to go, I hope there is more participation this second time. We have good speakers just waiting. The program is open to everyone," Mrs. Pearce said.

Suggestions on the program or discussion topics are welcome. Address them to Mrs. Pearce in the Counseling Center.

Can Food Drive meets with little success this year

The annual Can Food Drive, sponsored by the Southfield Student Forum began last Dec. 1 but met with only moderate success this year.

"It went very badly because not a lot of people were participating and I think part of that was due to some teachers who ignore student activities. House "B" teachers were great because they participated a lot," SSF member Stanton Stephens said.

When cans were collected they went to the Southfield Goodfellows who in turn distributed the cans to needy families in Southfield. "There are a lot of poor people in Southfield and they are not very well known so this gave the community a chance to give to them," Stephens explained.

The seventh hour class who brought in the most cans was Mrs. Holland's with 103. The class won a pizza party. Individual prizes were awarded to: Alisa Kreitman, 89 cans; Malik White, 38 cans; and Jennie Carroll, 35 cans.



Mrs. Elsa Corral

New language teacher replaces Mrs. MacIntosh

Mrs. Elsa Corral is the new Spanish and French teacher at Southfield High, replacing Mrs. Dorothy MacIntosh who went on a leave of absence in November.

Mrs. Corral teaches five classes, two Spanish and three French.

Mrs. Corral previously taught at Our Lady of the Lakes High School in Waterford.

Mrs. Corral has been teaching for 11 years. She received her degree at the University of Florida and taught there for 3½ years.

"I love teaching at Southfield High School. Southfield High is a great school. It has a lot going for it and I'm glad to be teaching here," Mrs. Corral said.

Thespians to present 'The Wiz' for 26th spring musical

Southfield High School will present the 26th Annual Spring Musical *The Wiz*. There will be four public performances on the weekend of Mar. 15 and 16, 1985 and Mar. 22 and 23. Additionally, one in-school performance will be held.

"*The Wiz* seemed ideal for the kind of talent we had this year," director Mrs. Virginia Borts said.

The cast consists of 13 major speaking parts and about the same number of minor speaking parts. In addition to a large company and a singing and dancing chorus.

The leads at press time in order of appearance are: Tracy George (Aunt Em), Alisa Carver (Dorothy), David Walega (Uncle Henry), Susan Zweig (Addaperle), Jon Carver (Scarecrow), Joe Peoples (Tinman), Doug McCollough (Lion), David Carleton (Gatekeeper), Sean Folster (the Wiz), Angie Spencer (Evillene), Ken Johnson (Underling), Nathan Mass (Messenger) and Natasha Jameson (Glinda).

Talent Show features Sfld. Floormasters, 3 other acts

The results from the SMA Talent Show tryouts are in and four acts were selected. The school talent show will be held on Jan. 29.

The following acts were selected: The Southfield Floormasters (Alfie Miller, Tim Titsworth and Ken Hollie - break-dancing), The Lowerys (Sharon and Alicia Lowery - dancing), Trudy Mitchell with Lori Thomas (singing) and Douglas McCollough with Nathan Mass (singing).

These acts will also perform at other SMA schools during February and March.

The SSF would like to thank the other acts who auditioned.

Students form Jazz Ensemble

A jazz ensemble has formed for students interested in getting together as a vocal ensemble with instrumental backing.

They plan to play at school events and at concerts in the area.

The group meets after school to play jazz and popular music. The Jazz Ensemble is a school activity but is not the same group as the Jazz Band, which does not include vocal music.

Students interested in playing a jazz instrument or singing with the group should contact Joelle Gweyne or Doug McCollough.

Public library acquires audio books

A new collection of books on tape has been acquired by Southfield Public Library through a gift from the Friends of the Southfield Public Library. These audiocassettes are abridged versions of contemporary and classic novels, and some nonfiction works. Many are read by the original author, such as David Niven reading the cassette version of *Bring on the Empty Horses* and J.R. Tolkien reading *The Hobbit*.

The books on tape collection of

audiocassettes circulate for seven days. Other titles in the collection include *The Odessa File*, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, *Murder in the Meus*, *The Third Man*, 1984 and many more.

For further information, call 354-9100.



Mrs. Delores Urquhart

After 17 years Mrs. Urquhart leaves for Board Office

After 17 years of being a valuable staff member, house secretary Mrs. Dolores Urquhart has gone back to her previous job as secretary in the personnel department at the Southfield Board of Education office.

Until 1977, Mrs. Urquhart was a secretary in the counseling center. "Jon Reynolds was the principal then and his secretary was retiring. When she did, I applied for the position and got it," she said.

Before coming to SHS she worked at Lakeshore Junior High School for two years and when she moved her family to Southfield she took a job at the Board Office. She started there in Jan. 1967 and continued working there for six months. Now 17 years later, she is going back to her roots and is taking that very same job.

"I am going to the Board Office because I feel that I need the change. Also, while working here I was only able to take a vacation during the summer, but in the new job I can pick when I want to take one," she explained.

Ms. Terry Mayle, who had been Mr. David Williams' secretary replaced Mrs. Urquhart when she left last Dec. 13. Ms. Mayle's job was posted.

"I think the faculty is losing one of the best secretaries and she is going to be missed greatly by the staff," science teacher Mr. George Schrandt said.

Not only is she going to be missed by the faculty, but also by the people who come into contact with her everyday; SHS students.

"I have never worked close with Mrs. Urquhart but I feel that she was a great addition to the SHS staff," senior Rhonda Schultz said.

"When I went into the office she was real friendly to me and I am going to miss her a lot," senior Janessa Chokreff said.

In the seven years that she had worked for Principal Daniel Hogan, their respect for each other has grown. "Mr. Hogan is the greatest boss to work for and I have a lot of fond memories of SHS. I would still love to be included with any staff functions," she tearfully explained.

"I feel bad for me and good for her that she is leaving because it is what she wants to do. I wish her all the best," Mr. Hogan said.

Divorce: A trauma many teens feel

By DON ANDREWS
JAY Staff Writer

While the greatest worries of many teenagers come along the lines of, "Where is the party?" or "Why doesn't Johnnie Smith even know I exist?," some high school students go through much more traumatic worries — divorcing parents.

One of the hardest things about divorce for children is the fact that not only are they usually the people who least want their parents to split, they become the ones most affected.

An SHS sophomore explains his parent's divorce in which, "My dad said that he and my mom were having some arguments, mostly when I wasn't around, and they were going to get separated. The first reaction I had was to cry. I'm not exactly sure what happened. My sister and my mom both said that there is proof that my dad had been fooling around for at least three years and maybe even 15 years. They told me not to be surprised if I had another brother or sister."

"My sister and my mom said that my dad had been fooling around. . . not to be surprised if I had another brother or sister."

— SHS sophomore

Many divorces come along because of youth. "My mom was 16 and my dad was 20 when they married. The fact that they married so young is what I think caused the divorce," Sharon Price, a senior at SHS believes.

Sometimes a student will even get caught up in a post-divorce conflict as Price explains. "My mom will tell me to say something to my dad and I'll refuse. It was the worst when my parents first got separated. My grandmother came and she wouldn't let me visit my dad because she and my mom both believed it was his fault. I left the house and made them let me go."

While the average teenager will keep wishing they would get back together, they have to realize that the parents are going to be happier apart. "My dad lives in Kalamazoo and my mom here," explains Katie Ulroy, a sophomore at SHS. "I love it. They used to fight all the time. Now he's never home so it's just like they're divorced already. I think they are just staying together because of me and my sister."

One unpleasant task which must be done is informing the children. One SHS junior recalls. "In the beginning of one week, when I was nine, my mother told me that at the end of the week my father had something to tell me. I was actually looking forward to it. I thought we were going on a vacation or something. At the end of the week, my mother told me they were getting divorced and I was really shocked."

One problem children face with divorce is the guilt that it is their fault. "It is very common for some students to bring it upon themselves," said a social worker who answers phones for the Common Ground Hotline which is a crisis intervention center for youth.

One SHS student's parents had a solution to this problem as "they just kept saying 'we love you and you have nothing to do with why we got divorced.'"

It is also hard for some students to accept their parent's remarriage. Remembering parents are loving someone along with the children and not instead of them can be a helpful attitude. "I was really glad when my dad remarried. I was happy for him and I like Barb (his new wife)," Nik Weber, an SHS sophomore said.

Yet children of divorced parents should not expect their family to get along like "the Brady Bunch." Sometimes it does not go so smoothly. "I get along with my step-mom fine but my step-dad and I are always fighting. My mom says it is because we are both so stubborn," Price said.

The custody crisis is also often a problem. The so-called 'custodial parent' is determined on the best interest of the child in cases where there is a dispute. Among the determining factors in such cases are the love, affection and other existing emotional ties between the competing parents. The winner is not always the child.

"I'd rather be living with my father actually, but since the courts picked my mother, I just have to make the best of it and see him as much as possible on the weekends," an SHS sophomore whose parents had been married for 30 years explained of his living situation.

After the court hearings have cleared and the final papers are signed, sometimes children are still left without a permanent home for lack of total custody by either parent. "My parents lifestyles clash a lot. When I live with my dad over the summer, I have everything I need and ever wanted, but when I live with my mom during the school year, we have to count pennies and cut coupons," one student said.

Even when the child lives permanently at his or her desired home, keeping in touch with the other parent can still cause a problem, especially in a total custody situation. "It's kind of sad, but the less I see my father, the less I miss him. It really hurts when we get together and I don't look forward to those situations," one junior explained.

Although many students feel it could never happen to them, the fact that one half of all marriages end in divorce cannot be ignored. This means that everyone in these not-so-unusual families is going to have to work together and work harder at understanding the positions and feelings of the other family members.

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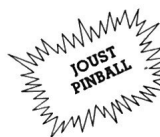
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Is SHS a microcosm of society's prejudice?

By CAROLE GARVIN
JAY Co-Editor

Often times, Mindy and Sidney would reveal to each other for whom they held their latest passion. It came as a surprise to Sidney when Tyrone Jackson was revealed as Mindy's new love interest. "But Mindy, he is black!" This is a subtle example of the many prejudices that exist in our society today.

A prejudice is defined as a dislike toward a specified group for a reason that is felt justified. "EVERYONE has a prejudice though many times it may be an unconscious one," school psychologist and Human Relations specialist Mrs. Leslie Hughes said.

According to the book, "Teenagers Themselves, symptoms of prejudice are easy to detect in early stages. The carrier may exhibit a dislike or distrust for stereotyped groups which can be shown by racial jokes or by outbursts of crude names. As it takes full control, the carriers judge people on the basis of their sex, skin color, nationality, financial status and religious affiliation. Unfortunately, the disease is highly contagious.

"I think our society passes it on to each other without realizing it. People may hear their family say, "I do not like black people" and unconsciously they may not know why they hate them, but their parents have always said it," Mrs. Hughes explained. "I also think individual experience has perpetuated it and it is generalized to a whole group of people."

Although there are many diverse theories as to how people first contract a prejudice. Psychology teacher Mr. Robert Pearce has his own theory. "I

believe it exists because the human brain tends to find it easier to see differences in people rather than similarities because of poor cultural training."

In an informal interview, various students were asked their views on prejudice.

1. What is your prejudice and why?

"I am prejudiced against people who are against marijuana. If a person takes weed, people think low of him for no reason and I don't think that is fair," sophomore Bob Bashir said.

"In our society I do not like the fact that Jews are stereotyped as being rich and that they are looked down upon. I have never had any comments about Jews used against me but when I see it used against other people it angers me," sophomore Melissa Adelson explained. "A person should not judge another person for what they are. It is who they are that matters."

"I am prejudice against people who don't act as intelligent as they can act. I have always been taught by my parents how to act and how not to act and it would degrade myself to be seen with people who act like that," junior Kathy Woolfolk said.

"I am prejudice against people who act tough to try to hold up an image because I like people who are themselves," junior Glenn Millstone said.

"I have a prejudice over people who take advantage of other people's feelings purposely. I have a lot of friends who play sports and are in the public eye a lot," senior Rhonda Schultz explained. "They are the ones who take advantage of their

friends because they feel they are too good and they should be looked up to. They are just as equal as anyone else."

2. Does your prejudice ever get in the way of making a personal judgement for or against other people?

"Yes, because if a person introduces themselves with a type of arrogant attitude, I immediately pass judgement on them that they use people and are out for themselves," Schultz said.

"No, because I like a person if he is nice and it does not matter what the person thinks," Bashir said.

"It gets in the way all the time but I have to learn not to judge people on first appearance or make a pre-judgment," Woolfolk explained.

"Yes it does get in the way because if a person tries to act like someone tough, I will think less of him," Millstone said.

"I think I may try to overlook that person's flaws and judge them for themselves," Adelson said.

3. Is prejudice at SHS increasing or decreasing?

"Prejudice in our school is decreasing. I'm proud to say that I have friends who are not only white, but Chinese, black and a wide diversity of other ethnic groups," sophomore Enid Solomon said.

"Prejudice is definitely decreasing. I feel very lucky to be going to a school where there is harmony between different backgrounds and races," Bashir said.

"It is increasing because different races are coming in and people with different backgrounds," Millstone said.

"I feel it is decreasing because the



population here is starting to even out between races," Schultz said.

"There will always be prejudice. Everybody is prejudiced whether they admit it or not. There is always room for change but I do not think it will come now because," Adelson explained, "people always have a past and people always remember the past and, with that, there is always prejudice."

Although answers varied, one person who feels there is not a lot of prejudice at SHS is Principal Dan Hogan. "I do not think the student body reflects the normal population of society where prejudice is more prevalent. We have made a lot of effort to get different cultures together and realize people are just people and most people are good."

Although everyone does have a prejudice, whether it be a conscious one or not, sophomore Clarence Rose is someone who does not let his show through.

"I am prejudiced but I do not have enough that it bothers me, because I have been around all kinds of people and people are just people," he explained. "If someone does something to me, I will be angry because of what they did, not because of their heritage or race."

Although prejudice is evident in everyone, students do suffer psychologically from it. "It does hinder their emotional psychological and social growth because they will put up a barrier towards that group and never learn what that group is like," Mrs. Hughes explained.

Our society may or may not get more lax towards prejudice in the future, but right now Mr. Hogan is trying to make less of it within the microcosm of SHS.

"My focus is on two major things. One is to help people develop a positive attitude, and this is by having a positive attitude myself. We also have our retreat program, Postive Peer Influence and faculty meetings," Mr. Hogan explained. "My other focus is to work with the central office administration, our parents and our kids in having a positive school climate. This has to do with how people interact with each other and it is about people feeling good about being here because this place is where people are warm and happy."

King holiday long overdue — but is it enough?

By ANDY SMITH
JAY Co-Editor

The Southfield Public Schools will recognize the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a school holiday for the first time ever when students receive a day off on Jan. 21, 1985, the Monday following final exams.

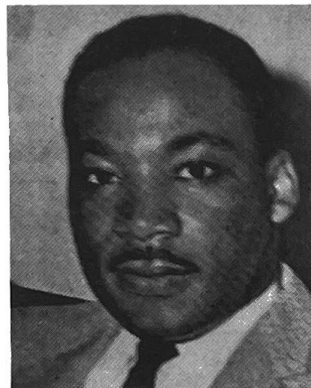
This holiday comes 17 years after the civil rights leader's death and a year following the designation of a national holiday.

"I feel it is about time that the work he has done is recognized with a holiday," senior Keith Goldwin said. "He deserves it as much as George Washington or any other president. He helped not just blacks but also whites, and other minorities. Most black young people take for granted what we can do as blacks because of Dr. King. The students should be more aware."

Dr. King was seen as a radical by some, a communist by others such as Jesse Helms and at least controversial by many. His life was taken not by natural causes but by a gunshot on Apr. 4, 1968, in Memphis. Today, at Southfield High School, though, a wide variety of students see Dr. King as the hero.

"He won civil rights for blacks but also for other ethnic groups such as Jews and Hispanics which they deserve under American law," junior Debbie Schlusel said. "I think he is worthy of a holiday in his name."

"He fought for civil rights, for the rights of the people," senior Rob Schultz



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

said. "It was a time when blacks couldn't ride the bus and sit where they pleased. Now they can. He was a good leader."

While the consensus seems to be that Dr. King was an outstanding leader worthy of recognition, many people around SHS do not feel that a day off does enough.

"King's birthday deserves a national holiday but instead of a day off there should be special programs so that people know what the holiday is about," Ms. Charlene Mitchell, who grew up during the civil rights movement, said.

Freshman Rob Anderson commented, "I don't know enough about him" and that he was not aware of the coming

holiday.

Last year the Civic Citizens of Southfield/Lathrup Village had their first celebration in honor of Dr. King because as Civic Citizens vice president Mr. Eric Coleman commented, "The city was not doing anything as far as Martin Luther King was concerned." The celebration, held at the Civic Center, was an overwhelming success and will be moved to the SHS auditorium for this year's activities on Sunday, Jan. 13.

This year's guest speaker will be Detroit Mr. Joseph E. Madison who is the National Director of Voter Education for the NAACP. Mr. Madison registered over a half-million voters in 28 states for the 1984 elections. Also featured for the program will be guest gospel choirs and the winners of the essay contest on the subject "What Martin Luther King Means to Me."

"There is a problem with students that they just don't know about Dr. King and some don't care," Mr. Coleman said. "What black kids today don't realize is that they wouldn't be living in Southfield or going to SHS if it wasn't for Martin Luther King."

"I feel this country has gone in the opposite direction concerning civil rights since King's death," Ms. Mitchell said.

"I'm just glad that the holiday is here," SHS teacher Ms. Roberta Feinstein said. "It is appropriate to honor Martin Luther King. He did a lot for the integrity of all humankind by not allowing people to be treated as sub-humans."

Exchange program: Chance for foreign friendship

By ERIKA HUICK
JAY Staff Writer

Mindi Phillips had the chance to learn about a foreign lifestyle when Irif Soto came from Israel on Aug. 13 to live with her family for four months.

Soto came to Southfield through a program that Temple Israel is involved with. "Each year the Temple sponsors foreign students to stay with high school seniors," Phillips said.

"I got to know exchange students through this program and really got along with them. I always wanted to have someone stay with my family, so my Rabbi arranged it," Phillips said.

"It made me happy to live here, when I compare it to what I learned about her country."

— Mindi Phillips

One week before the exchange student was to come to live in Southfield, the Phillips' received a description of Soto. Before this, Mindi had to write a paper to the exchange program sponsors telling about herself and her family.

The family cleared out her college-bound brother's room for the exchange student. They also bought separate Israeli food so that Soto could "keep kosher."

Phillips' first impression of Soto was positive. "I was getting lost looking for

her at the airport, when she saw me, she came up and just hugged me."

They found they had a lot in common. Both felt it important to have close friendships and 'keeping in touch' with friends.

There were also a lot of differences, some because of culture. Soto came from a family of five brothers and sisters, she was in the top of her class in Israel and the standard of living in her country was different.

Despite differences the Phillips family and Soto got along well. "We were lucky. She was a really cooperative person. She loved our family — our grandparents and cousins, too and she got along well with everybody."

Soto attended Southfield High from the first day of school until Dec. 1.

Soto noticed a big difference in the student/teacher relationships here compared to that in her high school in Israel. In Soto's school, students would call their teachers by their first names and had more of a personal relationship with them. Students would go to a teacher's home after school if they had a problem.

She liked Southfield High and found it very interesting. "She told me she didn't understand the bad attitude some people have here towards this school," Phillips explained.

History, government and psychology were some of the classes she took here. "She did well considering the language difference," Phillips commented.

While staying in Michigan, Soto really enjoyed some of the events we take for granted. In early fall the Phillips took her



Mindi Phillips with exchange student Irif Soto at Metro Airport.

on a color tour of Mackinac Island. Seeing the leaves change was something new for her. So was the first snow that fell when they were at Camp Tamarack with a youth group. "She appreciated the differences in seasons that they didn't have," Phillips said.

Phillips found that living with someone from another country "made me more patriotic towards America, like I never thought I would be. It made me happy to live here, when I compare it to what I learned about her country."

Through this experience, Phillips came to feel that in general Americans are

not very interested in other cultures. "There are lots of people with lots of different backgrounds, but they don't care enough to learn about each other's cultures. In Spain and France they learn English, but here we really have no desire to learn about others," she said.

Taking time to get to know exchange students or writing to a pen pal in another country are ways Phillips recommends to learn about other people.

As an exchange hostess, Phillips also realized the responsibility of having someone stay with her family. "Irif was more like a sister. It was fun — she was definitely not like a guest — but I also had responsibilities like driving her where she needed to go and making special plans around her. I had to be there if she needed anyone and I couldn't be rude like people can be with their real sisters."

Soto left Michigan Dec. 1 and flew to Florida to visit a friend who is also an exchange student.

"I miss her being around the house. It feels like someone's gone," Phillips said. "We miss her during General Hospital, too. She would fawn over 'frisco.' She was very impressed with American TV."



Holly Kearns finds France fascinating

By ERIKA HUICK
JAY Staff Writer

Holly Kearns was able to spend 3½ weeks in France through an exchange program that took place at Southfield-Lathrup High School in October and November.

Kearns took French at S-LHS as part of the IB program in the eighth grade. Her former French teacher Mrs. Alice Stanley, also the head of the S-L foreign language department, invited Kearns to join 14 of S-L's students in an exchange program with a school in Meudon, France.

"I wanted to go because I thought it would be a great experience and would be educational," Kearns said.

Before going to France she had to write a letter describing herself to a family in Meudon. She was also told she would have to speak French and would be staying with a family near the French school. Kearns had no idea what the host family would be like.

"I really didn't know what to expect. I just know that it would be fun and exciting — and it was," Kearns explained.

Her first impression of France was in the airport. "Our plane landed just before the city went on a general strike. We were going through customs when everyone went on strike and started working really slowly — the guy stamping our passports, the traffic — everything slowed down. It was pretty frustrating."

The family Kearns stayed with in Meudon she found to be very strict. "They didn't have TV and there was no music in the house. Their daughter

just did homework after school and went to bed at 9 pm."

Out of the 3½ weeks in France, Kearns spent one week with a different family on a vacation at their grandparents farm in the French countryside.

"That was fun because the family was on vacation and we didn't have to study. We rode horses and picked corn."

The 15 students visiting France stayed with different families, but they did go to the same French high school in Meudon, a suburb like Southfield.

Kearns said the classes at their high school were different because they always had the same people in every class.

They also went to school on Saturdays but for only half the day on Wednesdays.

The French students were a lot like Americans, said Kearns. "They would joke around. They'd make jokes about us, but we couldn't get what they were saying in French!"

Some of the classes Kearns took in France were French Lit(erature), English, biology, chemistry and physics.

She also received her assignments for her classes at Southfield High to do in France in order to keep up.

Besides going to school in France, Kearns went to the top of Eiffel Tower, visited the French museums and ate at Burger King.

"I saw 'Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom' with some French friends. It was subtitled and they all were leaning forward to read them while I just sat back and listened."

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Make time for extracurricular activities

By GAYLE STARR
JAY Staff Writer

Most teens flip on MTV after school or see what their favorite soap stars are doing but there are many SHS students who cannot find time to do homework let alone watch TV. These people are involved in after school activities at SHS.

Southfield High School has a wide range of extracurricular activities to choose from. The school offers everything from diving to drama or basketball to band. Interested students can develop a talent, make new friends and feel as if they have really done something for the school.

Many people take advantage of these programs and fill their lives with different kinds of school related activities. The problem is that sometimes school work has to suffer. Many times people really have to think about what is really more important.

"It's important to do well in school," Susan Zweig commented, "because your future depends on it. But extra activities are just as important. It's a great feeling to give something to the school. When I come back I want to be remembered for something I did for the school not because of a grade I got."

"My education is undoubtedly the most important thing for me," swimmer Jerry Josen remarked. "It's my grades that are going to get me into college — definitely not my swimming ability."

Josen manages to swim, work at the radio station and participate in the IB program all at the same time. There are some people, however, who are not so interested in school work. Why should a star athlete for example, care what kind of grade they get in algebra?

"It's important to do your best at both," math teacher Mrs. Barbara Fletcher stated. "There are good athletes with bad grades and good athletes with good grades, which do you think the colleges

are going to pick?"

"Chances are that you're not going to make it as a career in whatever your activities are," hockey player Brian Chaput observed. "You really need something to fall back on."

Sometimes there seems to be a double standard about extracurricular activities. Students complain that teachers say to get involved and then they give homework on the night of a big game or show.

"There are many different activities at this school," Mrs. Fletcher remarked. "They're all on different days so it's hard to have tests on days when no one has anything going. In my class people always know about tests a week in advance. That gives plenty of time for studying."

"I'd like to blame everything on teachers but I really can't," Chaput stated. "They have a job to do just like I do."

"A teacher's job is to educate," Principal Dan Hogan stated. "Teachers

should be sensitive to people with after school activities because these things are very important.

"All my kids did activities during high school and they were very successful academically. Not only is it possible to do both but kids should do both, especially in this school where there are so many good things to do," Mr. Hogan said.

With all the extracurricular activities that SHS offers one wonders why people do not take advantage of them. There are some students who work and do not have the time. There are also people who prefer not to participate for one reason or another.

"I just go home and do something," freshman Rob Anderson said. "I want to wrestle but I have to wait to get my braces off."

"It's my first year here," junior Carol Secrest remarked. "I want to get to know the school before I try anything. I'll get involved next year when I know more." □

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U2 dares to destroy barrier between band, audience

This column has been a forum for many of my rock 'n roll experiences, but I recently had a rock 'n roll experience that transcended the borderlines usually set by rock music. One weekend in December was spent seeing two U2 concerts, and I did more than see two concerts.

I've seen probably 40 concerts in the last three years and they cannot even compare to what U2 was, because U2 was so much more. U2 was spiritual, U2 was, I dare to say, the most moving experience of my life. To many, music is entertainment, and just that is fine — but music can be so much more.

This quartet from Dublin, Ireland have had the courage to take the sex and drugs out of rock 'n roll and confront the social, political and religious issues of today.

After the Detroit show, while I hung around to meet my heroes, someone asked frontman Bono Vox how he got involved with the Band-Aid song and video before Christmas to "feed the world."

Bono replied, "How could I not have gotten involved."

U2 have courage and class beyond comprehension. The issues are confronted in "Sunday Bloody Sunday", and when a fight broke out in the crowd during this song, Bono stopped the show.

"Hold a spotlight over here," Bono screamed, pointing towards the incident. "I don't want any fighting at a U2 concert. No trouble, no violence. The only thing we destroy here is the barrier between this stage and this audience."

The crowd erupted with thunderous applause.

"Just calm down here. Just CALM DOWN! You know what this song is about, 'Sunday Bloody Sunday', it is not a call to violence, it is a call to the opposite ... all right, Electric Co...."

Bono ripped into the uplifter and when it came time for his improvisational "Why must I hide from myself when I need the crowd, I love this crowd!!!" (All to the tune of "Send in the Clowns"), he carried it a bit further with the chorus of "Amazing Grace," which in Cleveland sent salty water streaming down my face.

Before playing "Bad" an anthem against drug use, Bono was moved to tell a bit of a story.

"**W**e come from Dublin city and this is a song about Dublin city. This is not a song that portrays Dublin as a fair city but as a very unfair city. A song about a love affair between a man and not a woman, but the drug heroin," and in Cleveland he added, "this is not just about heroin, it could be about any drug, you can be addicted to anything."

This is a far cry from the tactic used by many heavy metalers to praise the

pot smokers with calls like "what is that smell?" With the energy that Bono, Edge, Adam and Larry put into a show, they can hardly afford to be on anything except the love of God and the people gathered.

When the playing of the single "Pride" came, the house was brought down and a picture of Martin Luther King in the backdrop brought more applause as the crowd sang along, "Early morning April 4/a shot rings out in the Memphis sky/Free at last, they took your life but they could not take your pride ...". In case people still don't get the message, when you buy the record, the single's sleeve has a quote from the late Rev. King.

"I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of thermonuclear destruction. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant."

With "God bless you" and "good-night", U2 proceeds to lift the crowd very high with an inspired "Gloria" and the early single "Party Girl" before ending the concert.

The final song "40" was one that the band wrote "when we couldn't write anything else." The words are the first three verses of the 40th Psalm. Thanks to U2, I have been able to "sing a new song." God bless you.

Following both the Detroit and Cleveland shows I let some energy wind down while waiting outside of the back doors of the Fox Theatre and Music Hall respectively. Along with Joe and around 30 other hard-core U2 fans, I watched while roadies loaded the trucks.

After what seemed like a good while in the cold, Adam Clayton emerged from backstage. I rushed to thank him and shake his hand. I gave him a U2 inspired poem (not so outstanding, since a great deal of what I write is U2 inspired) which he seemed impressed to receive and thanked me for.

Shortly, Edge also came forth to meet the many mentors and autograph seekers. I also gave Edge a poem, and thanked him while shaking his hand. Not long after meeting Edge, a friend informed me that Bono was around the corner. I ran quickly to the rear of the crowd surrounding him.

"Bono, God bless you," I hollered. Bono looked up, smiled and waved before going back to talking with the fans around him. He waited ever so patiently while everyone got a chance for an autograph, a handshake and in the case of many young women, a kiss.

When I finally reached my most sought after hero, I chose from over a hundred

she is trying to do.

"I feel that the US is involved in too many oppressing activities. Blacks have gone through so much, they have the right to be free. The US claims to support freedom when in fact they financially promote slavery, poverty and denial of human rights in South Africa," Barry said. "This represents a small portion of American financed oppression all over the world."

Mnyimzama, who has been in South Africa, left one final call: "Justice is for all of us, not for some of us."



Sounds

by Andy Smith



Ireland's best exports, U2 are Adam, Larry, Edge, Bono.

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"When I was 15, I was listening to John Lennon and wondering where the message of peace was today. And then I listened to U2 ..."

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say he knew exactly how I was feeling. He squeezed my hand and said so very kindly, "Take care, I'll see ya."

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was more than worth his time.

"As a reflection of our illustrious president's recent meeting with Bishop Tutu, the US government is also a supporter of the apartheid system," Heuer said. "I would gladly give up the time to fight for the freedom of blacks in South Africa and all oppressed people of the world."

Barry, who first gathered SHS students to make a witness about what is going on in South Africa, feels most people need to be made more aware, which is what

Undefeated cagers aware big games lie ahead

By **ANDY SMITH**
JAY Co-Editor

The Southfield Blue Jay basketballers have begun the season as planned, undefeated. The first real tests for the team will come in the next two weeks when they will play the highly touted and respected teams of Highland Park (on Jan. 15) and Flint Northwestern (on Jan. 21).

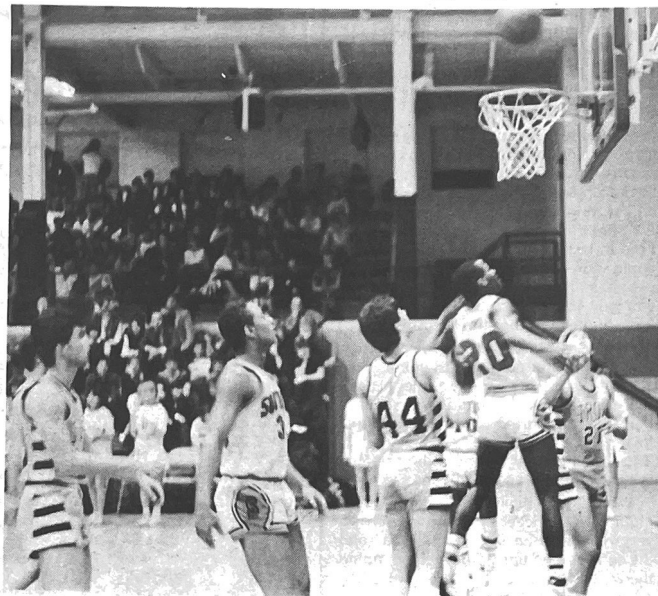
"Flint Northwestern is the biggest game I'll ever have in my life," senior captain Vince Baldwin said.

"These games will prepare us for the state tournament," head coach Mr. Greg Sliwka said. "We have to beat teams like that on their own floor, play with them and challenge them. If we win one of the two, we will be happy."

The season began with a big win against rival Southfield-Lathrup. The Chargers got out 8-0 at the start before the Jays began to run off points, capped by an earth-shaking slam by Ron Austin. The Jays rolled to victory from there.

The team struggled a bit against Plymouth-Salem and Troy but the smallest victory margin was nine points. Mr. Sliwka feels that the team was still not playing well enough, though, to contend with top teams.

"Teams seem to be prepared for us and have been setting the pace. We need strong defense to dictate the pace and we need to dictate the pace if we will be a top team in the state," Mr. Sliwka said.



Blue Jays Ron Austin and Rod Hurst wait for a rebound. (Photo by Micah Shawn)

Luckily, the Jays have not faced the formidable opponent that will force them to play a certain game. Baldwin has been leading the way, scoring wise, with

Kenny Hollie right behind. Hollie was named a Free Press Prep Star of the week for his 31-point performance against S-L.

"That made me feel that we were getting the recognition we deserve, at least through myself," Hollie said.

Good press, can sometimes cause problems, though.

"We got good pre-season speculations and I think we've gotten a bit too cocky," Mr. Sliwka said. "We do not have the intense attitude that we need."

When the team faces Highland Park on Tuesday, the players need to be ready to settle down and play ball. The players want to run the ball and let loose with the big scores they enjoyed over the summer. Good defense needs to come first, though, so that they can produce the necessary turnovers.

"We just need to go out and take care of business," Baldwin said. "This is it. We have to do everything we ever dreamed of right now. There is no tomorrow. We have to do everything possible."

When it comes to support off the bench, Southfield has found it in Darryl Gray and Ramsey Hardey.

The other members on the bench seem to have the right attitude, always ready for their chance and willing to support the starters.

"I need to do my part cheering for the people on the floor, my time will come," junior Ron Coleman said.

The Blue Jays time will come, also, especially if they can produce victories in the big games over the next two weeks. □

Pucksters bow to Lathrup, plan to upend league leaders

By **BOBBY ELLIS**
JAY Sports Writer

After getting checked, speared, tripped and hauled down, the Blue Jay Varsity Hockey Team has begun the season on a sour note. The Blue Jay Iciers, after recently losing to city rival Southfield-Lathrup for the first time in four years, is forced to face the rest of the season with an 0-9 record.

The Varsity Squad, lead by captains Jay Jewett and Brian Chaput, has so far not enjoyed a productive season but are looking forward to resuming the schedule after the holiday season.

"I think we have really grown as a team," Chaput stated. "For not playing together ever before, we have done a tremendous job."

"We have nothing to lose," Jewett said. "We are picked to finish last but that doesn't mean a thing. If we work hard we can be the spoilers for the rest of the year," he added.

In the first game of the two-game series against Southfield-Lathrup, SHS, despite losing by a final score of 7-5, battled back from a three goal deficit to make the game close but their comeback attempts fell short as the score indicated. Stand-outs in the game were Jewett who had two goals and added two assists and Chaput who also had two goals and added one assist. Other important players were Eric Sedler who faced 41 shots on goal and Kevin Galin who tallied the fifth and final goal.

Throughout the year defense has been a problem and team size another. Despite Southfield's disappointing record, the Jays have managed to keep themselves in most games and give an all out effort.

"It is hard to play teams like Churchill

and Andover who can throw 20 players out at you," head coach John MacFarlan stated. "Most teams have cut ten or 15 guys and can put their best out on the ice."

In the icers upcoming games they play Livonia Stevenson on Jan. 15 and Wyandotte on the 16. In the first game of the season SHS lost to Stevenson by a score of 9-2, but the rematch as stated by the players could be very different.

"We have a good chance to give

Stevenson a run for their money," Todd Crawford said. "Now that we know their big players and their game tactics we have an excellent chance. Hopefully they will go into the game a little cocky too," he added.

The main players Stevenson will be fielding are Steve Cox, a senior who is second in the league in scoring and senior Pat Conway who is the Livonia muscleman and team bouncer. If the Jays keep these players intact, the games outcome could sway in Southfield's favor.

"Cox and the Conways are their big players," assistant coach Jack Tucker said. "If our defense strengthens up and our goaltending is good our chances are excellent."

Whether or not the Iciers can put on the afterburners and become the Suburban Prep Hockey League spoilers is yet to be seen. The players feel they are ready and the coaching staff is behind them. The Jays are working hard to mature as a team, the rest is up to them. □

Finishing fourth all right with struggling icers

... The Varsity Hockey Team has so far had a pretty rough season. At press time, our record was 0-9. Right about now that fourth place finish looks pretty good.

... By any chance did you get a chance to read the story about the WSHJ sports-casting team? By now, "sportsbuster" Sam Eichner probably has three walls of his bedroom wallpapered with page 9 of the December JAY.

... Let's give Athletic Director Fred Goldberg a nice round of applause. Last month he won the Super Staff Member award and with the tough schedule he has, that's like winning an Olympic decathlon.

... The photos of last year's award winners for spring sports, were recently put up in the Blue Jay hall of Fame. If you get a chance, take a look at Steve Sontag, the All-SMA Varsity baseball player. Is he a little kid at heart or what?



Essentially Ellis
by Bobby Ellis

... I think we should give freshman photographer Micah Shawn a nice big thank you. For not having any real means of transportation except his two feet, he has done an excellent job taking pictures for the JAY here at SHS.

... The Varsity Basketball Team after adopting their new theme of togetherness, has done an excellent job on the court this year. However, their real tests are yet to come. On Jan. 15 they play Highland Park and on Jan. 22 they play Flint Northwestern.

... I recently ventured into the varsity jacket and sweater establishment, Art Knitting Mills, to order a varsity jacket.

After waiting a month it was okay, but now it's been two months and I am beginning to get a little ticked off. I hope it is ready by the time I graduate.

... I personally root for Tyrone Green, Jay Jewett, Rod Hurst, Josh Teicher, Sam Eichner, Jim Heuer, The Miami Dolphins (especially Dan Marino), the Edmonton Oilers, Rudy Redmond and the entire Girl's Volleyball Team. In my opinion these people represent the true meaning of athletics.

... Let's give senior Jim Heuer some well deserved credit. He has not missed one varsity hockey game this year. I wish more SHS students would follow in his footsteps. □

Swimmers sacrifice spare time for the sport

By ANDY SMITH
JAY Co-Editor

While most students spent their holiday on vacation, with family, staying out late and sleeping in, the men of the varsity swim team spent the time training to become better swimmers.

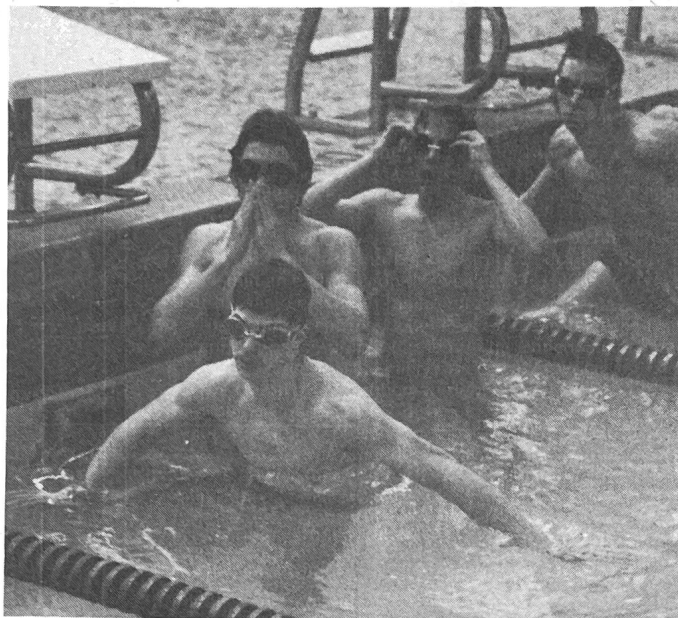
The swimmers spent four hours of their day in the water, putting on more yardage than they have all season. They practiced everyday of the vacation except for Christmas and New Year's so that a select few swimmers could reach the goal of 100,000 yards for the vacation. That translates into 58 miles, all of them in the swimming pool.

"We have a central core of trainers that want to go fast," head coach Mr. Bob Harding said. "They believe that this work will help them go faster. There is also a certain amount of prestige involved with doing that much work."

Co-captain Chris Packala, Mike Landgraf and Keith Enyedy worked hard enough to achieve their goal. Erik Enyedy and Todd Lorang also deserve credit for surpassing 70,000 yards.

"It seems bad at the time but when late February (the time of the league meet) rolls around it will be well worth it," junior Erik Enyedy said.

"Although you are very tired and extremely exhausted it will make you a tougher swimmer in the long run," senior Lorang said. "If you want to qualify for states (state meets) Christmas workouts are essential. Besides, I've spent four years of my life in the water, another week of hell isn't going to hurt me."



Swimmers Erik Enyedy, Jim Wyrwas, Mike Landgraf and Todd Lorang survive a workout.

"People say that swimmers are 'crazy,'" senior Steve Cournoyer said. "Well, you have to be. Swimming is a state of mind. Nobody works harder than we do. I'm proud to say I'm a Southfield swimmer."

The swimmers have become very aware that to survive the intense training, they

must give themselves totally to the sport. Two swimmers, Lorang and co-captain Alan Ferber who have read about Buddha in English class have chosen to experiment with "losing our self to reach the state of Nirvana" which is defined as "a divine state of release from earthly and bodily pain, sorrow and desire."

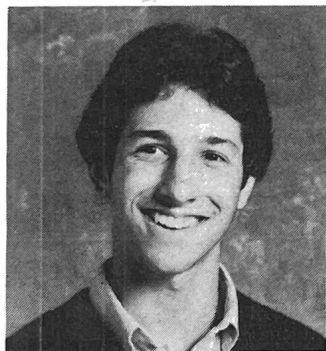
Sports over academics? Students make choices

By BOBBY ELLIS
JAY Sports Writer

Most high school students complain to their parents about not having enough time to finish homework after a hard practice or a late game, and the parents simply reply, "If you don't have enough time for your school work then you can't play on the team." But for some SHS students it's, "If you don't get good grades you don't deserve to play on a sports team."

Senior Matt Russman is on the Varsity Baseball and Golf teams. He is involved in the IB program and he still maintains an accumulative 3.9 grade point average. "It's not fair that some people get free rides and don't have to work for grades," Russman said. "I think the people with good marks deserve some credit," he added.

Other Southfield High students feel



Matt Russman

the same way. They too think the people who keep up their marks should be

recognized with well deserved credit. On the other hand, students also think grades are unimportant and giving all their time to their sports team is their duty.

"I don't know how anybody can fail here at Southfield High," one SHS sophomore said. "All you have to do is show up for class. I mean how can anybody fail gym?" he added.

Another example is SHS sophomore Brian Chaput. Not only is he taking advanced classes, but he is a co-captain of the Varsity Hockey Team. "School is easy. If you can't keep up your grades you're going to get suspended from your team anyway so why not show some effort and try to pass," he stated.

Recently, during the High School Football Playoffs, Ann Arbor Pioneer High School lost 14 players three days before the Class A finals game which was to be held at the Pontiac Silverdome. All of the players did not meet requirements in academic courses and were not able to play in the finals game. As it turned out they lost the game by a substantial margin and none of the players were allowed to play.

"I think you should have to pass at least five classes to play on a sports team," another SHS junior stated. "If you show any effort at all you will get at least a D- and pass the class."

School officials do what they can to provide the needed organization to form the athletic teams, but the rest is up to the players. If they can earn the marks they are allowed to play, however, the final decision rests in their hands.

"We have to sacrifice our minds and bodies for success in the sport," junior Jim Wyrwas said.

"I feel we work harder than in any other sport," junior Dave Capalungan added.

As evidenced by the Christmas workouts, few can doubt the swimmers' dedication. The team has top talent in seniors Lorang and Packala, along with enthusiasm from the top, especially in Packala and Cournoyer. For the 14 freshmen, an example has been set of the swim team work ethic.

Mr. Harding keeps very close watch on workout yardage, printing the results and in turn the athletes really want to work hard. Seniors Packala, Ferber, Lorang; juniors Enyedy, David Koski, Wyrwas, Capalungan, Dennis Wright, Mark Stimson; sophomore Mike Landgraf and freshmen Keith Enyedy and Bret Butler have emerged as top workers on this year's team.

The swimmers' dedication has not earned them the headlines and respect they feel that they deserve. For all of the work that they put in, only a few with experience and or talent will receive varsity letters. Such is the life of a swimmer.

"To get our letters, we have to do more than join the team and buy our jackets," sophomore Dan Phillips said. "We have to earn our letters."

Spikers improve, look on to success

By DON ANDREWS
JAY Staff Writer

With just two returning players, Deidra Watkins and Bobby Gant, the SHS Varsity Volleyball Team enters the season peering into a dismal situation. But although last year's team won only three matches, they go into the season with high hopes which are partially inspired by two new coaches in the persons of Kevin Thomas for Varsity and Gary Paige for JV.

"I think that the team's attitude has improved. Neither of the coaches is emphasizing winning as much as having fun," Watkins said optimistically.

Watkins also believes that improvement is on the way because "almost our whole team has some experience on JV instead of none at all like last year."

Although the team has many players who spent last year on JV, the JV team did not win one match. The squad also only managed to pull out one game (two out of three games win a match) which was against Troy.

First year varsity player and tallest on the team, Robin Brown believes that their new coaches have something to do with the new-found confidence. "They are helping to build a positive attitude. They also seem more enthusiastic about the season."

If the team can keep that attitude and "give a lot of effort, we can do well this year," Camille Andy, a sophomore and first year varsity player believes. She also seems to be attempting to prove that at 4'11", it is easy for things to be looking up.

Although the team does not enter the season looking for an ALL-SMA year, their spirit and determination should at least help surprise a few unwary teams.

The next women's volleyball game will be held Jan. 14 against Andover here at Southfield High.

KEARNS, from p. 7

"I loved everything about France — the people and the countryside, it was beautiful.

"Some people think French people are rude, but they were so nice when they saw we were trying to speak their language and they were helpful."

Kearns enjoyed the food there. "All-you-can-eat chocolate mousse was the best. So were the cheese and oysters."

Human relations, and working with new people were important lessons for Kearns as well as "learning a lot of French and making a lot of friends."

She is taking French III at SHS. The foreign language department here is not considering an exchange program at this time, because there is not much interest in organizing or sponsoring it.

This March, Kearns and the other students in the program at S-L will be hosting French students from the same city they visited.

If they had the chance, Kearns would recommend others become exchange students "in a second!" She also said, "They would have to be adaptable and accept changes because they won't have any idea of what it will be like."

Up, down moments fill the life of Principal Hogan

By ROBIN MITCHELL
JAY Staff Writer

"I don't get uptight about a lot of stuff. It's silly," Principal Daniel Hogan said.

In many schools when the principal is near, it is the "sit quietly and study" kind of act that many students feel is necessary. With Mr. Hogan, no acts are needed.

"I like it here, things are going the way I like. It may be frustrating at times but that's human nature," Mr. Hogan said.

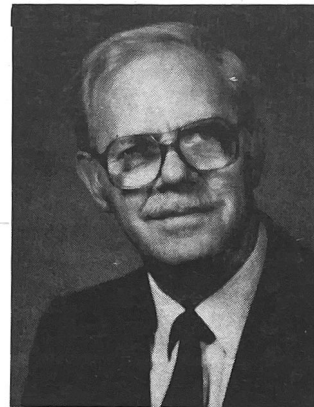
This is Mr. Hogan's eighth year at SHS. Before coming here he served as principal of Dominican High School in Detroit.

Mr. Hogan resides in Lathrup Village with his wife Audrey. He and his wife have six grown children.

In Mr. Hogan's office a picture of one of his sons sits on a filing cabinet. An automobile accident took his son's life after his first year of college. He was on his sister's bicycle and was hit by a police car on an emergency call. "That was definitely the worst experience I've ever gone through," Mr. Hogan said.

When Mr. Hogan was in high school he considered himself an athlete. He liked any physical activity. Attending

People



Mr. Daniel Hogan

Detroit Catholic Central, he played football, basketball, swam and was on a baseball team which won city championships in Detroit three times. He also kept up good grades. Latin and math were his favorite subjects. "But I was no bookworm," Mr. Hogan was quick to add.

Just as many teens get into "scrapes" in their high school years, Mr. Hogan has some stories of his own. When he was a senior he skipped a day of school to see Frank Sinatra in concert (a teen idol of that day). His school sent a postcard to his home to inform his mother of his stunt and later when he came home from school the card was waiting for him on the buffet. He tore it up and threw it away but he "got burned" is the way Mr. Hogan described it.

During that time students rarely skipped school. For his escapade he was punished with a week's detention and had to copy pages of the phonebook word for word. "I've been in a couple of fights too," he added.

When Mr. Hogan went to high school the depression was just ending and WW-II had just started. In 1946 he was drafted but soon got out of the service because the war had ended the year before. His parents never stressed going to college. He worked in a factory instead. He decided factory work was not for him and started classes at the University of Detroit. He began in law school and ended up in education. After receiving a Bachelor of

Science degree in education he earned a Master's degree in guidance and counseling and later a Ph.D. at Michigan State.

Mr. Hogan's leisure time now is spent travelling. He highlighted his Christmas vacation with a trip to Florida with his wife and two youngest children. Lake Tahoe, California and San Francisco are his two favorite vacation spots.

"I have been almost everywhere you can think of. I prefer to travel in the United States. There are great places I can find right here," Mr. Hogan said.

Mr. Hogan says that many students at SH complain about certain things, but on a whole are lucky to be in this school and do not even know it. He feels there have been a number of great happenings while he has been principal.

"Receiving the award in Washington from the Secretary of Education for being an outstanding school tops them all," Mr. Hogan said.

"I feel the award was well deserved. We have great teachers and we get a lot of support. There are some rumors though that really bother me and I don't know where they are coming from. People with negative attitudes are really discouraging and to hear rumors about a good school are too."

Mr. Hogan sums up his main goal as principal thusly, "My hope is for every student in this school to be successful." □

Mrs. Donahue retires at semester's end

By ROBIN MITCHELL
JAY Staff Writer

"I think it's about that time to retire," Counselor Mrs. Margaret Donahue said. "I told my husband to have the flag flying when I pull up the driveway on Jan. 18."

Before Mrs. Donahue's arrival at Southfield High, she taught business at Redford High School and the High School of Commerce in Detroit. She then moved to SH's business department and after three years, began counseling. Mrs. Donahue has been a counselor for 21½ years.

Mrs. Donahue is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and traveling to western states. Mrs. Donahue has been a counselor at SHS for 21½ years and before that a business

teacher for three years. native Detroiters and went to Western High School together. They have been married for 36 years and have one daughter, two grandchildren and one son-in-law.

Some of her favorite leisure activities are Bridge, reading, walking, cooking, swimming and she is taking up golf.

"My husband said if I was laying sick in my death bed and he was holding a deck of cards I'd say, 'deal me in.'"

To Mrs. Donahue the best part of working at SHS is the people. "This school is terrific. I like the kids and staff and I've always been proud to be associated with it. I've liked it since the first day I walked in."

"Mrs. Donahue was the best counselor and was always willing to help. I think



Mrs. Margaret Donahue

it's pretty sad that she's retiring. I'll never find another like her," senior Roberta Franklin said.

"I feel Mrs. Donahue was a good counselor and went out of her way to help people. She helped me out a couple times. I feel I'm losing a part of SH now that she's retiring," sophomore Todd Crawford said.

"With all the support Southfield High gets, it's been an ideal place to work as a counselor and one in which I have always enjoyed. My assignments have been a grand experience and it's going to be hard to leave," Mrs. Donahue said. □

Crissy Stabile places 37th in national Junior Olympic CC Championships

Southfield senior Crissy Stabile, after recently qualifying for the state cross country meet, competed in St. Louis at the National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships.

Although the course was "a total disaster," Crissy (who ran her second best time of the season at a little over 20 minutes) finished 37th out of approximately 300 participants.

"I think if the course was in better condition, we would have had a different outcome," explained Stabile. "Especially when a soccer player who had competed in only four previous events won the national championship. Soccer players are used to running in the mud all day."

Crissy, who was running with the Motor City Track Club, recalls best her incidents of the mud stricken course.

"At one point in the race I was running up a hill and my front foot slipped out from under me, because of the mud I slipped all the way back down," Stabile said. "One girl even lost her shoes and had to finish the race without them."

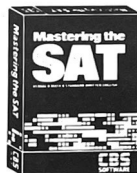
Although many of the runners had to overcome many adversities, the participants "had a lot of fun and a real good time."

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