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Practice Teachers Gain Experience

"It's fun to be back in a different capacity," said Miss Sandra Kronholm, a former SSPHS student and now a senior social studies student teacher under Mrs. Alice Jones. A senior at Bethel College, Miss Kronholm will graduate in June. Her college career also included a summer session of study at Whittier College in California. Among her interests she listed attending sports events, reading, music, attending concerts, playing the violin and doing things out of doors. After graduation she plans to teach Americans in Quito, Ecuador or else to work in South Korea. Asked how the attitudes of SSPHS students differ now from when she attended the school, Miss Kronholm said the students now seem more apathetic, less enthusiastic, and less spunky.

"I haven't noticed any student involvement at SSPHS in other activities outside of school." This is what Mr. Russ Thiem, a student teacher working under Mr. Don Anderson, said when asked his impression of SSPHS. He seemed surprised at the small amount of political activity our high school fostered during the recent national elections.

Mr. Thiem, an Edina High School and Gustavus Adolphus College graduate, is now completing his Master's degree in theatre at the University of Minnesota. He teaches two of Mr. James Lucas' sophomore English classes and two of Mr. Don Anderson's drama classes. Mr. Thiem speaks German, plays bridge and tennis, and enjoys painting. He vacationed in Europe during the summer and spent most of his time there attending plays. He hopes his future vocation will have something to do with the theatre because it expresses a combination of many forms of art.

Another practice teacher, Mr. Thomas Arts, is teaching in the industrial arts department under Mr. Will Wachtler. He is a senior at the University of Minnesota and will graduate from there in June with a Bachelor's degree. Mr. Arts teaches the first year graphic arts classes and says he enjoys working in a well-equipped shop. He is from Golden Valley and graduated from Hopkins Senior High. He hopes to teach in a secondary school in the metropolitan area.

Council Sponsors Style Show

"Sock It to Me, Santa" was the theme for the style show conducted by the Student Council representatives.

Signal Hills lends the use of their shopping center to each school for one month. SSPHS provided the activities for this month. The Student Council participated in a style show held on December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs of the Shangri-La Restaurant.

A variety of entertainment was presented. Kerry McKnight played the role of Santa, and Pat Molitor, Barb Lyksett, and Laurie Gobeil played the elves. Mary Lemire presented an Arabic dance to "My Own True Love." Lynn Bechdolt and Patti Andrich sang, while Bryant Christensen and Tom Hart provided the music.



HENRI LARDANCHET, de Saint-Didier-au-Mont-d'Or, pres de Lyon, France est accueilli au terminus des autobus par Madame Anne Collopy, professeur de francais. Henri passera huit semaines a South St. Paul, ou il apportera une ambiance vraiment francaise aux classes de langue, ou il est deja tres populaire. Pendant son sejour, il demeure avec la famille de M. Virgil Johnson et de M. William Macheel.

Bond Issue Passes!

South St. Paul voters approved the 6.05 million dollar school bond issue by a slim 37-vote margin in a special election Tuesday, December 10.

The final vote was 2,465 for the bond issue and 2,428 against.

The second proposal involving \$340,000 for a swimming pool to be constructed at the junior high school was defeated by a vote of 2,712 to 2,125.

The bond issue will finance a five-year expansion program which includes additions to two elementary schools and the junior and senior high schools. The proposal also calls for various school improvements.

The senior high addition, which will be built in two phases from 1971 to 1973, will provide new classrooms, office space, a new gym, and more parking space for students and teachers. The old west wing will be replaced by a new building which will house a large cafeteria and a learning center composed of an audio-visual center and library. New band and choir rooms have also been planned.

At the junior high, where increased enrollment is more of a problem, construction is scheduled to begin next year.

The bond issue will mean a 4.6% increase in taxes for property owners in SSP including Armour & Co., Swift & Co., and Union Stockyards.

Mrs. Audrey Luhrs commented the show.

Models were Julie Andersen, Linda Bortz, Charlene Ellert, Debbie Hawkinson, Marty Kneeland, Marsha Krasean, Mary Lemire, Karen Skaggs, Debbie Stover, and Joanne Swanson. The boys who participated were Steve Bauer, Bill Devine, Toby Goff, Ken Greshowak, John Lawrence, Bill Sobaski, Corky Todd, and Mr. Theim.

The small fee which was charged for the Student Council Style Show was contributed to the Council's funds.

Art, Law Students Take Field Trips

Walker Art Center, The Minneapolis Institute of Art, and the Nicollet Mall were points of interest SSPHS art students viewed in a recent field trip. The students studied all the different forms of art but dwelled mainly on sculpture, architecture, and South American and Chinese pottery.

Business law pupils also went on a field trip during December. They visited the Ramsey County Court House and watched cases and hearings in the various courts such as juvenile and traffic.



DEBATERS PRACTICE for the Little Nationals tournament, which will be held here at SSPHS tomorrow afternoon. Linda Zwinger, left, checks reference cards while Roberta Yount rehearses her presentation. These two girls placed fourth in last year's tournament.

Band, Chorus, And Encore Stage Christmas Assembly

by Kathy Quinn

"Our Christmas Heritage — A Harkening to the Past" was the theme of Tuesday afternoon's Christmas assembly at SSPHS.

Mr. Ernest Galbraith, biology teacher at SSPHS, began the program in which members of the SSPHS band, Encore Club, Junior Girls' Chorus, and A Cappella Choir participated, with an organ solo, "Pastoral Symphony Aria" by Handel. After Mr. Galbraith's performance, a woodwind ensemble, directed by Mr. Ed Anderson, band director of SSPHS, played three numbers followed by a woodwind quintet which played one selection.

Following the woodwind performance, the Junior Girls' Chorus, directed by Miss Corinne Livengood, sang four numbers, followed by an ensemble of six junior girls who sang "Mister Santa." With the processional "O Come All Ye Faithful", the A Cappella Choir, also directed by Miss Livengood, came on stage to perform four Christmas songs, including a solo by Kathy Ostby, a junior at SSPHS. The Girls' Chorus then joined the A Cappella

Choir on stage to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Members of Encore, with the help of Mr. Don Anderson, drama instructor at SSPHS, and Mr. Russel Thiem, student teacher from Gustavus Adolphus, ended this year's program with Nativity scenes staged on 16th century pageant wagons.

An evening program, with no admission fee, was presented later that day.

Sprolic Activities Start Jan. 6

January 6-11 is the week set for the ninth annual Sprolic festivities. The 1969 edition of Sprolic promises to be a combination of tradition and new and different activities. The word itself comes from the words "winter sports frolic" which describes what Sprolic is. Its purpose is to honor the winter sports' teams and to promote school spirit.

Many top games are scheduled for the week of Sprolic. The hockey team meets high-rated Mounds View on Thursday and arch-rival Sibley on Saturday. The basketball and wrestling teams both meet Hastings on Tuesday and Sibley on Friday. The swimming team swims against Ramsey at Hamline on Thursday and against Burnsville at Burnsville's pool on Friday.

The choosing of royalty will again be a part of Sprolic. The king and queen are selected from the senior class, the prince and princess from the junior class, and duke and duchess from the sophomore class.

The traditional competition between classes for points will add some rivalry between the seniors, juniors, and sophomores. Points

will be given for the most in attendance at games and for the winners of each event scheduled.

The annual Sprolic dance will be held in the gym after the basketball game on Friday, January 10. The "Niles" will provide the music.

This year there are going to be many activities planned, possibly something every day after school and every night of the entire week. Many new ideas for Sprolic activities have been suggested. The ideas included everything from a sauerkraut eating contest to a leg judging contest. From all indications, the 1969 Sprolic should be different as well as full of excitement and fun.

SSP To Host Debate Tourney

Students at SSPHS will be excused at 12 o'clock on Friday, December 20, in order to make room for the second annual "Little Nationals Speech and Debate Tournament." Students from seven states ranging from Oklahoma to neighboring Wisconsin will participate in the two day long contest. Awards for the first seven teams placing in this tournament will include 300 dollars in trophies and certificates. Last year, the sophomore debate team of Yount and Zwinger (now juniors) placed fourth among the entries. This year's tournament events include debate, oratory, and extemporaneous speaking.

The tournament will consist of six rounds of debate, the first three taking place on Friday afternoon and evening, and four rounds of extemporaneous speaking and oratory, the first two rounds of which will be held on Friday also. Saturday holds the final three rounds of debate, and the last round of oratory and extemp. speaking. All of the action will come to a close on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 when the ballots are counted and the winners are disclosed at a general assembly.

Hi Times Wishes You A Happy Holiday!

It's Time For An Awakening

This year, the hallowed halls of schools around the nation have rung with the outcries of ancient-minded faculties in a modern, open-minded society. The shocking evidence supporting this, made itself known on two separate occasions in SSP, the latter of which took place near the distribution time of the last "Hi Times."

In this day and age, the adult in our society is continually submerged in an unpleasant world filled with everything from four-letter words, to unjust conflicts in the Far East and the every day openness about promiscuity and sex. The adult uses cigarettes and intoxicating beverages to give himself the illusion of superiority over youth. Yet when he faces the youth who asks why he can not drink or smoke, he says that it is bad for him. . . . What accounts for this narrow-minded approach towards today's youth? Is it selfishness, or is it the need for a special device to show the superiority of the adult to youth?

We feel that the faculties of these institutions for better learning should look at themselves objectively, and find out that they themselves are far behind the times, and that they should open their minds and do a little more learning. They would then find out that what was approved of ten years ago, and what should be approved of today are two vastly different things, for along with the time . . . "The Viewpoints They Are A'Changin'."

'Tis The Season To Be Jolly?

Since Madison Avenue became the million dollar baby of New York, Christmas has been redecorated in an all-modern motif. The advertising executives failed to take into account that full page ads in Time, Look, and all large newspapers do not make everything better. However, advertising does make things sell. Whatever does not sell at face value must be dressed to sell. Christmas has not benefited by this change.

Nowadays, people hurry down to be able to find a place to park. In their haste to buy someone something they don't really need, they pass up the Salvation Army solicitors who would use any loose change for people who are in real need.

The word Christmas explains itself. It is a compound word made of Christ and mass. An archaic word, mass meant a church festival. Somehow a legend called Santa Claus got mixed up in this meaning. He originally was a boy bishop of the 300's whose generosity gained him sainthood.

What has happened to the simplicity of Christ's festival and the magnanimity of the Bishop of Myra, Turkey? It is for us to decide which Christmas we prefer.

ROVING REPORTER

The Hi Times Roving Reporter asked several SSPHS students "What are you doing over Christmas vacation?"

Kris Stover: "Barb, Rose, and I are going to Duluth."

Sue Chance: "Not homework, that's for sure."

Patty Patterson: "Read six books, hah!"

Steve Hirte: "Besides wrestling practice, sleep . . . and eat."

Debbie Erickson: "Sleep! Anything but work!"

Miles Lindberg: "Definitely slaving!"

Rozanne Krueser: "Going to Mistletoe. Probably ski, if there's snow. Maybe go up to the lake for the weekend."

Joan Lindell: "Sleep!"

Nancee Monroe: "Spend two weeks thinking of anything but school."

Vernie Kukacka: "Live it up at Duluth, without Ron!"

Mary Vucicevic: "Frost my hair."

Darlene Weiler: "Go to Iowa."

Bruce Ruecker: "Be Santa Claus for all the little kiddies."

Dianne Buetner: "I'm going to sleep an awful lot."

Kathy Quinn: "Sleep!"

Jan Conway: "We're going to Las Vegas."

Debbie Glewwe: "I'm going to California."

Rose Mackey: "Toilet paper Miles' car, for making me write the sports articles all the time."

Peggy Yung: "We're going to Duluth twice."

Merry Christmas

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Patti's Patter --

Eyes Are On Vacation

by Pat St. Peter

Christmas vacation has been cancelled this year due to lack of interest. What? Who said that? It couldn't be true. From September to December I look forward to the upcoming two weeks of heavenly bliss. For the past month, it seemed to me as if the teachers tried to squeeze one quarter's work into four weeks. Can you imagine? They actually think that we might forget what we've learned over vacation. That just goes to show the lack of trust and faith they have in us.

Vacation means something different to everyone.

Vacation is . . .

A time for students to rest their strained brains.

A time for teachers to unwrought their nerves.

For sophomores, it will be a time to play with all the new toys they got from Santa.

To Pat Molitor, it means a trip to New York to see a certain someone.

It will be a time of good eating. No more morbid lunches!

The time of year when Miss Dubois receives her annual card from Arnold.

A time for Perk Lagoo to go skiing in the woods. Ugh, maybe he findum little squaw.

To the athletes, it will mean getting up early and going to longer practices.

Sneaking kisses under the mistletoe with your little sister in the background going ho ho ho.

While I'm on the subject of mistletoe, I have received word that the custodians have had an extraordinary number of requests to hang mistletoe in the French lab. I have a hunch that there has been a little bit of kibitzing between parlez-vous. The other day I noticed a little sophomore girl hanging a piece of mistletoe over Mr. Anderson's biology door. When I asked him if he ever had any trouble with this sort of thing, he told me that ever since his picture appeared in the Hi Times last month, he has had girls lined up outside his door every night screaming for autographed pictures.

And for those of you who don't know what to do with your time, I have made a list of events scheduled for the next two weeks.

Tim Gallagher will be shaving heads every night from 7 p. m. to

9 p. m. From what I've seen though, there has been a noticeable slump in business. You guys had better come up with a new style if you don't want to be forced out of business. A mohawk might be nice.

Wakota Arena has public skating every Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 for those of you who feel like Peggy Fleming.

For the boys who aren't making it to Mistletoe for some excuse or another, the Avalon should provide some interesting entertainment. If enough boys are interested, there will be a bus. For those who want further

HI STYLE

by Kathy Goral

The days are numbered and the boys are growing scarce, as that big, all-important event draws near . . . Mistletoe. By now, most sophomores understand that this is a girl ask boy affair. However, for those who are lacking any more common knowledge on the subject, here are a few pointers.

Mistletoe is a formal event. Suit coats and ties are in order for the boys, and formal dresses are to be worn by the girls. Newest in formal attire for the girls is the long velvet dirndl skirt worn with a frilly white satin blouse. For the less conservative, add a bolero or vest in a contrasting color to provide a unique appearance. Velvet and brocade material in darker, solid colors is the best choice for formal wear in the winter season. Also, sequins and other trimmings really add to the festive occasion. Whether or not a formal has sleeves is up to the

SOUND OFF!

Again, as in previous issues, enough support has been shown so that the Sound Off column can be included. The editors urge you to let us know, through the mailbox near Mr. Happe's room, of any opinions or subjects you wish aired.

The following was the only 'Dear Aunt Zelda' letter we received, so we will include it in this column.

Dear Aunt Zelda,

I have recently gone to court for two speeding tickets. I found out that I was going to lose my license for six months. This has completely ruined my love life. What do you suggest I do?

Love-sick Speeder

Since the editors happen to know the 'Love Sick Speeder' our only reply is "We hope'm you still findum squaw while your pony is corralled or it will be a long, cold winter on the reservation."

Swanny and Miley,

I would like to make a complaint. What is wrong with this school? I am a growing boy, as a few of you have noticed. Right now, I am just sick . . . sick and tired of going to my locker and finding my lunch gone. This is the sixth time this has happened this year. Now, who besides me, could stand a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on sesame? If I ever catch the fella that has been swiping my lunch, I'll pound the living peanut butter and jelly right out of him!!!

Hungry Bobo—the Bad Guy
P. S. Please return the silverware Rosie put in the bag.

Stolen lunches are a problem plaguing many SSPHS students. In regard to this letter, please, if only for Rosie's sake, stop taking Bobo's lunches.

information, contact Mark Johnson. He will fill you in on the details.

For the girls who didn't find any of the debonair males of SSPHS pleasing to their taste, why not go to Duluth for the hockey game on the 26th. If it's anything like last year's trip, you'll be too tired to even think about Mistletoe the next night.

So, the time is yours and I would advise you to spend it wisely. Easter is a long way off.

Oh, one last thing girls . . . "Nitschke" still doesn't have a date for Mistletoe. Would all interested girls please form a line east from locker 2-348 after school today.

individual. However, sleeveless dresses call for long gloves, and short gloves should accompany formals with sleeves. Anything from a rabbit fur to a velvet or satin jacket is great as a wrap. However, if the girl is not able to acquire one, it is completely proper to wear a winter coat over her shoulders.

Expenses can be evenly divided between the boy and girl. The guys get a break as it is up to the girls to buy the tickets. Also, it is proper for the girl to purchase a boutonniere for her escort. The guys usually present their dates with flowers, often in the form of wrist corsages or colonial bouquets.

Although it is the usual practice to go out to dinner after the dance, the girl can help out with expenses by having a dinner party at her house. This not only is as much fun, but usually provides for a pretty interesting meal.

There's still time girls, to nab an escort to Mistletoe, but time is running out almost as fast as the guys are. To the lucky ones who are already going — have yourselves a ball!

Patrick Premieres Latest Production

"When Young Men Turn to Other Things," Joseph Patrick's most recent production, was shown during Thanksgiving vacation at Holy Trinity Church.

The amazing Joe Patrick has been producer, director and editor of his own films for the past eight years. This summer he portrayed in his picture exactly what the title states. Mark Gruenhagen turned to work, Craig McHenry to girls, Joe Patrick to kicks, and Tim Pugh turned to the call of the wild and the finer things of nature.

Other select students were involved in the excitement of this epic. The narcotics ring, hoodlums, and policemen, who received the best acting award, all added to the picture to make it the best yet. Members of the pie fight also got in the act to build up the suspense. Guest stars included Pat McMorro, Carlos Lepori, Rose Mackey, and Bryant Christenson.

Joe Patrick plans to donate \$25 of the proceeds to the senior class. The rest will go into the making of his final production to be filmed during Christmas vacation.

Speakers Set For Coming Tourneys

Writing original orations, finding a serious or humorous piece to interpret, and reading up on world affairs for extemporaneous speaking have been among the preparations speech students have made in recent weeks. Speakers are also boning up for the discussion, non-original oratory, story telling and extemporaneous reading events in the first tournament at Mahtomedi on December 14.

Expected to do well for SSP are Joe Patrick, Dick Ellis, Lynn Bechdolt, Roberta Yount, and Craig McHenry, all of whom competed in the regional tournament last year.

Future tournaments include those at Sibley on January 18, White Bear Lake on February 8, and March tournaments at St. Anthony and Mounds View.

Santa Asks For Christmas List

Santa has asked us to send him the SSPHS Christmas list this year, so we've been racking our brains to find something for the school with the students who have everything. After weeks of dedicated research, we have compiled the following list, which we hope meets with everyone's approval:

For Mr. Arnquist we are requesting a new pair of ice skates so he can make the scene at the Crime Palace on Sunday afternoons.

A year's supply of Vern Gagne's Gera-speed will be the gift to the wrestling team, while the B-ball team will have the chance to see the Packerettes "perform" for them during half-time. To the hockey team will be given the honor of having Mr. Arnquist bring all his guppies to a hockey game. We are asking for the cheerleaders their dream of a lifetime — skinny legs.

For the senior boys, a season ticket to the Big "A"; and for the junior boys, new barbers and new stocking caps.

The senior girls may get their wish of having Mr. Wicks come over to watch Guy Lombardo with them on New Year's Eve.

The sophs will have fun on New Year's Eve, too, as they have already asked for a case of apple beer for their party.



CARDBOARD SCULPTURE by one of her students is inspected by Mrs. Olive Jensen, SSPHS art teacher. "The objective of this type of work," says Mrs. Jensen, "is to take something ordinary, like a cardboard carton, and transform it into something totally different with a pleasing form. One way to do this is to repeat one shape in many ways to create an organic unity."

Committee Names AFS Candidates

Selected as candidates for the summer exchange program sponsored by the American Field Service are Patty Andrich and Mark Kronholm, two juniors of SSPHS.

They were chosen from seventeen students who were interviewed, after having applied and submitted thorough information which included insight on various topics such as family background and money obligations.

There was a committee of four members, each of whom interviewed the seventeen individually and graded them on a one to ten basis considering scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Although each of these characteristics is a necessity, Mr. Philip Gustafson, assistant principal and head of the program in this school, seems to feel that the determining factors will be what the student expects to gain from the opportunity, and if he possesses the ability to relate his experiences to others who may be interested.

The Summer Program takes place from June through early September, with the stay abroad lasting from eight to ten weeks, depending on the host country. Expenses are partially paid for by the student, and the school attempts to provide the remaining amount of the obligation.

Despite the pressure, the application deadline was met; and the final decision from the New York AFS office is received early in March. For every three students brought to this country, one student is able to go abroad. South St. Paul has not had a student abroad for the past two years, and Mr. Gustafson feels that consideration should be given to SSPHS this year. He believes the chances are good and the candidates are "top-notch."

Know Your Faculty

Olive Jensen; Art Is Her Life

by Rosemary Jacovitch

"When I need a necklace, I make one." Making jewelry is only one of the many talents and interests of Mrs. Olive Jensen, art instructor at SSPHS.

Aside from her role as art teacher, Mrs. Jensen is also a freelance graphic artist. She has illustrated several books published by Augsburg Publishing House, including two children's books used in religion classes and an adult book of meditations. She also displays her skills in brochures, posters, and church bulletins. Preparing for her own art shows keeps Mrs. Jensen working. These shows generally include examples of her drawings, prints, paintings, and weavings. Presently, she has a show on display at the Sons of Norway building in Minneapolis. In the spring, Mrs. Jensen finds time to teach an arts methods course at Augsburg College in the evening.

In her pursuit of excellence in the field of art education, Mrs. Jensen has earned a BA from St. Olaf College, and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. She is now working on her doctorate at the University of Minnesota.

"My house is one-fourth studio and three-fourths house, which makes it crowded," says Mrs. Jensen of her home. She also admits that the growth of her two children in the fourth and sixth grades compounds the problem. Her "peculiar garments" are examples of her interest in weaving and stitching.

When asked about her work as a teacher, Mrs. Jensen said, "I could not be happy being just a free-lance artist in a cubbyhole." She finds that she is "excited, inspired, and stimulated" by her students. Especially satisfying to her is the growth in interest in art that has been shown by the students in the past years. When she began teaching at SSPHS, the

enrollment in art classes was 25; now, the enrollment is nearly 200.

Her pet peeve about SSPHS students is concerning their willingness to be second rate. She believes that everyone can excel in something, and many can achieve in art. For this reason, she tries to teach that the end result of an art project or any other piece of work is not as important as the clarity of thought necessary throughout the process of developing the work.

Chorus Participates In St. Paul Pageant

For the first time in the history of SSP, the A Cappella choir participated in the annual St. Paul Christmas Pageant held at the St. Paul Auditorium on December 8.

Miss Corinne Livengood, director of SSP's music department felt that this year's choir could handle the added responsibility in addition to their regular Christmas program. When asked about the choir, Miss Livengood said, "Attitude plays such an important part in developing a choir, and this year it has been a pleasure working with this group."

Mr. John McAlpine, supervisor of music in St. Paul, directed a large choir of 2,500 students representing the majority of the schools in the St. Paul area. The pageant was sponsored by the St. Paul Pioneer Press and was free to the public.

Thirteen traditional Christmas carols were sung by the combined choirs. However, the audience joined in on several of the carols to add to the holiday spirit.

Council Works On School Improvement

School improvement has been a major concern of Student Council lately. An important part of this school improvement campaign was the council's support of the bond issue. One meeting was set aside for Mr. Philip Gustafson, Student Council advisor, to brief the members on the facts of the bond issue. The following day council members visited the social studies classes to lead a discussion and answer any questions the students had about the upcoming bond issue. The students were also told of the demonstration which would take place that evening at the wrestling match. The demonstration consisted of members of various clubs holding signs while they sat in the crowded conditions of the SSPHS gymnasium.

Following the wrestling match was a dance which also followed the idea of school improvement, since the profits went to buy some study booths for the library and mirrors for the girls' lavatories.

The "Kaposia Korner" is something new this year. This will be a place where the SSPHS pennants and megaphones, as well as anything else on sale, can be sold. Its location will be where the concession stand is located. Pat Molitor, who is in charge of this, summarized what this corner is planned to be when she said, "If everything goes right, we should be selling school supplies, such as paper and pencils, as well as the pennants and megaphones."

Again this year, the Student Council had a style show in the basement of the Shangri La restaurant. This style show is sponsored by Signal Hills Merchant's Association. This year's theme was "Sock-it-to-me Santa."

A Suburban Conference Student Council is being formed again this year. The delegates from South St. Paul to the first meeting were Kathy Zawacki, Rose Mackey, and Jo Glewwe. It has not yet been decided if South St. Paul will take an active part in this council.

Thanks are extended to all those who brought clothing for the Guadalupe clothing drive.



DYNAMIC, EFFERVESCENT visitor to the social science classes recently was Jackie Rodriguez, left, from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Jackie is a student at the Institute of Medical Technology, in Minneapolis. She is accompanied by Ruth Nelson, whose sister Sara also attends the Institute.

Pucksters Grab Initial Victories

The South St. Paul Pucksters opened up the 1968-69 hockey campaign with victories over Hastings and Anoka.

In the first encounter of the season the Pack opened up with a 7-0 triumph over Hastings. Ken Madden scored the first goal of the year for the Pack when Hastings held a man advantage. Paul Hansen added two other markers in the first period for a 3-0 lead.

The Packers added three more goals in the second period on tallies by Donn Hocking, Steve Bloemers, and Jim Jacobson. Terry Madland scored the last Packer goal in the third period. South St. Paul's goalies Mark Kronholm and Kerry McKnight only made 10 saves while Hastings' goalie made 24 saves.

The Pucksters continued on the winning road with a hard fought 1-0 victory over the Anoka Tornados.

Gene Mortel scored the only goal in the fast moving action early in the second period. The goal was set up by a fine effort on the part of Dick Todd, who was credited with an assist.

Mark Kronholm had an excellent night in the nets as he stopped 23 Anoka shots to register the team's second straight shut-out. The Anoka goalie, Tim Rootes, stopped 24 Packer shots.

South St. Paul, in preparation for the season, had scrimmages against Roosevelt, Johnson, Murray, and Harding. New head coach Dennis Tetu has been working in a new system of play and has the plan of skating three lines.

The squad is made up of forwards Ken Madden (co-capt.), Terry Madland, Scott Sandison, Paul Hansen, Gene Mortel, Dick Todd, Jeff Milbert, Donn Hocking and Jim Jacobson. The defensemen are Mike Bonk (co-capt.), Mike McMorrow, Steve Bloemers, Gene Nightengale, Ken Day, Tom St. Peter, Mike Neska, and Dave Eisen. Mark Kronholm and Kerry McKnight are in the nets for the Packers.

In the upcoming schedule the Packers play a strong St. Paul Park team on December 16th. During Christmas vacation the team travels to Duluth East on December 26th and on the 28th plays Southwest, one of the strongest teams in the state.

Swimmers Start Season As Victors

The SSPHS swimming team added insult to injury by beating St. Paul Park 55-39 in the first meet of the season, since the SSPHS swimmers often practice at St. Paul Park.

The medley relay team consisting of seniors Denny Orpen, Jim Entgelmeier, co-captain Bert Heaton, and junior Jon Olson did an outstanding job to win first place in that meet.

Bert Heaton won the 100-yard breast stroke. Another senior, co-captain Greg Onischuk, won the diving competition with an excellent performance. The swimming team won six out of eleven events.

Mr. Julian Arnquist, coach, has hopes for his 400 free style relay team of sophomores Denny Dayhuff, Leroy Pawlenty, Dave Kontz, and freshman Joe Lindell. The SSPHS swimming team is an enthusiastic, but young squad swimming seven sophomores.

The SSPHS swimmers are at a disadvantage, since over half of the conference teams have their own pools and three schools are in the process of building pools. Despite the disadvantages, they hope to be a good team.

Grapplers Drop First Two Meets

"If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average?" Never. Although this may apply to the Packer grapplers' double failure in trying to capture a win from Mounds View and Kellogg, it cannot be said that individual effort was only "average."

SSP began the wrestling season with an encounter from Mounds View. Lacking spirit, but not ability, the Packers were overpowered by their opponents 27-17. Seniors Russ Wollin, Dave Peters, co-captain Jim Van Horn, and sophomore Rick Onischuk acquired individual wins.

Against Kellogg, Packers summoned all their strength, and doubling their effort, challenged their opponents to an excitingly close match. Only one point kept the grapplers from achieving victory. The score: SSP 21 — Kellogg 22. Russ Wollin, wrestling at 95 pounds, acquired his second pin; Dave Peters his second win. Senior co-captains Tom Frankfurth and Mark Kochendorfer, and junior Craig Strand, defeated in their first matches, were successful in giving their opponents a loss.

Cagers Lose To Mounds View, Win Over Kellogg

A humiliating defeat and a well-earned victory opened the season for the South St. Paul basketballmen.

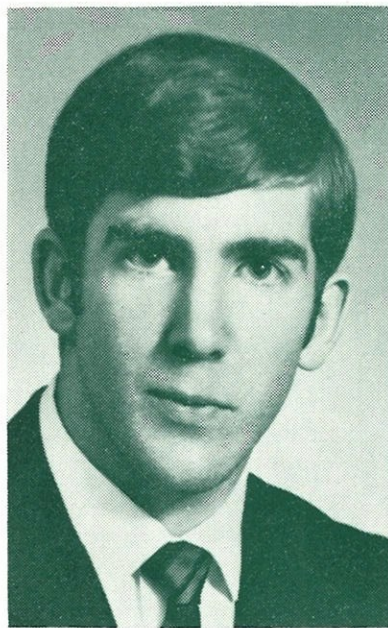
The Packer b-ball team seemed to have forgotten everything and anything that pertained to the sport of basketball, as they took a good drubbing at the hands of Mounds View, 62-41, on the victor's court. Not only did the bucketeers have a difficult time finding the range, as they hit only 29% of their shots from the floor, but they also had numerous turnovers. Leading scorers were Mark Stoeve with 16 points and Brian Peterson with 12.

Head Coach Mr. Donald McLain expressed his disappointment afterwards. "The game was just terrible; but give the boys some time. They're a little inexperienced. We'll just have to work a great deal on basic fundamentals."

Their work on fundamentals must have paid off as SSP soon got their first taste of victory when they defeated Kellogg 72-65, on the Packer court.

Led by Mark Stoeve's 31 points, the Kaposia team built up leads mounting to as much as 19 points.

Kellogg fell behind by 13 points at the end of the third period and



Tom Barger

Packer Profile

This month's Packer Profile is senior Tom Barger. A three-letter man, Tom competes in cross country, basketball, and baseball. Tom captained this year's cross country team, and was also voted its most valuable player by his teammates. He is presently captain of the basketball team and starts as a guard. During the spring season he is active as a pitcher for the varsity baseball team. Tom has plans to continue his education, and would like to do so at one of the military academies.

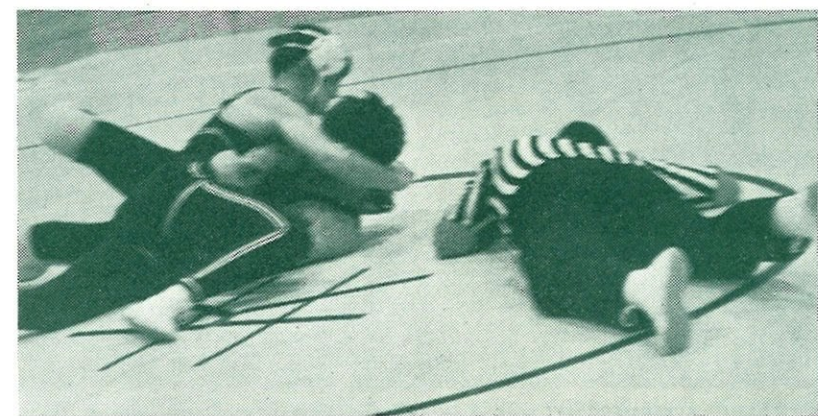
could never make up the difference.

Also contributing to the Packer triumph were Kurt Virgin with 12 points, Brian Peterson with 12 points, Tom Barger's board strength, and Glenn Novak's overall offensive play.

With victory number "1" under its belt, the b-ball team, before the Christmas break, encounters two tough foes in Coon Rapids and Alexander Ramsey. Coon Rapids is the pre-season pick for the Suburban Conference championship, while Ramsey is ranked eighth in the state basketball ratings.

The junior varsity (JV) basketball team, comprised of sophomores, juniors, and seniors who don't play a lot on the A-squad, got off to a flying start, as they won their first two games of the season.

Led by Wally Jacobson with 15 points, the JV-ers walked over Simley 47-34. In their second tilt, they slipped by NSP 57-54. Leading the way were Greg Nida with 18 points and Steve Jancaric with 14.



TOM FRANKFURTH, in the 165-pound class, chalked up a victory over his opponent, shown here; but Kellogg squeaked out a win by a narrow 22-21 score.

Todd but True Winter Sports In Full Swing

by Dick Todd

SSP's only real winners on the opening day of winter sports were its girls. Proceeds from the D-Day Dance will allow President Van Horn's long awaited campaign promise of mirrors in the girls' lavatories to be fulfilled. Actually, the wrestlers and B-ballers were the ones who should have done a little reflecting.

For the fans, winter sports came like an inheritance from your 107 year old great uncle. Between football season and winter sports, SSPHS was deadlier than the Big "A" on Sunday morning. Saturday nights were another thing entirely, however. Once Andy Lynn discovered how to get to the "A" on the Twin City Lines, a whole new era opened up for mass transit. Perhaps the class of '70 will be rich enough to take the next step and charter a bus. Or better yet, maybe next year Mr. Veldman can issue season athletic tickets with dates at the "A" included to fill the gap between fall and winter. Bert Heaton, who only recently discovered the Lake Street scene (probably through that den of corruption, the swimming team), is planning to hold the next S Club meeting on location at the "A".

No one was too surprised at the inexperienced B-ball team's loss to Mounds View, but the ensuing victory over Kellogg was very encouraging. Mark Stoeve, who played at pivot, was the leading scorer with 31 points. If Stoeve's play seemed inspired, it's no wonder. Before every practice he gets a little extra encouragement from his favorite Packerette. If some of the Packerettes' never-say-die spirit rubs off on Mark, there is no telling what calamities might result.

The outlook for the B-ballers is improving, but it still holds more than a few losses. The cagers will face their tough schedule (including second ranked Hayfield) without the many services of O. J. Karhula, who retired from the game recently. Also, Gator Jacobson was temporarily slowed by a fractured toe, but his injury was nothing that a few laps wouldn't cure.

When cage-star Stoeve asked Coach McLain if he could stay in the gym at half-time to watch the intermission entertainment, his mentor wisely refused him. One glimpse of the Russian Behr's band of dead-end kids would have paralyzed him, either with fear or with laughter. Speaking of dead-ends, it seems that that's just where Renee Sharrow "ended" up after attempting to perform in the Packerettes' lethal kick-line.

If there early season record is any indication, the wrestlers will have to put aside their tournament dreams and start winning some dual meets. Our maulers are so injury prone that they couldn't stay healthy wrestling a blindfolded sophomore guppie on a foam mat ten feet thick. Mark Kochendorfer managed to turn one injury to advantage. He hurt his mouth so bad that he just couldn't give his French conversation in class the next day. Wrestling practices have indeed toughened this year, especially with the Wicked Wicks of the South there to help Coach Flaherty. Christmas vacation is definitely not looked forward to by the wrestlers. It only means that a whole host of wrestling alumni will be home from college to work them over for a few weeks.

After the football season, the only sporting events which were available to SSP fans were the hockey scrimmages. They drew crowds like those in ancient Rome's colosseum. For some reason, the crowd's blood lust was not enough to provoke any outright donnybrooks. Most spec-

tators were content enough with Huey Mortel's animalism. Huey is also the main reason why a bus was furnished to take the hockey team to and from hockey practice this year. Mr. Tetu was afraid that too many of his players would be fighting over a chance to ride down to Wakota with Huey in his jeep. Although the hockey team won 7-0 over Hastings in its first game, this season could be one of surprises all around. Early season upsets were the rule, not the exception in hockey. As if the upsets weren't enough of a surprise, after the first game Paul Hansen was unofficially tied for the conference lead in goals scored.

I recently asked the cheerleaders what interesting things they had done lately. "Nothing," they replied. I couldn't find anyone to argue about that.

Despite all the years the swimming team has begged to have a pool, I really didn't realize how destitute the team actually is. Coach Julian Arnquist can't even afford swimming trunks (either that or he can't find a pair of the proper dimensions to suit him). In our age, when James Whitcomb Riley's ol' swimmin' hole has been closed due to pollution, the thought of Coach Arnquist skinny-dipping in Wilder Pool fills me with real nostalgia. Coach Arnquist's other side revealed itself in his devilish plans for keeping the swimmers in condition. Apparently he felt that weight training could be adapted to the swimmer's needs. However, when he asked Doc Shipton to swim four lengths with cement blocks strapped to his ankles, Doc began to wonder just what his coach thought the team needed. Actually, with the help of some promising sophs, the swimmers won their first meet and may do fairly well this season.

They call bubble-bouncer Brian Peterson the Lumberjack. No wonder. His pointed elbows are more lethal than an ax.



Tennis teams tallied tournament totals and the outcome of the singles division was as follows:

First place—Patty Messenger.
Second place—Carole Bevan.
Third place—Rhonda Otterness.

The doubles division results were the following:

First place—Bev Cole and Carole Bevan.
Second place—Sharon Wussow and Sandie Age.
Third place—Peggy Murr and Kathy Mazar.

The South St. Paul High School provided funds for GAA bowling enthusiasts to participate in the activities at Packer Lanes during the past four weeks.

Holiday spirit was demonstrated by members of the club at the Christmas party recently held in the high school gym.

"The Yungmobiles" captured the championship in the volleyball tournament, and second place winners are yet to be determined due to a tie between "Inga's Inguns" and "Renee's Rockets."

Selling school sweatshirts seems to be the topic of discussion concerning future money-making projects.