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Girls', Boys' State Reps. Chosen

Patty Andrich and Mike Bozovich were recently selected as representatives to Girls' and Boys' State. Alternates chosen were Elaine Kegler and Mark Kronholm.

Nominations and elections were held in the junior class. The teachers then selected the representatives from the top candidates.

The purpose of Girls' and Boys' State is to give students an opportunity to participate in a miniature government.

Boys' State, which is sponsored by the American Legion, will be held at Gustavus Adolphus College during the week after school closes. Patti will attend Girls' State, which is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, at the State Fair Grounds in June.

On May 5th, the other top candidates elected by the junior class will attend Girls' and Boys' County in Hastings. They will observe county government, visit the jail, and perhaps see a trial in court.

The students who will go to Hastings are Elaine Kegler, Joanne Swanson, Sherry Koehler, Kathy Bonk, Mark Kronholm, Andy Lynn, Ken Day, and Dick Ellis.

SSP Sophomore Wins Science Fair Award

Oscar Knudson, sophomore at SSPHS, recently won a blue ribbon at the regional science fair, with basic research in stream ecology as his entry. The blue ribbon made Oscar eligible for the state science fair later this year.

Oscar is now looking forward to more research, this time involving biological time clocks.

Student Show Proves Success

March 29 marked a milestone in the television industry, as a program completely written, produced, and directed by high school students was beamed over a five-state audience by WCCO television.

"The majority of the viewing audience seemed to enjoy the program," said Bryant Christenson, senior at SSPHS and director of the program. "I really didn't expect that it would go over so well. Not only did many students at SSP watch it, but so did a lot of professional people and adults who expressed a keen interest on what went on."

A good deal of publicity was given to the program by both the "St. Paul Dispatch" and the "Minneapolis Star," and all who reviewed the show praised it.

Mr. Jim Heuton, a director at WCCO, has made it known that a similar show is already in the planning stages for next year. The only major change in the planning will be the fact that the show will be organized a few weeks earlier next year, because toward the end of the allotted time this year, things got pretty tight.

"Without the help from our other two program heads, Craig McHenry and Joseph Patrick, and Frank Bell and Don Stevens from the graphic arts department, not to mention the many more people involved from SSP, this show just wouldn't have been. Definitely, it was the people from South St. Paul who made this program a success," proclaimed Bryant.

Bryant, Joe, Craig, Linda Christenson, and Lynn Bechdolt plan to continue their public careers when their radio show is revived this month on WMKT radio. All these SSP students agreed that once you get started, it's hard to stop.

Hi Times Earns First Class Rating

Mr. Allan Gower was proud to announce to his 1968-69 journalism class that they have again upheld the honor of first-class rating. He presented them with the Honor Rating Certificate awarded by the 80th All American Newspaper Critical Service of National Scholastic Press Association.

The South St. Paul Hi Times surpassed the minimum numeric score of 3200 with a total of 3310 points. The many newspapers were judged according to enrollment, frequency of publication, and method of printing.

The news stories, features, and editorials were rated high. The sports coverage (in columns as well as in news stories) scored high. Physically speaking, the rating was excellent. The front page set-up, the inside news pages, the sports page, the headline schedule, and the captions raised the score high.

The co-editors, Scott Sandison and Miles Lindberg, and the other class members were commended for a job well done.

The NSPA has put on this program for 47 years; and if the Hi Times journalism class continues the excellent editing, they will produce an All American top-rated newspaper.

Coming Events

- May 1 — Law Day, Student Council Election; Baseball, Kellogg, here; Golf, Irondale, here; Tennis, Kellogg, there; Miles' Birthday.
- May 2—Baseball, Cannon Falls, there.
- May 3—Track, Carleton Inter-scholastic, Carleton.
- May 6—Athletic Banquet, Junior High; Baseball, Sibley, here; Tennis, West St. Paul, there.
- May 7—Track, Rochester Mayo, Rochester.
- May 8—Baseball, Coon Rapids, there; Golf, Sibley, there; Tennis, Coon Rapids, here.
- May 9—PROM, Calhoun Beach Manor, 8:00-11:00.
- May 10 — Baseball, Rochester Marshall, there; Baseball, Rochester Mayo, there; Track, Bloomington Track-O-Rama, Bloomington; Prom Picnic.
- May 11—Mother's Day.
- May 13 — Baseball, Ramsey, here; Golf, Anoka, here; Tennis, Ramsey, there; Track, Sub. Conf. Preliminaries, Macalester.
- May 15 — Spring Music Festival; Baseball, White Bear, Midway Stadium; Golf, North St. Paul, here; Tennis, White Bear, here; Track, Sub. Conf. Finals, Macalester.
- May 16—Spring Music Festival.
- May 19-20 — Tennis, Kaposia Invitational, St. Paul Park.
- May 20 — Mothers' Tea; Golf, White Bear, here; Track, Dist. 14 Preliminaries, Macalester.
- May 21—Senior Dressup Day.

Kronholm Chosen AFS Rep.; Andrich Named Finalist

Mark Kronholm, junior at SSPHS, has been selected as a representative in the American Field Service summer exchange program. As a "guaranteed" finalist, Mark will spend the summer in a foreign country living with a family.

Patty Andrich, also a junior, has advanced to the standing of finalist in the program. Seventy per cent of the finalists are eventually selected to participate. If a "guaranteed" finalist drops out of the program, a finalist is chosen to replace the candidate. However, Patty may not know until the last minute whether or not she has been selected.

Elimination for the program began early in the school year. After Patty and Mark were chosen as SSPHS's semifinalists, detailed information was sent to the New York office of AFS for final selection.

Mark will not be notified as to what country he is being sent until June. The FSA believes it to be better if the candidate makes no special plans or arrangements for his designated country and that the same experiences will be achieved no matter where the candidate goes.

Mark could be sent to Switzerland, England, France, Austria, or any of 30 other countries that participate in the American Field Service program. Depending on the host country, Mark will spend eight to ten weeks living with his host family.

An AFS representative must have a good academic record, an interest in other people, and must

be able to adapt to changes easily. The AFS program gives students an opportunity to know and understand the people of other countries, as well as telling the people something about the U. S. It helps the candidate gain a better understanding of the people, customs, ideals, and educational systems of foreign countries.

Mr. Philip Gustafson, assistant principal, emphasized the learning experience of the exchange program by stating, "One of the greatest things about the AFS program is that the student lives with a host family. The student can do as they do, eat as they eat, and get into their life swing. In this way it is a true cultural exchange."

When Mark returns from his trip, he will speak to various organizations about his experiences. Mr. Gustafson stated, "We hope that Mark will bring back thoughts and ideas to us and share them with us. This is a fundamental aim of the AFS program."

SSP Sends 5 To Regional Tourney

Five SSPHS students will attend the Regional Speech Tournament at Jordan, Minnesota, on April 19. They are as follows: Dick Ellis, Humorous Interpretation; Beth Stassen, Extemporaneous Reading; Lynda Zwinger and Lynn Bechdolt, Original Oratory. Alternates are Gail Pylkas, Extemporaneous Speaking; Roberta Yount, Discussion; and Roberta Lind, Non-Original Oratory.

Student Secretaries Honored By 3M Co.

More than 30 St. Paul area and western Wisconsin high school seniors and their instructors attended a student secretarial recognition day at the 3M Company administrative headquarters April 2.

The students were shown various office settings and procedures, had individual discussions with secretaries on the job, typed letters and took dictation from a real "boss" in his office.

Purpose of the event was to expose students who are training for a secretarial career to the real atmosphere of a business office, according to Lyle Fisher, the firm's vice president for personnel and industrial relations, who welcomed them.

Esther Craine, secretary to 3M president Harry Heltzer, explained in a talk that a successful secretary is like a mountain climber who must start at the bottom and work upward one level at a time.

Each student received a framed certificate in recognition of outstanding secretarial ability demonstrated in high school, along with a miniature typewriter on a necklace.



LEARNING office procedures at the 3M Company are Ann Adams, North St. Paul, and Julie Woock, South St. Paul. The girls were among thirty high school seniors honored by the firm at its Student Secretarial Recognition Day, April 2.

Let's Turn The Talk Into Action!

We South St. Paulites seem to be suffering from two distinctly different yet associated social disorders. Some psychologists call both of them "reality warps." They vary from resting on our laurels to unproductive criticism. In other words, everybody talks about it but few people do anything. Heaven help the ones that do.

Our town is particularly proud of its educational status. It has had reason to be in the past and this particular is a fact often dwelt on by many natives. Recently, the Sun newspaper printed a mild editorial on the school system's inflexibility and below state standard number of courses. The community, especially the Board of Education, buzzed. They seem to forget that what once made an excellent school system may not make an excellent school system 10 years later. Time changes, so do necessities and qualifications.

In the community itself, we often speak of the discrimination problem, yet we have only token integration. Within the school itself, two of the biggest complaints of students are the student council and cliquishness. Yet, during the Easter seminars, very little constructive work was done on the council by the few students who attended them. As to the complaints of cliques, "everybody talks about it, but few people do anything." Miss Janet Morgan began a counselor's aid program to sensitize selected students to incoming juniors who are most likely to suffer from cliques. Yet, with all the program does, it's up to us as students, as members of the community, to "put our efforts where our mouths are" and follow those who do, not hinder them.

Editor's Note: The following letter was received as part of the Sound Off material but we have decided to run it as an editorial because we feel it deserves significant merit as a representation of our institution.

First of all, I would like to say that I agree completely with the paragraphs from the **Saturday Review** that were quoted in the March **Hi Times**. I would like to pose a few questions regarding what **could** happen if SSPHS ever became "locked into a system" such as was described in the article.

Wouldn't it be disgusting if teachers used the same stale methods year after year without ever bothering to evaluate those methods?

Wouldn't it be outrageous if certain teachers began excusing themselves for not completing their "homework" by saying that they didn't get home from a faculty meeting until 5:00 and they were just too tired to finish grading tests?

Wouldn't it be repulsive if we had a student council that didn't listen to the voice of student opinion and allowed themselves to be governed by the administration?

Wouldn't it be detestable if the student council evaluated student questionnaires and came up with the profound statements that communication is inadequate and the cafeteria is too crowded?

Wouldn't it be abhorrent if the administration and faculty acquired so much power over the students that they never asked for student opinion knowing that the students will complacently follow any decision that is made?

Wouldn't it be abominable if a faculty member made a point of telling students to think about what subjects they would like to study, and then never asked those same students what their ideas were?

Wouldn't it be horrible if the students were afraid to express their true opinions in fear of rebuke from teachers and the administration?

Wouldn't it be repugnant if the parents, school board, and faculty of the community became so narrow-minded that they got uptight when someone with a conflicting point of view spoke to the students?

Wouldn't it be unconstitutional if choral programs were religiously-oriented?

Wouldn't it be contemptible if a choir director wouldn't allow the A Cappella choir to sing songs of their own choosing?

Wouldn't it be pitiful if the student body became so apathetic that they were like putty in the hands of the administration?

Wouldn't it be obnoxious if the faculty saw value in a biased magazine (i.e., Senior Scholastic) that doesn't have as much reading value as Peanuts?

Wouldn't it be atrocious if the **Hi Times** never took a stand on important current issues?

Wouldn't it be awful if the **Hi Times** was criticized when it **did** take a stand on an issue?

Wouldn't it be shocking if the administration was so powerful that it could crush a so-called "underground" newspaper because the staff refused to bow down to the demand that they have a faculty advisor?

Wouldn't it be villainous if administration members spent their time pussyfooting around in the alley behind the school waiting to nab those students who commit the unexcusable crime of putting a foot off these holy school grounds?

Wouldn't it be damnable if the administration didn't take the time to review school rules to analyze whether they were actually good rules for all those involved?

Wouldn't it be terrible if "Big Brother" took over the world?

Wouldn't it be frightful if we didn't see him creeping up behind our backs?

Does this sound amazing, degrading, and impossible? Take a good look around. All of these incidents are true. "Big Brother" is alive and well and living in the suburban ghetto of South St. Paul.



Patti's Patter --

Spring Stalks Halls Of SSP

by Patti St. Peter

Ah, yes . . . spring is here once more. To the students of SSPHS, spring means:

Gazing out the windows when you're supposed to be paying attention to theorems or French verb conjugations . . .

An excursion out to the Corral on Friday night with or without a girl (???) . . .

Wearing cut-offs or bermudas even though your legs still resemble Frosty, the Snowman's . . .

A ride out to Nokomis on Sunday afternoon looking for whatever is pleasing to the eye . . .

Cruising up and down Southview whistling at all of the pretty (?) girls roaming the street . . .

Taking off during 4th hour for a few of McDonald's treats and getting pinched . . .

Getting hit with a shot while watching a track meet . . .

Finding your shot in a toilet in the West Wing . . .

An exciting, fun-filled Prom night . . .

Speaking of Prom, I've heard various comments fluttering through the halls on the subject of dresses, such as, "I'll just die if anyone has a dress like mine." Well, if you should happen to see someone there with a dress like yours, don't feel bad. When I was a sophomore, the girl that I doubled with had a dress almost exactly like mine! Same color, everything! But you know, it didn't make any difference. It still was a great time. So, don't worry about your dress. Just be thankful you're going.

The picnic is the most fun. If it is a traditional Prom picnic day, it'll rain. But who cares? So, wherever you have it — Taylor's Falls, Hidden Valley, or just in some lone cabin out in the toleys, I wish you a good time.

One thing about Prom though, it really hits a guy right where it hurts — in the pocketbook. That's one reason why a lot of guys don't ask anyone. A lot of them don't care for getting duded up, but that's beside the point. But even though you're not taking a girl to the dance, guys, who says you can't take her on a picnic? Look at it this way. You'll get a free meal cooked by her, oh, I shouldn't have said that. Well, anyway, it's a pretty sure bet that you'll have a good time without spending a noticeable amount of money. So, why don't you try it? You just might have some fun.

Attention all seniors, 12th graders, and anything else the Class of '69 contains: May 12th is THE day, providing it doesn't rain. You will be filled in on the details at a later date.



What do you think of having a trial suspension of the dress code as other schools have done?

From Our Exchanges

(Marshall-University High School, Minneapolis)

TO FRIENDS, HIPPIES, LOVERS, and those of you who aren't particularly fascinated with life but would like to give it an occasional good try: — The following is lifted from a well known semblance to philosophy which is at the moment hanging over my bed — Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here and whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Cheryl Hollerung: I think it's a great idea, but the narrow-minded administration and faculty wouldn't allow it. They don't like troublemakers who destroy the security of SSP's complacent conformity.

Mr. Charles Anderson: Forget it. Concentrate on what you're here for — an education.

Hank Todd: A student does not lose his rights when he enters a school building and with this in mind, I feel we should eliminate the dress code completely.

Rock: They don't have the right

HI STYLE

The date is May 9, the place is the Calhoun Beach Manor, and the time is 8:00 p.m. Ask any girl what the big event is, and she'll accept before you can ask "What's Prom?"

Prom preparations should be more exciting than ever this year, as there are so many new ideas to consider. For the girls, prom dresses, always floor length, continue to be slim in cut. This year, they are naturally following a feminine mood, with ruffles, lace, and flowers for trim. Colors are predominantly white and pastel. Hair styles are really important, and should also be feminine. Interest is at the back of the head and the nape of the neck. The high looks at the top of the head are out. Dangling curls are pretty, either down the back or at the sides. A great new idea is wearing some type of ornament in the hair, whether it be fresh flowers (daisies, maybe?) or a bit of lace or ribbon to match your dress fabric.

As for flowers, a single corsage is pretty, but a wrist corsage or colonial bouquet is more special. However, this really depends on how much your escort cares to spend.

Speaking of escorts, the guys can expect some changes this year. Although the standard white dinner jacket is still most widely popular, there are several different ideas. One welcome new idea to those who find themselves uncomfortable in the tight cummerbund is a powder blue jacket with brocade vest in its place. Another idea is a pinstripe dinner jacket in a pastel shade. Chalk stripes are especially big this year, done in many color combinations. Brocade jackets in brighter colors are still good.

to make any kind of dress code. It is against the law.

Liz Elm: I definitely approve because what you have on does not have any influence on your ability to learn.

Janet Kocher: There will be a few who will really take advantage of it, but most of the kids won't really be affected.

Huey: Yea. It's all right. That's good!

Pat Molitor: I think it is a great idea. It would bring a little change into a school of too much tradition.

New Hi Times Staff Recently Announced

During March, many juniors took a test consisting of the many phases of grammar such as spelling, vocabulary, and sentence structure, which was the basis of determining the new members for next year's Hi Times staff.

The following students are members of next year's staff: Lora Albu, Patty Andrich, Sandy Auge, Sue Ayres, Chuck Bartl, Kathy Bonk, Mike Bozovich, Pam Carlson, Barb Cole, Amy Farland, Diana Glass, Jill Groves, Steve Jancaric, Pam Jeske, Jan Johnson, Elaine Kegler, Sherry Koehler, Polly Krinsky, Mark Kronholm, Cindy Miels, Glenn Novack, Steve O'Tool, Pauline Rakich, Sherry Smolik, Sally Stewart, Candy Twining, Jim Waldhauser, Sarah West, Roberta Yount, Lynda Zwinger.

The co-editors for the '69-'70 staff will be Mike Bozovich and Steve O'Tool.

This group will meet twice before the end of the year to prepare for next year's first edition.

A Cappella Sings At Fort Snelling Chapel

SSPHS's A Cappella Choir, directed by Miss Corinne Livenood, sang for the Sunday church service at the Fort Snelling Chapel, Sunday, April 27 at 11:00 A.M. Outstanding choirs in the Twin Cities area are invited to sing for this service, which is primarily for war veterans, but is open to the public. The choir sang "The Beatitudes," "O Light Everlasting," and "Be Thou With Me."

Junior Class Plans Prom For May 9

"Memories Are Made Of This" is the theme that was chosen for this year's annual Junior-Senior Prom. This formal event will be held from 8:00-11:00 on Friday, May 9, at the Calhoun Beach Manor. Music for the evening will be provided by the George Bordanea Orchestra.

Prom is sponsored by the junior class through its treasury and the sale of tickets. Price per couple is \$3.50.

Committees have been set up to work on prom programs and invitations. Members of the program committee, headed by Miss Joanne DuBois, are Diane Frisch, Robin, Keogh, Linda Mrozinski, Joann Orsten, Gail Skaggs, and Sandra Werth. The invitation committee, advised by Miss Kathryn McAuliff, includes Sandra Auge, Mary Jane Blaeser, Dennice French, Judy Kramer, Barbara Lutgens, Linda Monack, Sue Petersen, and Joanne Swanson.



BAND'S-EYE VIEW of Mr. Ed Anderson, SSPH's band director and music teacher, is seen here as he rehearses his 80-piece organization for their annual concert.

Know Your Faculty -- Ed Anderson

Mr. Edward Anderson, band director at SSPHS, regards himself as a teacher first and a musician second. Combine this attitude with his interest in students, and you have a dedicated music educator.

Mr. Anderson feels that the purpose of music in high school is to benefit the students culturally and esthetically. Students who are exposed to great music of all kinds develop cultural values and an appreciation of art that comes from experiencing the music personally. Mr. Anderson feels that it is his place to guide his students in achieving musical appreciation and skill, not to train them to produce music solely for the enjoyment of others.

Graying at the temples and congenial in a friendly atmosphere, Mr. Anderson admitted that he did not like people to know about his career as a professional trumpet player. "People might think I play to make money," he said. "The real reason is that I feel I owe it to my students to maintain my musicianship." He feels that he could not ask his students to work for excellence if he was not willing to do the same. "Besides," he smiled, "I think it's fun."

Mr. Anderson's interest in music has grown since he was a child. "My father played trumpet. That's probably why I got started." After playing in the Greenway High School Band, he spent two years in the 421st Army Ground Forces Band in Europe entertaining troops in camp shows and variety shows. Following the war, he attended Itasca Junior College and earned his BS in music education at Bemidji State College. Presently, he is doing graduate work at the University of Minnesota and Mac Phail Music School in Minneapolis. He hopes to have his master's thesis, a trumpet methods course for advanced trumpet players, completed by May.

Professionally, Mr. Anderson belongs to the St. Paul - Minneapolis Musicians' Union. He is with Hal Garvin Productions, a

booking agency in Minneapolis. Through this agency, Mr. Anderson plays with bands for dances, industrial shows, and other functions.

Mr. Anderson has displayed his talent as guest soloist at high school-sponsored brass and jazz clinics for students at other high schools in this area. A few months ago, some SSP band members were able to attend such a clinic at Johnson High School and had the opportunity to hear him perform. When asked if jazz was his only interest, Mr. Anderson explained that he enjoys all kinds of music. He has played for church services on festive occasions and musical stage shows in the Twin Cities, directed the St. Paul Police Band for five years, and performed with members of the Minnesota Orchestra.

"I enjoy the students in South St. Paul, especially the ones in the band. I really appreciate the loyalty and co-operation the band members have shown in participating in all the various school and community activities during the year." Mr. Anderson is pleased with the growth the band has made in his ten years at SSPHS. When he started in 1959, the total membership was twenty-eight; at present it is over seventy-five. "One difficulty we have is that the physical facilities have not grown to fit our increased numbers." He is hopeful, however, that the new bandroom included in the bond issue will relieve the problem. The seven-period day has also made it much easier to schedule the weekly lesson that every band member receives.

For relaxation, Mr. Anderson enjoys his cabin on Big Sandy Lake. There he and his wife and two children, ages two and three, make use of the lake for swimming, fishing, and boating.

Padded Cell -- The Place To Go

by Liz and Debbie

It has replaced MacDonald's, Ten Acres, and even the library as the place to be on school nights.

On Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday of any week you will find it crawling with people. It has a rockola, a television, and a snack bar. It is the Padded Cell to which we took a trip on a typical Thursday evening to find out what all the excitement was about. Finding a place to park was rather tough as we found every bit of curb space around the Cell jammed with seniors' cars, juniors' daddies' cars, and sophs' tricycles. Finally, however, we wound our way through the gang standing on the front lawn for a smoke break, entered, and signed in.

We took a left at the door and made our entrance into the combined TV-living room. The first thing we noticed were the masses of humanity reclined on the floor pretending to be watching the boob tube above the tumult of noise.

Immediately we were besieged by throngs of the Cell "regulars" begging us to put their names in this story, so for the benefit of these loyal fans, here they are: Perk the run one, Diamond Dave Peters, Horny, Padded Celsky, B. J. Bauer, Big John Lawrence, Rookie Novak, Carrot, and M. Stoeve. Stevie "Wonder" Archibald can be faintly heard in the background tuning of his golden harmonica in preparation for his 8 o'clock concert of "Work out Stevie, Work out." We hate to say it but it's the only song he knows.

Immediately adjoining this room is a closet-like enclosure referred to as the "Poker Room." We stuck our heads in to see what the story was, and, with an array of comments better termed as blasphemies, eight of SSPHS's ruthless gamblers requested us to leave. This must be where formerly penniless "Nitschke" comes to make his fortune every night. In ten minutes they emerge in a line counting their winnings, or cussing about their losses.

On our way out of the living room we spied a few of our more adventurous senior boys reliving for the 867th time Friday night in New Orleans.

We next swiftly ambulated into the room that gave the padded cell its name and found the walls padded with little swatches of carpet. This, along with the dim lights, small crowded booths filled with people, and the blast of the Rockola really contribute to the coffee house mood.

The sophomore girls are doing their best to take advantage of the romantic atmosphere, especially now that Prom hustling season is in full swing. The senior boys, thoroughly enthralled with the attention they are receiving, respond by dazzling the girls with unbelievable tales of their fantastic brute strength and genius-like brain power.

The last room on our tour is the kitchen. A pay telephone on the wall is one of the more recent features found here. For anyone desiring a quick snack, an array of eats ranging from candy to cupcakes to pop is for sale and strange as it may seem, the same people can be found in this room night after night stuffing their faces with food.

The second floor houses the little boys' and little girls' room. Often the line is backed up half way down the stairs.

For those of you who haven't visited the Cell — we urge you to do so as soon as possible. For those of you who have — we urge you to keep coming because it's all of you who have made the Padded Cell the best place to go in SSP in '69.

Council Rewrites Constitution

Rewriting the Student Council constitution has been the main order of business in council lately. The present constitution will be outdated next year because of the elimination of homerooms. The present constitution states that Student Council members represent their homerooms; therefore it must be changed. It was also suggested that some changes in the council itself also be written into this new constitution. According to Dick Todd, who headed the committee working on this, the new constitution will be "designed to get more effectiveness and better representation of the student body."

Many meetings were held to discuss the possible changes in the council. Several proposals were made. Finally a combination of these proposals was written up and passed by the council, which must also be approved by the entire student body.

The new council is set up to have two separate groups plus an executive board. One group will be similar to what the council is this year. This council will have eighteen members and six alternates from each class who will be elected at large. It will meet once a week like this year. The duties of this group will include

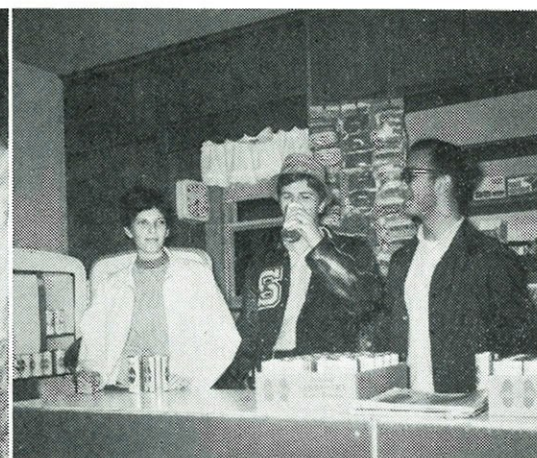
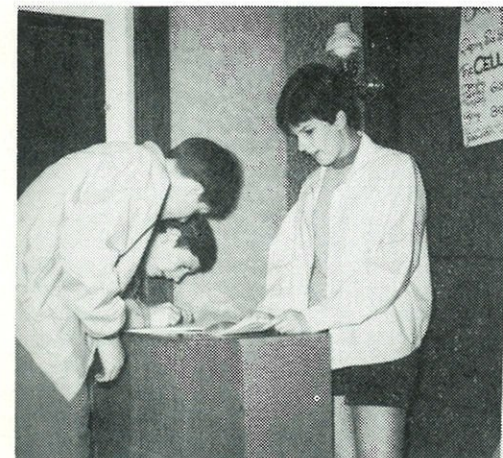
more service projects than the previous council worked on.

The second group will consist of the eighteen alternates and anyone interested in planning school events and working on committees. Events such as homecoming, Sprolic, and dances will be the concern of this group. The Student Council vice-president will preside over this group. They will meet at least once a month.

The executive board will consist of the Student Council president, five members elected from the main council, two faculty members, and one person from the administration. They will work on intra-school problems and internal affairs. Their meetings will be held at least once a month.

This new constitution will be reviewed again next spring.

Another new idea was brought up at a recent meeting. It was suggested that next year's homecoming be made into a 3-day event. One proposed idea was to have the introduction of the team and the coronation on Thursday night, the parade and the game on Friday, and the dance on Saturday night. The possibility of having homecoming this way is being looked into.



POPULAR GATHERING PLACE is the Ecumenical Youth Center, familiarly known as The Padded Cell. Left, Kevin Gallahue and Bob Meyer sign in at the door as Barb Bezek checks their membership cards. Center, Steve

O'Tool kibitzes as Don Ferguson and Steve Schletty enjoy a card game. Right, Barb Blazek, Craig Strand, and George Sirbasku preside over the soft-drink bar (and sample their wares).

Trackmen Show Promise Despite Tough Competition

After weeks of running in the high schools halls, and practicing at the indoor track of Carleton College, South St. Paul opened its track season with the Suburban Indoor meet at the University of Minnesota.

Participating against some forty Suburban, Skyline, and Lake Conference schools, SSP ran up against some stiff competition. This was evident as only one Packer, Bert Heaton, placed in the finals. Bert went on to take a second-place finish in the 440-yard dash.

The Packer tracksters gave a fine showing of themselves in the St. Olaf Indoor, a dual meet, as they waltzed by Osseo 53-48.

Coming into the final event, the mile relay, with the score knotted 48-all, the relay team of co-captain Bert Heaton, co-captain Karl Mielke, Bill Shepard, and Ken Day came through in the clutch for a 5-point win, and the margin of victory.

Junior Mark Stoeve set a school record in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 8 inches.

In a recent meet held at the U. of M., SSP placed fourth in a field of six teams.

SSP figured that if two of their top men, who were gone on trips, had been there, they would have finished second.

Leading the way for the Packers was Henry Rohling. Hank set a

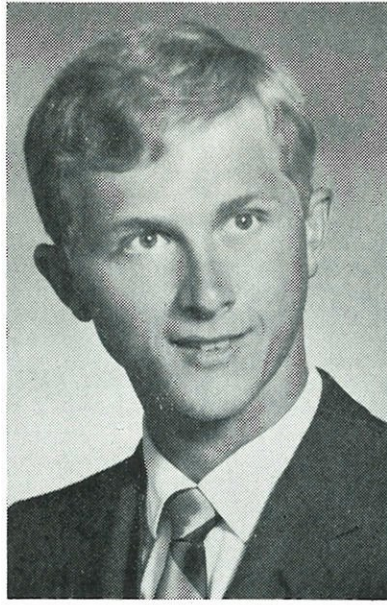
school record in the 2-mile run with a time of 10:28.

In the South Suburban Relays held at Stillwater, the Pack finished second in the meet consisting of seven teams.

Winning first places for SSP were Mark Stoeve, who tied for first in the high jump at 5 feet 6 inches; the 880-yd. relay team of Karl Mielke, Greg Oftedahl, Rick Safarz, and Bert Heaton; the 880-yd. sprint medley team of Mielke, Heaton, Bill Lesch, and Brad Paulus; Earl Fuller in the marathon-steeplechase (330-yd. intermediate hurdles); and the weightmen's 440-yd. relay team of Jered Clausen, Dave Eisen, Dave Tambornino, and Tim Gallagher.

Two school records were set in the process of the Packers' brilliant showing. Mark Stoeve set his record in the triple jump, a fairly new event, and Earl Fuller his in the marathon-steeplechase.

When asked to summarize the Pack's season thus far, Bert Heaton had this to say: "Greg Nida works too hard; no one in his right mind could have a work-out like his, and then come back for a half hour of heavy calcs."



Mike Bonk

Packer Profile

Honored as Packer Profile for April is senior Mike Bonk. Mike has competed in varsity sports since his freshman year, when he was a member of the hockey team. This year he captained the team to a third place finish in the state tournament. Mike has been on the golf team for three years and this year he participated in soccer.

When not engaged with sports activities, Mike serves his class as a student council representative and is currently council treasurer.

Mike intends to further his education, possibly at Notre Dame.



Sandie Auge's "Sandie's Sandpipers" stomped their way to becoming undefeated champions and gained the first-place title in the basketball events. Second place victors were Renee Sharrow's "Renee's Rockets," and "Inga's Inguns," led by team captain Inga Weydauer, received third place honors.

Field hockey commenced the March plans for team participants, and badminton eliminations went underway as the girls played individually or in doubles.

Also included in the March activities was the all-school fun night sponsored by GAA, which according to Miss Pat Behr, advisor, was a huge success as about two hundred students were estimated to have attended.

Tournament results and all-stars will be determined and awards presented at the Mother-Daughter Bowling Party Banquet to be held at the Grove Bowl during the first part of May.

Todd but True

Big "A" Squad Makes Debut

by Dick Todd

"A"-squad try-outs are over. That's for the "Big A"-squad, not the cheerleaders. Senior captains Joe Patrick and Mark Johnson revitalized the group with a Holy Week expedition. Patrick said a Good Friday trip was canceled because a huge rock was found blocking the door. A JV, headed by Jim Waldhauser, pushed the senior "A"-squad for choice seats at the engrossing performances; but few sophomore youngbloods have appeared. The squad's schedule is indefinite; the only major opponent is the vice squad.

In an unprecedented move, three senior weight men were cut from the track squad. This would seem to indicate a building program in field events, where it requires several years to become proficient. One exception might be Mark Stoeve, who has already broken the school record for the high jump. Coach Glazier hopes Mark will break six feet this year. Other school records set this year include Earl Fuller's in the intermediate hurdles and a ground-shaking performance by the weight-men's relay, who were only 2.6 seconds slower than the regular 440-yard relay team. For Fuller, who just began hurdling this spring, it was his first win in three years of varsity competition. Upset at first, he calmed down when he was told that the string someone stretched across the track in front of him was to mark the finish, not trip him up. Grueling workouts over Easter vacation prepared the team for a second place in the South Suburban Relays. Among the worst practices was the day Coach Glazier directed his Ragged-Runners to storm up Sand Juan Hill in the sand pit at the foot of Kaposia Boulevard.

Mark Kochendorfer claims the only guts on the tennis team are in the rackets. In a questionable rebuttal, Tim Pugh informed him that their rackets are strung with nylon. Artificial innards or none, the team upset the district favorite Simley early this month. Besides winning, other changes have been new shorts and new nylon nets. These have added to the team's burden, since they must be set up and taken down each day.

After a couple of five hour practices and a busy schedule early in the year, the baseball players would hardly seem to have enough time for artistic pursuits. Then Hillbilly Novack, Country Den Kaiser, and Brother Jim Jacobson introduced the team to country-western music. Crooning a broad selection of "oldies but goodies" like "Your Cheatin' Heart," "Chug-a-lug," and "Hillbilly Heaven," the trio led the players in a sing-along. Another more serious endeavor was the saving of their bubble-gum wrappers. By pooling their collections, the team hopes to obtain such fascinating premiums as a smoking monkey, secret

paper for sending messages, and iron-on decals for their jerseys.

Mr. Julian Arnquist, the tanker with the tank, will be giving up chemistry and coaching at SSPHS to become sophomore counselor next year. It's too bad he can't greet his successor with a pool bond issue, but I hope that he transfers the energy with which he pursued that goal over to his new job. The need for improvement in SSPHS's curriculum and educational opportunity is even more critical than a pool bond, and the opposition is at least as stiff.

Golfers Look For Successful Season

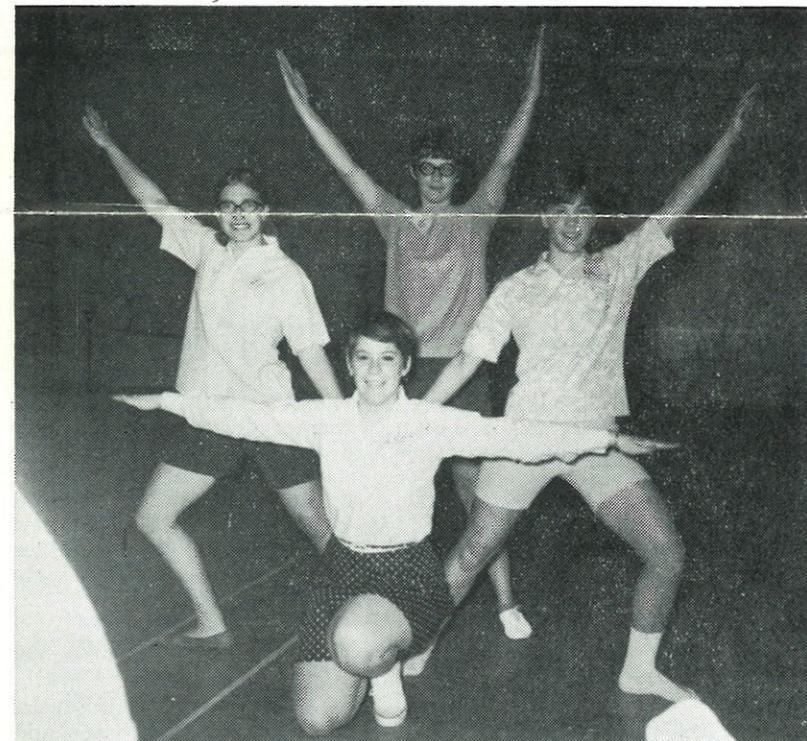
Confidence and Packer spirit dominant in both coach and team, SSP duffers are presently looking forward to a very promising season. Recognizing individual ability in seniors, Mike Bonk, Pat McMorrow, Denny Keindl, and juniors, Mickey McMorrow and Bruce Haselrud, golf coach, John Peterson predicted "great balance and depth in returning lettermen."

In answer to Coach Peterson's spring beckoning, 20 boys reported to the first practice. Unfortunately, a cold spring and a late snow melt has delayed golf action for SSP duffers, forcing them to cancel their two opening matches.

South St. Paul will participate in 11 conference competitions. In addition, they will challenge Columbia Heights, who is just entering golf competition this year, to a non-conference match. The Packers' home course is Southview Country Club.

The duffers have been conducting their practice in the West Wing gym, at the Par Three course in Mendota Heights, and at George's Driving Range. Due to the late spring, the Packers have not been able to play on any long courses.

"I was very pleased to see so many boys interested in trying out for the golf team this spring. From the nucleus of returning lettermen and other fine golfers on the team, I am presently optimistic for a successful season," stated Coach Peterson.



BEFORE THE CRITICAL EYES of faculty and student judges, these girls undergo the try-outs for next year's cheer-leading A-Squad. Smiling to hide their jitters are, left to right, Joan Friesen and Diane Frisch; front and rear, Karen Turnblom and Janice Reuter.

Irondale, Mounds View Fall To Packer Nine

The South St. Paul baseball team opened the season with two conference victories over Irondale and Mounds View.

In the opening game of the year, the Packer nine defeated Irondale 2-1 behind the steady pitching of Tom Barger. Tom allowed only a first inning run and gave up just five hits.

The Packers pushed across their first run when Denny Kaiser walked, forcing in Don Goral with the tying run. The Pack scored the winning run in the seventh inning. Jim Van Horn started the inning with a single, was bunted to second by Marv Krumrie, and scored on Jim Jacobson's single.

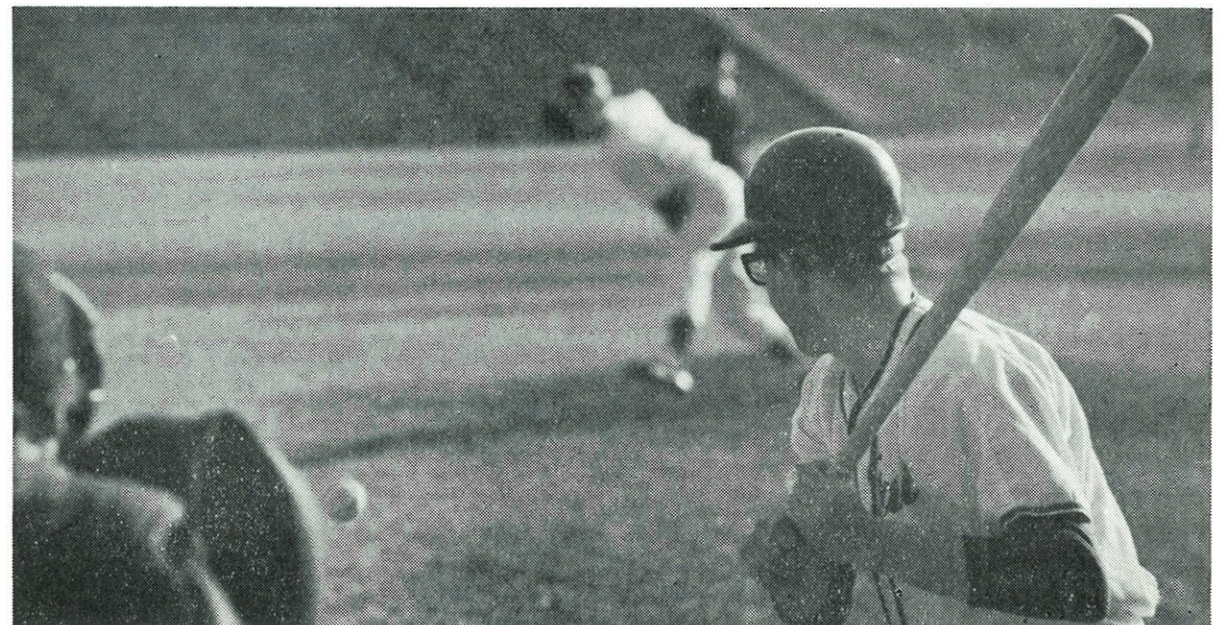
In their second game, against Mounds View, the Packers started early, scoring nine runs in the first three innings and went on to win 9-1.

Glenn Novack pitched a great game for the Pack as he only

allowed one hit. Jim Van Horn had the big blow in the attack, as he hit a bases loaded triple. Everyone on the Packer team saw action in the one-sided contest.

In a non-conference game, the Pack had an 8-2 lead over St. Paul Park, but the game was washed out by rain in the bottom of the third inning.

The Packers have done a fine job in the field to go along with their fine hitting. Their starting line-up has Glenn Novack and Tom Barger (pitcher or first base), Tony Kallas (catcher), Don Goral (second base), Jim Van Horn (shortstop), Marv Krumrie (third base), Denny Kaiser (outfield), Marsh Huebner (outfield), and Jim Jacobson (outfield).



LOW AND OUTSIDE, apparently, as we see Tom Barger in action against Mounds View. The Packers drubbed the Viewers by a 9-1 score.