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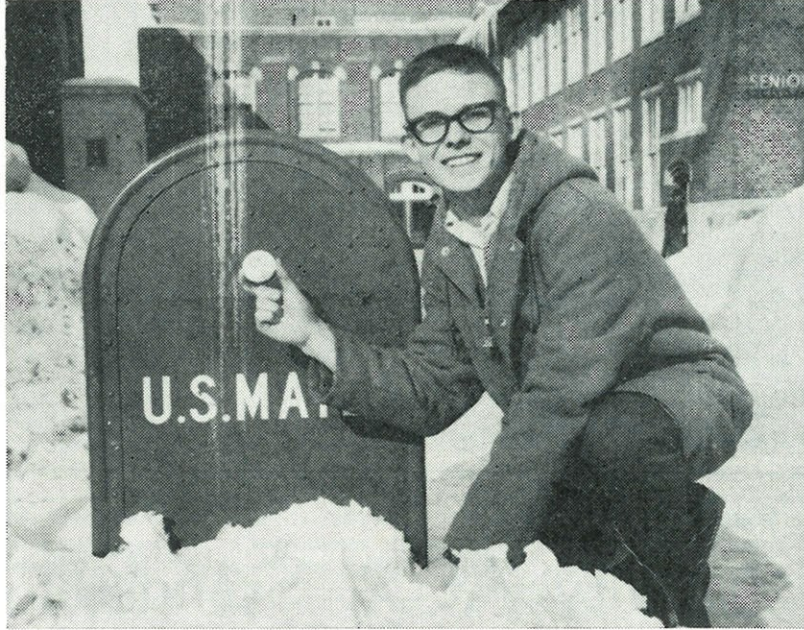
SOUTH ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, FEBRUARY 27, 1969



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## Coming Events

Feb. 28 - March 1—State Wrestling Tournament, U. of M.  
Feb. 24 - March 8—Basketball Districts.  
March 1 — District Swimming Finals, Hamline.  
March 4—Junior Varsity Swimming Meet, North St. Paul.  
March 7-8 — State Swimming Meet, U. of M.  
March 10-15 — Region Basketball Playoffs, Williams Arena.  
March 11 — Incoming Sophomore Parent Night.  
March 11 — National Math Contest.  
March 17—Indoor Track Meet, U. of M.  
March 19—Lyceum Assembly: "Alfred Hage."  
March 20-21-22—State Basketball Tournament, Williams Arena.  
March 20 — PTA Scholarship Dinner.  
March 28—End of 3rd Quarter.  
March 28 — School closes for Easter Vacation.



SCROUNGING IN THE SNOW paid off for Gary Deutsch, SSP senior, as he dug the Sprolic medallion from under the mailbox at the south of the high school during the recent winter sports frolic event. The five dollar reward made up for the cold hands.

## Class of '69 Wins Sprolic

"Sprolympic Games of 1969" was the theme for SSPHS's week of recognition to winter sports, January 6-11.

In order to encourage participation by all students, forty-five activities, ranging from a treasure hunt to a leg beauty contest, were planned by Student Council. Points were awarded to the classes for first, second, and third places earned in the activities, and points were given for the classes having the most attendance at the games. Proceeds from many of the events went to the American Field Service to help finance SSP's foreign exchange student program.

The week of activities began on Monday with the first treasure hunt clue. After five clues, the treasure was found on Wednesday by Gary Deutsch on the mailbox in the court. His efforts brought him a five dollar prize and two points for the senior class.

Tuesday was the beginning of the AFS Beauty Leg Contest. With the three class presidents as candidates, students voted by donating pennies to AFS. Senior class president, Bert Heaton, won, adding to the senior class point total and giving him unprecedented distinction.

After school each day, various athletic events were held. Broom-ball games between the classes were a favorite with the seniors coming out on top. Skating races, a volleyball tourney, toboggan races, and ski races carried out the competitive theme of Sprolic. Log-rolling, rope-climbing, and push-ups challenged SSPHS's most versatile athletes in the decathlon event.

A highlight came on Wednesday night when the SSP faculty challenged the West St. Paul faculty in a basketball game. A hard-fought battle resulted in a wide margin of victory for SSP.

The Packer teams fared well during the week with the enthusiasm at a peak for Sprolic. The swimming team lost its matches against the experienced teams of Ramsey and Burnsville, but the wrestling team defeated their opponents, Hastings and Sibley. The Packer B-ballers won a contest against Hastings but lost

to rival Sibley. The hockey team was victorious over both Mounds View and Sibley in Suburban Conference action.

School was dismissed early on Friday for the Sprolic assembly. The cheerleaders set the pace by leading the students in a pep fest. A sauerkraut-eating contest and SSPHS's own version of "The Dating Game" were followed by the introduction of the winter sports teams by the coaches.

The assembly ended with the coronation of the royalty. Chosen to represent the classes were sophomore Duke and Duchess, Mike McMorrow and Maureen Molitor, junior Prince and Princess, Mark Kronholm and Patty Andrich, and senior King and Queen, Tom Barger and Karen Skaggs.

Immediately following the assembly, the Intramural All-Stars and the faculty basketball teams tangled in fierce competition. The faculty pulled through a victory despite the efforts of the All-Stars.

Sprolic activities were capped off Friday evening with the presentation of royalty at the Sprolic dance with The Sunshine World providing the music. Following the Saturday night hockey game against Sibley, a skating party ended Sprolic for another year.

At the end of the week of winter festivities, the seniors had 102 points, the juniors 76 points, and the sophomores 37 points. The "Sprolympic Games of 1969" had left the Class of '69 with its third Sprolic victory.

## Council Working On New Ideas

Student Council has spent much of its time lately planning Sprolic. It is hoped that everyone who participated enjoyed the activities.

New business brought up recently has included the sponsoring of a foster child. This project will cost \$192.00 a year. This money will be used to help an underprivileged child. A dance is tentatively planned to raise money for this. Suggestions were also made that we send some money for the Biafran's and possibly send some money to aid the poor in Appalachia.

New ideas have been brought up concerning the upcoming elections for Student Council president which will be held in the spring. It was brought out that many people don't know what the candidates' proposed ideas are and therefore don't "vote intelligently." The suggested idea is to make the school election similar to government elections. Students would be required to register before they could vote. Polling places would then be opened at various locations in the school on election day. Also, the candidates' proposals would be on the ticket. These are just suggested ideas. Any other ideas will be appreciated.

Some talk has come up about the lack of communication between Student Council members and the student body. It has been suggested that the minutes of the meetings be made available to anyone who would like them.

## Students Respond To Library Poll

Recently a poll was conducted among some of the SSPHS students in regard to student reading to see whether our library was serving its purpose.

Annually hundreds of dollars are spent refurbishing the library with new selections of books and various other articles for furthering education. Is it all worth it?

The polls were answered by ten percent of the student body and the results were as follows: 86.5% have read a book in the last three months; 59% read because it was an assignment; 61% chose the subject of their book and 73% finished the entire book. Only 28% of the pupils read for enjoyment, while the others use the library facilities to complete their assignments.

These figures could easily be 100% if students would realize the advantages of reading good books. It has been said that homework and extra assignments prevent a student from reading books for enjoyment. The full value of a book isn't felt if a student must read it or if the subject does not interest him. Mrs. Eunice Olson, the assistant librarian remarked, "Some books are worth reading from cover to cover." However, each book has its own value which is advantageous.

## Freidl Cited With Craftsman Award

Wayne Freidl, senior, was named "Student Craftsman of the Year in Graphic Arts," at the Printing Week Banquet held at the Thunderbird Motel on Friday, January 17. He received \$50 and a plaque, and a plaque was presented to Mr. Wachtler. The award was made on the basis of Printing Week Posters, submitted by students of graphic arts. The purpose of the award is to recognize interest, potential, and talent in the field of graphic arts.

Wayne plans to attend St. Paul Vocational School next year.



"CRAFTSMAN OF THE YEAR" award for excellence in the graphic arts in the St. Paul and Suburban area is presented to Wayne Freidl, SSPHS senior. Making the presentation is Miss JoAnne Hemming, Printing Week Queen of the Barth-Jay Advertising Co. of Bloomington, assisted by Mr. Will Wachtler, Wayne's instructor.

## Choir Presents Vocal Assembly

Members of the vocal music classes at SSPHS, directed by Miss Corinne Livengood, and accompanied by Martha Vujovich, junior at SSPHS, entertained students and faculty during a vocal assembly recently.

The A Cappella Choir, which performed first, sang five numbers, and was followed by a sextet of junior girls, consisting of Linda Comstock, Connie Erickson, Polly Krinsky, Sherry Koehler, Kathy Ostby, and Sally Stewart, who sang three numbers. Miss Livengood, and Cathy Frisch, senior at SSPHS, then played a two piano number, "Canadian Capers."

After the two piano number, the Girls' Chorus came on stage to sing several numbers, including some selections from the Broadway hit "Mame."

Next on the program was senior soloist Lynda Hansen, accompanied by Barb Fodor, also a senior at SSPHS. Lynda sang two numbers by popular composers.

Following Lynda's performance the 150 members of the combined A Cappella Choir and Junior Girls' Chorus came on the stage to end the program with "America Our Heritage."

## Radke Wins Betty Crocker Contest

Denise Radke has been named 1969 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for SSPHS on the basis of her score in a written knowledge and attitude test on homemaking given senior girls here December 3.

Denise's achievement has made her eligible for state and national scholarships. She also has been awarded a specially designed silver charm from General Mills, sponsor of the Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

A state Homemaker of Tomorrow and runner-up will be selected from the winners of the schools in the state. The state winner will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship, and her school will be awarded a complete set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica by Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. The runner-up will earn a \$500

educational grant.

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow from this state, together with those from all other states and the District of Columbia, each accompanied by a school advisor, will join in an expense paid educational tour of Washington, D.C., and Colonial Williamsburg, Va., next spring.

The national winner — the 1969 All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow — will be announced at an American Table dinner in Williamsburg. The choice will be on the basis of her original test score plus personal observation and interviews during the tour, and her scholarship will be increased to \$5,000. Second, third, and fourth ranking Homemakers of Tomorrow in the nation will have their original scholarship grants increased to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively.



# Will SSP High Be Next?

Central, North St. Paul — who's next on the high school demonstration role? It's not a desirable role to be on. Demonstrations and riots are only symptoms of a deeper affliction, a more widespread disease.

The disease begins with restlessness and progresses into discontent. After the winter of our discontent comes the spring of our frustration. It is after this stage that the tell-tale symptoms break out.

It's not hard to follow the course of the disease. While we are in high school, we are passing through the most difficult and restless time of life. We are being introduced to the real world which often appears hypocritical to us. It's a "do as I say, not as I do" type of place and for us that's hard to swallow. We slip from restlessness to discontent without even trying hard. Coupling discontent with a rear-view mirror administration, can frustration be far behind? A common cause in this situation may often mean a demonstration, or worse, a riot. However, for every disease there's a cure.

The treatment is communication, not just after the outbreak, but from the very beginning. Good communications in the school can channel off the restlessness by bringing it out in the open. Eliminating discontent through good student and faculty understanding is imperative if frustration is to be stopped before it has a chance to start. The prescription calls for equal cooperation from student and faculty.

Where does SSPHS stand in regard to progression of the disease? That's for each of us to judge. A good dose of communication and cooperation from all wouldn't do us any harm.

# Is America Losing Way?

We don't believe it. We don't believe that our nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, has lost her way.

The question has been raised by Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Dr. Brown puts it this way:

"Members of ethnic groups are becoming embattled against blacks whom they fear threaten their hard-won economic position. The lack of brotherhood among Americans and our posture on the international scene have encouraged our nation's enemies and many of our own pessimists to characterize our nation as decadent. They say that the United States is declining and after a convulsive death will join the ancient Roman Empire and other civilizations that passed away.

"If America appears to have lost her way, it is not because the basic decency and generosity of our people have vanished. On the contrary, we have come to a new era, when red men, black men, yellow men—people of all races—are now included in the declaration that all men are created equal, which was not true as long as Jim Crow laws operated in any part of the United States. Opportunities without regard to race, creed or origin that are now regarded as the normal right of every child were not so regarded when the National Conference was founded in 1928 and rugged individualism tore gaping holes in brotherhood."

Dr. Brown, an internationally renowned educator who has been concerned with the question of bigotry and prejudice in his quarter-of-a-century with the NCCJ, goes on to state:

"If anyone wishes to know the alternatives to brotherhood, the correct antonyms can be found in any thesaurus. They are uncommunicativeness, coldness, standoffishness, inaccessibility, unapproachability, seclusion and the like. If approaches based on such attitudes are preferred by critics of brotherhood, we are appalled by the direction they have taken."

# SOUND OFF!

Unfortunately, this month about the only mail we received was gum wrappers and copies of the third hour announcements. So, in order to include a Sound Off column we had to dig up some of our old correspondence. Therefore, once again we appeal to you to use the Hi Times mailbox for letters, not trash. If we wanted trash, we'd read "True Confessions."

Dear Editors,

A lot of other high schools in our area, including Ramsey and Sibley, have "underground" newspapers. I think they are good for a school because they supplement the regular school paper. We used to have one named FAT. Where is it now?

A Senior

Dear Senior,

According to Chuck Tuna esq., former editor of the publication you refer to, FAT folded because of administration problems. More precisely, the school administra-

tion. Evidently they would not allow it in school unless it had a faculty advisor. As it stands now, Chuck Tuna has no hopes of resurrecting FAT.

Dear Editors,

Boy, are the boys in this school ever stuck up! They smile at you and say "hi" to you in the halls, but outside of school they're terrible! They won't even look at you! The only time the popular boys will look at you is if you are really popular too! If you have the best clothes and looks, they might give you a little of their time. They don't give any of the not-so-popular girls a chance. This pertains to the junior and senior boys. The less popular girls can be nice too. Why don't you give us a chance.

A Depressed Junior Girl  
Interested junior and senior boys should meet out in the court, weather permitting, to try to solve this girl's problem. If there is no response, Depressed, there are a lot of good-looking little sophomore boys with lockers on the third floor of the West Wing. Try them.



Patti's Patter --

## Activity At A Standstill

by Patti St. Peter

This has got to be the worst time of the school year. Everything bothers everybody. Unless you're a ski enthusiast, the snow has gotten to you by now. Everything that is worth anything has already taken place; for example, Sprolic, the wrestling and basketball seasons, the State Hockey Tournament, etc. There is absolutely nothing to look forward to except for graduating. Every day, it's the same old routine, the same old drag.

**Week-ends aren't much better. It's gotten so bad that window shopping on Concord Street has become one of our favorite pastimes. Rat-clubbing down at the river can also prove to be exciting. So, grab your croquet mallets and come on down to the disposal plant some Saturday afternoon. That's where the action is. Another favorite pastime, for some people, is dating, hitting such places as McDonald's, Carp Haven, and if your really lucky, a MOVIE!!!**

Seriously though, the entertainment scene in this town is pretty pathetic. It's gotten to the point where legitimate fun of any kind is scarce. I've heard boys complain that they don't like to ask anyone out more than a couple of times because they run out of things to do. I can see their point because what is there to do during the months of March and early April. If any of you come up with any worthwhile suggestions for something to do, write them down and drop them in the suggestion box by Mr. Happe's room. We'd be more than happy to let people know about them.

Hey, sophomores! What's wrong with you? I think you've got a bad case of sophomortitis. I must congratulate you on the splendid showing you made at Sprolic. Your avid participation in all of the activities astounded me. I've got to admit this. I've never seen such an apathetic bunch of kids in my life. The purpose of Sprolic is to get kids to become involved in school activities and to get them to care a little bit about what goes on in their school. The majority of the sophomores didn't even bother to show up for the events they had signed up for, let alone, to try and win some of them. Now, that's what I call a class with a lot of ambition. I hope you're proud of yourself.

Since this year's journalism class has been deprived of the privilege of cupiegrams, I thought I'd write one of my own to our friends in the office.

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue;  
No cupiegrams this year,  
You know what you can do.  
or,  
Violets are blue,  
Roses are red;  
No cupiegrams this year,  
Seven hours instead.

# HI STYLE

by Kathy Goral

It's about that time of year again when most people wish they could say the magic word and all the snow would disappear. But . . . rumor has it that the groundhog saw his shadow. So . . . that means six more weeks of snow and warm wools.

If you are one of those ski enthusiasts who would love to try the slopes but can't afford an expensive new ski outfit, cheer up. You'll be right in style if you make the scene wearing a pair of old jeans and a couple of warm sweaters under a ski jacket. It seems to be a generally accepted rule on the slopes that it's more important to stay warm than to look fabulous.

A look at the fashion scene reveals that the vestsuit is becoming widely popular and is seen almost everywhere. It is topped with a sleeveless jacket or sweater. Decker with large pockets and a wide buckled belt, it makes a sharp set, and may be worn for both formal and informal occasions.

Another new look in the line of sportswear are the elephant pants. These are widely cut pants which allow for free movement and comfortable wear. They are seen in everything from herringbone to pinstripes.

Also becoming very important are blouses, with full accent on the collars. Brightly printed in spots or pinstripes, they may sport a white, stand-up collar with long white rabbit ears to provide a nice contrast. Add a scarf tied around the neck to complete a great look.

The winter season may become long and tiresome, but winter clothes stay interesting if you remain fashion conscious and make variety the key word. After all, "if Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"



With students pushing and shoving for a place to eat, groaning over cold potatoes or warm milk, and throwing forks and spoons through the air, the high school cafeteria has become the target of much criticism. Keeping this in mind, the Roving Reporter asked high school students, "What about our cafeteria?"

Linda Voynovich: "I don't even bother to go down there."

Bob Freeberg: "I hate to get rid of my plate, because of the garbage and water flying through the air."

Rose Mackey: "I might like eating on the steps!"

Craig McHenry: "It's so congested that you have to inhale your food."

Bernie Meyer: "It's a nice place to eat, but I wouldn't want to live there."

Dick Todd: "It's a nice place to live, but I wouldn't want to eat there."

Lynn Bechdolt: "If Federal Inspectors ever came down there, they would condemn it."

Barb Waldhauser: "Make Doug Beaudoin manager."

Kurt Virgin: "What seems to be the bind down there?"

Miles Lindberg: "I wouldn't feed my dog there."

Mark Gruenhagen: "I wouldn't feed a P.O.W. there."

Dave Lein: "Is that what you call it?"

Joe Patrick: "Last time they had chicken noodle soup, I found a piece of chicken! I turned it in and won the door prize."

Sue Erickson: "I hate it!"

Vicki Tigwell: "What cafeteria?"

Perk Lagoo: "I want pheasant under glass on Fridays."

Bert Heaton: "I don't like to think about it. There's too much dirty talk down there."

Pat Rolhf: "We need more seating space."

John Lawrence: "It's too crowded."

Crow: "It's for the birds."

Mr. Glazier: "I think the food is fine, and the kids are well-behaved; but they should pick up their mess when they've finished eating."

Ruth Ulrich: "I think Mr. Glazier should clean up after us."

Rozanne Kreuser: "To bad everything runs together."

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## Churches Sponsor New Youth Center

SSP youth will finally have a place to go and something to do besides walking the streets.

It's been a long time coming, but there is finally a group of interested young people who are trying to find an answer to the often heard question "What's there to do?" This group, the Ecumenical Youth Council, includes youths from eight local churches: Bethesda Lutheran, Clark Memorial Congregation, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, Holy Trinity Catholic, Luther Memorial Lutheran, St. Andrew's Episcopal, and St. John Vianney Catholic.

The use of the Methodist Church's old parsonage on 132 Sixth Avenue North was recently donated to the council and will serve as the new Ecumenical Youth Center. It is expected to open the first of March. The center will be open on Sunday, Monday, Thursday, and Friday evenings from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m.

Members of the Youth Council are busy "remodeling" the old house and making rooms over for studying, playing games, and just lounging. The center will get most of its funds from pledges from the sponsoring churches but additional donations of time and materials are much needed and would be much appreciated.

## "Three Penny Opera" Plays at Eastside Theater

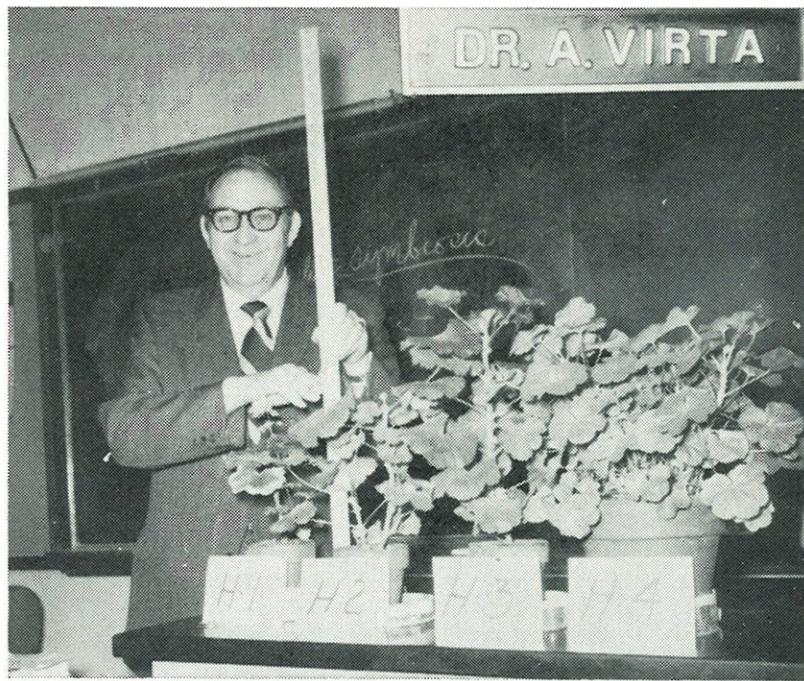
Brecht and Weill's "Three Penny Opera" is not for the prudish and unprepared, or maybe it is. This free wheeling comedy takes an inside look at the gutter rats and destitute of London. Throughout the dialogue and song, it pulls no punches in language or expression, challenging the Middle Class morals.

Unfortunately, the majority of the cast had seen better nights. Missing words is often excuseable, but not when the words are important and more than just a few. The amiable street singer, Jim Borland, was a little too forced at times in volume and expression. Richard Ashford, who captivated the audience as Peachtum, all but ruined an excellent performance by missing a stanza of a song, though he recovered quickly. Even Filch, John Behan, could have given just a little more in the first act. All in all, the first act seemed a trifle like a warm-up for all but Sharon Lohmar, who was so tremendously, consistently stunning as Polly Peachum. In her first song, she captured the audience and never let it go.

By the second act, the cast was in better form. Billie Nickell had perfected the part of Celia Peachum, robustly strutting on stage and off. The part of MacHeath or Mack the Knife, played by George Edwards, was beginning to be portrayed with a little more consistency. Here, too, the audience was graced by the performances of Ruth Murphy as Ginny Jenny and Loni Anderson as Lucy Brown. High point of the act was the jealousy song sung by the two wives of MacHeath, Polly Peachum and Lucy Brown, in his jail cell.

It's hard to say what the play would have been without the nearly flawless third act. George Edwards seemed to have a flair for the dramatic more than the comic making MacHeath alive and breathing. Walt Weaver as Sheriff Brown continued to play commendably. Once again Polly Peachum and Loni Anderson as Lucy Brown shone above the other well played roles. However, Ruth Murphy stole this act with the Solomon song of Ginny Jenny.

As a good play, admirably done should, "Three Penny's" climax let the quick-to-judge have it with both barrels and John Behan rid-



DR. ALLAN VIRTA, instructor in biology, meat packing, and kindred subjects, shows the results of one of his experiments. Here he demonstrates a comparative study of the effects of different agricultural chemicals on promoting growth of horticulture plants. Insert is the bronze door plaque made for Dr. Virta by members of the industrial arts department.

### Know Your Faculty

## A. Virta, Doctor of Philosophy

by Rosemary Jacovitch

"Dr. A. Virta," reads the plaque on the door of the classroom that Dr. Allan Virta, biology and horticulture instructor at SSPHS, shares with Mr. Frank Spreitzer, also a biology instructor.

After years of study, this teacher has received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in the area of horticultural development in the horticultural sciences.

Before achieving his advanced degree at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Virta earned his BS and MS in the field of horticultural science there. This field includes such topics of study as agriculture, forestry, and the genetics of plant breeding. Although Dr. Virta has done most of his work at the St. Paul campus, he has also taken part in biological studies at St. Thomas College and the University of Wisconsin at River Falls.

Conservation also interests Dr. Virta. He has employed his skill in forestry while working as a park naturalist for the Minnesota Department of Conservation. Gooseberry Falls State Park, William O'Brien State Park, and Interstar Park at Taylor Falls are three of the areas he has served.

Asked about his students, Dr. Virta replied, "They're beautiful. I always get the most co-operative students." In his twenty years at SSPHS, Dr. Virta has seen the school grow and the students change. At present, he feels the students are "more direct." He highly approves of his students' tendency to be inquiring and eager to learn.

Lobster is Dr. Virta's favorite food when he travels east to New England and his home town of Proctor, Vermont, tucked away in the Green Mountains. With a twinkle in his eye, Dr. Virta displays some of his New England humor when he quietly says that his neighbor, Horace Greeley, personally advised him to "Go west, young man."

Rosie Jacovitch, president, received a 250-point pin; and 200-point pins went to Renee Sharrow, Vernie Kukacka, Rosie Jacovitch, and Sue Messinger.

Chosen as the soccer all-stars were the following: Kathy Mazar, Linda Schmitz, Patti Messinger, Rosie Yung, Carrie Novack, Sandy Auge, Diane Frisch, Sharon Wussow, Sue Messinger, Carole Bevan, and Debbie Mitchell. Volleyball all-star awards went to: Sandy Auge, Kathy Bonk, Linda Bortz, Vernie Kukacka, Sue Messinger, Peg Murr, Debbie Mitchell, Sharon Wussow, and Rosie Yung.



"Winter Sports" was the theme of the annual GAA Mother-Daughter Banquet recently held at the Shangri-La Restaurant, located at the Signal Hills Shopping Center.

After feasting on chicken dinners, the girls received awards for being high point holders or all-stars. Throughout the year, the members receive points for participating in the various activities, and all-stars are chosen after each tournament.

# Club Corner

### Girls' League

In January, about 40 peppy girls met under the clock for a time of exercising. Among the calisthenics offered were burpees, push-ups, jogging, and jumping-jacks. After a vigorous workout, members congregated at the cafeteria where they proceeded to gorge themselves to their heart's content. While eating, an informal discussion was held which gave the girls an opportunity to discuss future plans. Among the ideas suggested were fund-raising activities such as a dance or selling candy bars after school.

### Chess Club

South St. Paul Chess Club will have its annual chess tournament in March. Registrations can be made in room 113 during the month of February.

The top twelve "chess nuts" will be placed on the Packer Chess Team for 1969-1970.

### FTA

FTA members were privileged to hear two speakers recently. Miss Sandy Kronholm, student teacher under Mrs. Jones, talked about college life as well as various facets of student teaching. Miss Jean Kinsey, elementary school teacher at Jefferson, spoke on the subject of kindergarten children.

Among future plans is FTA Day, which will be held at the State Legislature March 11. FTA members from South St. Paul will attend the upcoming meetings. A Teachers-Aid Program is now in the planning stage. This program, which will begin next fall, will enable SSP students to go to other schools as well as our own to work right along with a teacher.

### OEA

The State Leadership Conference, March 9, 10, and 11, will be held at the Saint Paul Hilton Hotel. The competition includes 23 different events such as typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, accounting, and data processing. Eleven hundred students from all over the state are expected. To help pay for the conference, members of OEA are selling candy.

Keith Krumrie and Zoe Freiling are working on an OEA theme song for state and national level.

### Pep Club

Among the big events in store for Packer students was the Hay-

## 'New Voices' Needs Staff and Material

**New Voices**, the annual spring publication of student writing, is in need of staff members. As in the past, all English teachers have been asked to recommend students from their classes.

Needed on the **New Voices** staff are a number of students capable of proof-reading and judging written work, those skilled in typing, and others willing to give their time to help with the final steps of assembling and binding the copies, and to aid in sales distribution.

The editors of the 1968-69 **New Voices** are Pat Machee and Elaine Kegler, under the supervision of Mrs. Vera Cziok. Staff meetings will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursdays in room 305.

For material, **New Voices** is largely dependent upon the student writing submitted by English teachers. However, students themselves are urged to bring any writing they might have written into Mrs. Cziok. These writings may be in a variety of forms — character studies, poems, decip-

field basketball game on February 15. Each Pep Club member who paid his dues earned himself a free bus ride down to Hayfield. The basketball team was both appreciative and happy with the students who supported their game.

### Red Cross

The "Foreign Aid Album," made by members of the club will be sent to the high school of our AFS student, Carlos Lepori, in Punta Arenas, Chile.

To raise money, the Red Cross will sponsor a church-style penny collection — competition between classes — and a bake sale in March.

### Art Club

During the Christmas season, members of Art Club decorated the windows at Drivers State Bank. For all the time and work they put into this project, they were treated to a dinner at the Golden Steer and received some presents. Their next project will be decorating the windows at the bank for Easter. The club has been asked to decorate the bank on special holidays for the next three years.

### Spanish Club

A dinner at the Boca Chica club was planned for February 17. The club will participate in a carnival at the University, on March 8, by holding a booth. Many other Minneapolis - St. Paul schools will also be there competing for a prize which will go to the AFS Club of the school who has the most participating students.

### Ski Group

The Ski Group has been going on ski trips every other week, either to Deepwood or Welch Village. More Saturday trips are planned.

### Science Club

Members are working on projects for the Science Fair which is coming up in March.

### French Club

French Club members prepared their own dinner in the high school cafeteria in January. They also attended a play, "Les Fourberies de Scapin," at St. Catherine's.

Potential plans are being made for a trip to Quebec this summer.

ive pieces, essays, reviews, vignettes based on personal or imaginative experience, short short stories, and other types of short selections.

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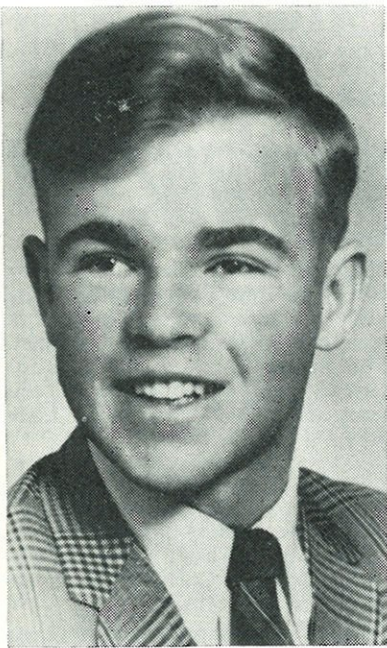
## Packerettes Take 6th In Carnival Parade

The Packerettes recently brought a little fame to SSPHS when they captured sixth place out of 33 entries in the marching competition of the Winter Carnival parades.

All the girls seemed to agree that, despite the cold legs and faces, their march was a great experience for the organization, which is only two years old.

The V.F.W. Post 295 first asked the marchers if they could sponsor them. After writing a letter of application, the Packerettes were accepted and began work on their dances.





## Packer Profiles

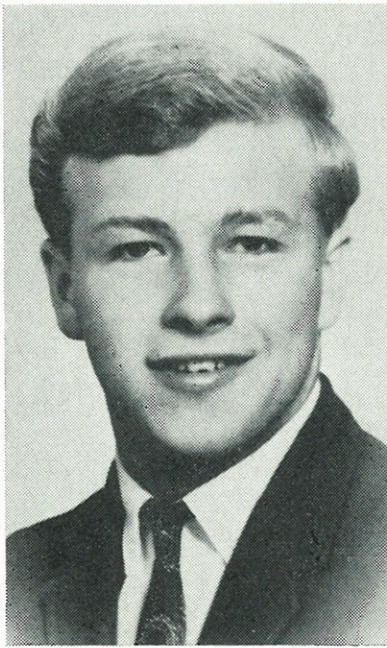
Honored as this month's Packer Profiles are Ken Madden and Huey Mortel.

Both were members of the hockey team that finished first in the Suburban Conference and captured the Region I title, thus gaining a State Tournament berth. Much of the success of the team can be attributed to the hustle and determined playing of these two.

Huey plans to attend Vocational school next fall, but Ken has not yet decided where he will further his education.

Ken Madden

Gene Mortel



## Todd but True

# Behr Nips Packerettes

by Dick Todd

When the December "Hi Times" came out, I was confronted by Miss Pat Behr within an hour. She calmly told me that although she didn't mind me cutting down the Packerettes a little, she thought that they deserved some praise as well. Indeed, those who tuned in the Winter Carnival parade expecting to see the Packerettes pushing brooms at the end might be surprised to know that the group placed sixth in a field of thirty-three. "Thirty-three what?" you say. No one knows that, or even what they were judged on. Nonetheless, they did work hard for the parade and I congratulate them.

This month I didn't have to cut them down, for Miss Behr dealt them a housing "cheapshot" herself. After the North St. Paul basketball game, advisor Behr ordered the girls to turn in the "Packerettes" insignia which is buttoned on their jackets.

One event of interest in any sport is the taking of the team's picture for the yearbook. The pucksters, inspired by photos like the one of Bobby Orr on the cover of "Sports Illustrated," remove their helmets and paw at their hair in an attempt to imitate NHL styles. The wrestlers and swimmers inhale until their chests are about to pop, and top that off by flexing their arms as in "Muscle Builder" mags. The B-ballers mostly just try to avoid those thin profile shots.

The hockey team earned SSPHS's first conference hockey crown since 1965. In fact, it was the first conference championship in any sport for SSPHS since the 1965 football team. The team built up a strong record early in the season, but nearly lost their hold on first place by sporadic play during January. Lackadaisical play was particularly evident against Johnson, Mounds View, and Ramsey. Every other team in the conference seemed to be having the same trouble, however; and the Packers clinched their title with an impressive 8-2 win over Sibley.

The hockey team has no one dominant star, but Huey Mortel is probably the most amazing person on the team. After losing four teeth in a scrimmage against Richfield, Huey telephoned his mother from the locker room. "Ma," he greeted her, "put the soup on."

As soon as all the teams were able to come up with suitable names, the intramural basketball season was in full bounce. The league was regulated by National Hockey League rules concerning body contact and featured well-balanced teams. In spite of the balance, I agree that Mark Gruenhagen would have to be high to be the leading point-getter.

## Packer Matmen Rally; Fall Back

by Rose Mackey

After beginning the season with three consecutively discouraging losses, Packer matmen finally found their footing, and decided to give their opponents some rough competition. Becoming the better of the teams in the "anybody can win" dual competitions, the grapplers achieved eight consecutive conference victories before finishing the season as they began it, with defeat.

## B-Ballers Take 3 Of Last 4 Games

While winning only three of their first nine ball games, South St. Paul's basketball team finally came around, as they won three of their last four games.

SSP began their winning ways at Northfield, as they trounced the Raiders 64-48 on the losers' home court.

The Packers jumped off to an early 12-2 lead, but ran into trouble, as Northfield employed a tough man-to-man press. Thus, the SSP quintet found themselves up by only one point at halftime.

The basketballers came back, though, on the hot outside shooting of Kurt Virgin, and on the strong board strength of the Packer front line of Mark Stoeve, Brian Peterson, and Tom Barger.

Virgin led all scorers with 24 points, and Barger chipped in with 13.

A balanced scoring attack told the story, as SSP won its second straight, tripping Irondale 82-66.

The Packers outscored the Knights by only four points from the field, but 18-6 from the free throw line.

Providing the scoring punch for South St. Paul were Kurt Virgin with 22 points, Brian Peterson and Mark Stoeve with 21 points apiece, and Glenn Novack with 12.

Rick Anderson of Irondale led all scorers with 23 points.

The sweet smell of victory soon came to an end, as the Packer B-ballers fell to Stillwater 52-50.

With the score all knotted at 50-50, Pony Greg Fouks hit a fielder with 8 seconds remaining to seal the win.

The margin of victory for the Ponies was the use of their pressing-type defense and tight zone press. This forced SSP into numerous turnovers and changed their 46-36 lead into a 2-point deficit.

Fouks led all point-getters with 21 points. Packer Mark Stoeve netted 20 for the losers.

SSP soon found the road to victory again, as they blasted North St. Paul 74-58 on the victors' court.

The Pack never trailed in the tilt, having leads surmounting to as much as 20-24 points. It was truly their best offensive game of the season as they hit 57% from the field.

Leading the way for the Packers was Mark Stoeve with 24 points. Brian Peterson added 17, while Kurt Virgin and Tom Barger had 16 and 12, respectively.

A short resume of the season's results beginning with the dual meet against Ramsey is as follows: A test of strength between SSP and Ramsey results in Ramsey's downfall, and the first Packer win of the season. Score: Packers 24 — Rams 19. Individual wins were acquired by Russ Wollin and Mark Kochendorfer by falls, while Craig Strand, Jeff Shoemaker, and Jim Van Horn won by decision. In a non-conference match against Fridley, SSP chalks up another loss, scoring only 11 points in opposition to Fridley's 31.

Gathering their spirit and wrestling talents, the grapplers united to give Hastings a real beating. Score: 33-9. In the next dual meet, the Sibley Warriors fought a losing battle against Packer matmen, and managed to rack up a big 9 points against the Packer's 37.

Although Anoka gave SSP a little more competition, they were overpowered by the Packer strength, and defeated, 23-16. Individual wins were attributed to Russ Wollin, Clayton Welsh, Craig Strand, Jim Van Horn, Tom Frankfurth, and Bob Francomb.

Little opposition was given to the matmen from the Irondale Knights who viewed defeat from their backs. Score: 42-8. The challenge that the Ponies presented resulted in another win for the Packers to tuck under their belt. Russ Wollin, Jeff Shoemaker, Roger Preble, Jim Van Horn, Tom Frankfurth, and Jered Clausen pooled their individual ability to come up with a team triumph.

Against the White Bear opponents, the Packers remained steadfast, confident, and on firm ground, shattering the Bears hopes for a win and clinching for the Packers their eighth consecutive conference victory with a score of 32-10. Unfortunately, SSP was able to unite neither individual nor team effort to face the North St. Paul challenge, and tumbled to lose a discouragingly close match by one point; Packers 21 — Polars 22.

The Packer victories resulted from both team effort and individual ability. Meriting recognition by being named to the all-conference team were undefeated senior Russ Wollin, wrestling at 95 pounds; 127 pound senior Dave Peters; and tri-captain Jim Van Horn, wrestling at 145. Honorable mention was given to 138 pound junior Craig Strand, and senior tri-captain, Mark Kochendorfer, wrestling at 175.

The grapplers finished the season with an 8-4 conference record.

## Pucksters End Season 13-7; Clinch Conference Crown

The South St. Paul Pucksters completed another successful hockey season compiling a 13-7 season record. Their 11-4 conference mark was good enough to win the league championship by two games.

The Packers started quickly in league competition by winning the first seven games in a row before falling to White Bear Lake 2-1. However, the Packers missed on many golden opportunities in this game. The Pack moved to 9-1, defeating Mounds View and West St. Paul, before moving to play four of their last five conference games at Aldrich.

At Aldrich the Packers favored poorly as they dropped three of the four games. The only win was a 3-2 overtime win over White Bear. The winning goal was scored by Dick Todd on a fine set-up by Paul Hansen and Gene Mortel. Mark Kronholm had a fine night in the nets as he stopped 22 shots in the third period and ended up with 41 saves for the game.

The Packers won the title by stopping West St. Paul 8-2 on one of their finest played games of the year. Terry "Lunch" Madland led the way with a three goal "hat trick" and Ken Madden also added a pair of markers.

In non-conference games the Pack could only manage a 2-3 mark. The only victories they could muster were at the hands

of Duluth East. During Christmas vacation they traveled to Duluth and won 6-4. They played a fine game and it was the first time in quite a few years that a South St. Paul team has won in Duluth. In the game played at Wakota, the last of the season, the Pack won 5-2.

The non-conference losses were to St. Paul Park, St. Paul Johnson, and Southwest. The Park loss, 5-3, came early in the season and was the first defeat suffered by the Packers. The Pack took a 2-0 lead over Southwest in the first period only to see Southwest tie it up in the second period 2-2. After a scoreless third period, Southwest pulled out a 3-2 overtime win. St. Paul Johnson defeated South St. Paul 4-3 to keep the "golden skate" in their possession for the second straight year.

The Packers outscored their opponents 76 goals to 43 goals. Ken Madden was top regular season scorer with 25 points, followed by Terry Madland. One highlight of the season was when Mike Bonk scored his first varsity goal after four years of varsity competition.



MARK KRONHOLM, SSP's stellar goalie, blocks the puck with his body as McMorrow (5) and Bonk (3) close in to assist in the White Bear game. The Packers beat the Bears in overtime, 3-2.—South St. Paul Sun Photo.