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Speakers Advance To District Level

Speech students from South St. Paul competed recently in the District Speech Tournament. The first phase of the tournament, the subdistrict, was held March 16 at Mounds View.

The speakers attending the tournament and their events were as follows: Craig McHenry and Anne Andrich in serious interpretation; Richard Ellis and Diane Dewald in humorous interpretation; Sue Goette and Beth Stassen in extemporaneous reading; Sherry Smolik in story-telling; Kris Stover and Patti Andrich in non-original oratory; Linc Duncanson, Lynn Bechdolt, and Joe Patrick in original oratory; Steve O'Tool and Gail Pylkas in extemporaneous speaking; Roberta Yount and Lynda Zwinger in discussion.

South St. Paul placed the highest number of students into the district speech contest with 14 of the 16 speakers making the finals.

Spanish Give French Bon Voyage Send-Off

"Bon Voyage! Buen Viaje!" Bright posters advertised the theme of the farewell party held for French club by members of Spanish club March 12.

"Death on the Run," a hilarious amateur film produced by, directed by, and photographed by Joe Patrick provided rollicking entertainment for the audience. Craig McHenry and George Vasquez also played major rolls in the sizzling mystery, which was filmed last summer at local sites and the St. Paul capitol building. Other members of the junior class were included in the hour-long presentation.

After the film, Jean-Noel Fessy broke a pinata filled with candy while refreshments were served.

The purpose of the party was a send-off for French club members who will leave St. Paul on April 7 for a week filled with entertainment and sight-seeing in New Orleans.

Democracy Winner Goes To Finals In Washington

When asked, "Did you win anything?" Craig McHenry answered, "Only a lot of friends." But after thinking again he replied, "Especially a lot of friends."

After winning the state Voice of Democracy contest, Craig was awarded an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C., to compete on a national level.

He left the Minneapolis airport on a Friday morning and arrived in the nation's capital shortly before noon. This left him with the afternoon to become acquainted with the fifty-three other young people in competition for national prizes.

Official activities began Saturday and lasted throughout the week. The group saw Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" at the Ford Theater. A Pentagon tour complete with Vietnam briefing, tours of the Capitol and the White House, and trips to the Washington Monument and Mount Vernon were among the week's events. One memorable evening Craig attended an all-night party.



RICK HUGLEY, SSP senior, is shown as a member of the East Side Theater cast of *Marat/Sade*, produced recently by the St. Paul theatrical group. The action takes place in a lunatic asylum. Left to right are Tamera Anderson, Hugley, and Dennis Radke.

Cast Announced For 'The Lark'

This year's all class play is titled "The Lark." It is the French version of "Joan of Arc" written by Jean Anouilh. Miss Joyce Johnson, the play advisor, feels that the dramatic play will provide somewhat of a change from the usual comedy. Although "The Lark" has some short comic scenes, it has more of a serious theme with an optimistic philosophy and excellent characterization.

Scenery for the play is similar to that of a Greek tragedy. Being non-realistic, formal, and unusual, it will provide a very appropriate atmosphere.

Performances will be given Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26, starting at 8:00 o'clock p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The cast is as follows:
 Warwick ----- Greg Feibing
 Cauchon ----- Greg Stohr
 Joan ----- Linda Chamberlain
 Joan's Father ----- Don Hocking
 Joan's Mother ----- Marcia Gruenhagen
 Joan's Brother ----- Bill Kellerman
 The Promoter ----- Joseph Patrick

The Inquisitor ----- Tom Gilde
 Bother Ladvenu ----- Stu Waldhauser
 Robert de Beaudricourt ----- Dave Sass
 Agnes Sorel ----- Patrice Andrich
 The Little Queen ----- Sherry Smolik
 Charles, The Dauphin ----- Greg Gagnier
 Queen Yolande ----- Lilly Ciupik
 Monsieur de la Tremouille ----- Mark Gruenhagen
 Archbishop of Reims ----- Tom Hart
 Court Lady ----- Marlene Ivascu
 Captain La Hire ----- Tom Alford
 Executioner ----- Wesley Hermann
 English Soldier ----- Myles Wagner
 Scribe ----- Bryant Christenson

Discover The World -- Let AFS 'Internationalize' Your Family

A raven-tressed senorita; a tall, dark Israelite; a Swedish milk maid; or even a London hippie can be yours — through the A.F.S.

Each year the American Field Service program sends a foreign student to SSPHS. In the early spring the organization begins the search for an acceptable home. If no home is found, there is no foreign exchange student the following year.

Any family that is warm and fun-loving can be a host. Other qualifications include financial and accommodation requirements. The AFS student lives and eats in the family's home. He is included as much as possible in family activities.

Experienced families that have entertained foreign students seem unable to stop praising the program. If you are interested, more information is available in Mr. Gustafson's office.

Open your home to the sights, smells, and people of another culture. Travel around-the-world with the A.F.S.

Coming Events

April 2—Assembly.
 April 4—Report card distribution.
 April 5—Close of school for Easter Vacation.
 April 16—School reopens.
 April 17—Assembly.
 April 23—Assembly, advance publicity for all-class play and choral Spring Fest.
 April 25-26—All Class Play.
 April 30—Assembly.

Hugley Performs In 'Marat/Sade'

An SSPHS senior is included in the cast of the Eastside Theatre's production of "The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton under the direction of the Marquis de Sade." Rick Hugley will appear as a patient in the Asylum of Charenton.

Rick first came into contact with the theatre in Mr. Don Anderson's radio-drama class and decided that he would like to pursue it as a career. Enrolled in the Eastside's actor training program, Rick attends weekly classes in acting, stage movement, and voice work, which attributed to his getting the part in "Marat/Sade." He has used various methods to get the real feeling of the part, such as visiting the area's mental hospitals and observing the patients. Eventually Rick hopes to attend the University of Minnesota and major in drama.

The play, under the direction of Mr. Scott McCoy, opened Thursday, March 14 and will run through Sunday, April 21. Performances will be held Friday through Sunday at 8 p. m. Tickets, with student discounts, are on sale at all Dayton's ticket offices.

SPRING TIME IS TROPHY TIME

Throughout this issue of the paper, you will find pictures of a number of our students who have scored high in competitions of many kinds recently. The school should be proud of them and of the honors they have brought to us.

Because of the time element, one of our outstanding trophy winners does not appear in the pictures. Certainly Craig McHenry, winner of local, district, and state honors in the Voice of Democracy contests, should be mentioned. The presentation of his awards, however, took place too late for inclusion in the *Hi Times*.



RICHLY DESERVED was the first place trophy for cheerleading, won by the SSPHS girls at the hockey tournament. Shown holding the trophy are Sue McMorrow, Vicki Boatman, and, in foreground, Coach Lefty Smith's little daughter Sheila. In the second row are Kathy Molitor, Ladean Meyer, Laurie Polakoski, Debbie Shannon, Jean Kosowski, and Jane Winkel. Back row, Barb Scholz, Miss Pat Baer, cheerleading coach, and Kyle Robertson.

Timely Thoughts

From The Man Higher Up

Wasn't there some ruling about candy-dispensers and apple-sellers providing a clean-up crew? Whatever happened to that?

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New angle for girl-watchers: Watch them do their stuff on the trampoline. Some of them are really good. Looks like fun, as well as good for the muscles and for coordination.

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An alumna made favorable comments on Stassen's column, especially on his "cute" first sentences. Our own reaction: Sometimes some Stassen sentences seem silly; some serious; some simply sensational!

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Girls who wear mini-skirts, we think, Should be careful at fountains when they drink!*

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Wonder when gymnastics will be added to our athletic curriculum. About the same time as when we get a swimming pool?

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Big and fragrant bouquets to all the unselfish kids who are working so hard and giving so much time and effort to help Dick McLain. . . . Some poet once said, "Who gives himself with his gift feeds three: himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."

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No group in this school is more deserving of cheers than the cheerleaders.

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Why is it that those who behave worst, talk loudest, get in trouble most often, and criticize most freely are invariably those who contribute nothing to the school?

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Seniors: Do you realize that if this paper comes out on time, there will be forty-nine days left before graduation? (Or, if you don't watch it, NON-graduation!)

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We hope that by the time you read this, Mr. Bill Wright will be back in action again after his knee surgery.

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Congratulations to our new head hockey coach, Mr. Dennis Tetu. May he and his teams follow our winning tradition. And furthermore, we hope that all factional differences will disappear, and that everyone in town will pull together and unite behind the new coach and his boys.

Why do we have to be different? Why can't we be like everybody else and have teacher strikes?

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What ever happened to that movement for reform of library procedure?

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We have words for the jerks who yelled insults at the Marines during that military funeral — but they're not words which can be used in the Hi Times.

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*(Especially at the top of the stairs!)

A. G.

Say What You Mean

Do you want to avoid being a conversational bore?

One way is to avoid repeating certain phrases over and over again in your conversation.

We refer particularly to the phrases "You know" and "I mean." Just listen for a few minutes to your friends' conversation (or your own), or to radio or to TV, and notice how frequently and monotonously these meaningless phrases occur. They're not necessary; they're just space fillers.

We recently counted 22 "You knows" and 11 "I means" in one 15-minute conversation.

If your friend DOES know, why say "You know"? And if you SAY what you mean in the first place, you don't have to say "I mean."

Start a little self-improvement program along this line. Your conversation will be more interesting and less monotonously boring.

A. G.

Act Your Age, Wise Guys!

A military funeral took place across the street from the school recently. On hand to pay tribute to one of our alumni was a contingent of U. S. Marines.

Some of our bright young lads took the opportunity to leave their study seats, go to the windows, and hoot and jeer at the Marine pall bearers and firing squad.

Some questions arise in our minds regarding this incident. First, what kind of mentality, if any, do these boys possess to do such a crude and disgraceful thing? Second, what was the study hall teacher doing at the time — why were the boys even out of the seats, let alone yelling out the windows?

We believe some severe disciplinary action should have been or should be taken.



Jen's Jabber

New Orleans, Here We Come!

by Jennifer Luhrs

New Orleans — that seems to be the big rumble around school. For fifty students it's going to be an exciting trip to a far-away place. For one student, me, it will be old hat. I've been everywhere—Wisconsin, Michigan, and . . . and . . . Well anyway, I've seen ships from all over the world, in the harbor at Duluth.

Since I'm such a world traveler, I naturally spend a lot of time out at Wold-Chamberlain, watching the planes landing and taking off. Once, though, I really was in a big, shiny jet. The stewardess gave us the grand tour of the plane and even took us up to meet the pilot. I could feel my heart beat faster and faster as he warmed up the engines. Terror ran through me when a red light and a buzzer in the cockpit went off, warning us that the left engine was on fire. You can imagine my relief when the pilot turned it off, and the stewardess announced that all visitors should get off. So we got off and watched the plane as it left for New York. I can't say it was a total loss — the stewardess gave me a "junior stewardess" pin. It's tin.

If you can believe it, the name of the train we're taking is the Magnolia Express. We have to go to Chicago to catch it. When we get to New Orleans we're staying at the Hotel de Ville. It's not the Hilton (choke), but it'll do. It has a heated pool. We're going to lay out by the pool as often as we can, and we should be as black as licorice when we get back. We might be skinnier too. We all forked out so much dough to go, none of us are exactly what you'd call rich, and we still have to pay for all our meals. I hope they have lots of McDonalds stands in New Orleans.

As I'm writing this, Vicki Boatman is reminding me that I haven't made fun of anybody yet. I don't want to cut anybody down. . . . It's fine with me if the underclassmen smoke in the girls' lavatory. As a matter of fact, it's rather fun watching them come tearing out of these in a cloud of smoke.

Getting back to the subject of New Orleans, it's too bad you can't all come with us. As we bask in the sun beside the pool,

as we eat an authentic French meal, as we walk along the seaside at dawn, we'll try to keep you poor souls in mind. We'll try.

HI STYLE

by Jennifer Luhrs

As usual, it got rather cold this winter, and it seems almost absurd to think that it could EVER get warm enough to go swimming in Minnesota. But now really is a good time to think about losing some of the weight you may have put on this winter to stay warm. If you're really skinny enough, you could still be thinking about swim wear. With the growing number of heated indoor pools, and vacation trips to sunny, warm places, swimwear is no longer limited to summer. Nor is swimwear just a bathing suit. Cover-ups have developed into a whole swimwear wardrobe. Shirts, skirts, shorts, capes, slacks, bloomers (!), shifts and jackets—all have been made to cover up that little bikini. Whether your reason for covering up is sensitive skin or just plain modesty, you can do it in a variety of styles and in almost any type of fabric.

Fabrics this year range from easy-going sweater-like knits to delicate lace overlays. If you question the durability of a lacy swimsuit, keep in mind that only 40% of all junior swimwear ever gets wet.

The variety this year is amazing. Start looking early so you will be sure to get exactly what you want. If you are still a little worried about the weather, the weatherman has officially predicted that a wave of warm air, sometimes known as spring, will be followed soon after by a spell of hot weather. That's summer!

SOUND OFF!

Dear Headless One . . . and All: We, the SSP mascots, will answer your letter ourselves and make you all aware of the facts concerning "the wearing of the head."

First of all, there was quite a crowd at the Mounds View game as at most of the hockey games. As a result, the people behind us could not see over the head.

Secondly, part of the head was damaged and had been recently re-painted. The fumes inside were enough to knock anyone out.

Thirdly, that head does not allow for much manipulation. You should put it on once. It weighs quite a bit, and doesn't provide much "viewing space." It is awfully hard to follow the game and know when to duck out of the way of slashing sticks.

Now, you may ask why the Mounds View mascot kept her head on and we couldn't. The kids of Mounds View do not know who their mascot is. At the end of the year there is a "great unveiling." That tradition does not hold true at SSP.

Furthermore, I'm sure that if it was really so wrong, our super-advisor "Grizzly" Behr would have let us know. After all, she coached us all the way to winning the Champion Cheering Trophy!

O.K.? Thanks. The Cows

I wish to protest the practice of ranking graduating seniors. This system seeks to compare students carrying difficult curriculums with those studying the bare essentials.

I feel that the top ten percent of the class deserve recognition, but to rank seniors of the bottom eighty percent is grossly unjust.

a below average senior

Dear Editors:

As it is a fact that most Americans are proud of their way of life and believe in its advantages and in its superiority, it is also a fact that most young Russians believe in the advantages and in the superiority of their way of life — communism. Why? Was one of these two people brain-washed? No; no more than the other one.

Therefore, on what are your opinions based? Nothing but a different background, different education, or different "brain-washing." Why advocate ideas which are not even your own? Why advocate ideas that you wouldn't have if you were born some place else?

It is nothing worth fighting for. Lay down your weapons and talk it over.

An anonymous Frenchman Dear Frenchman:

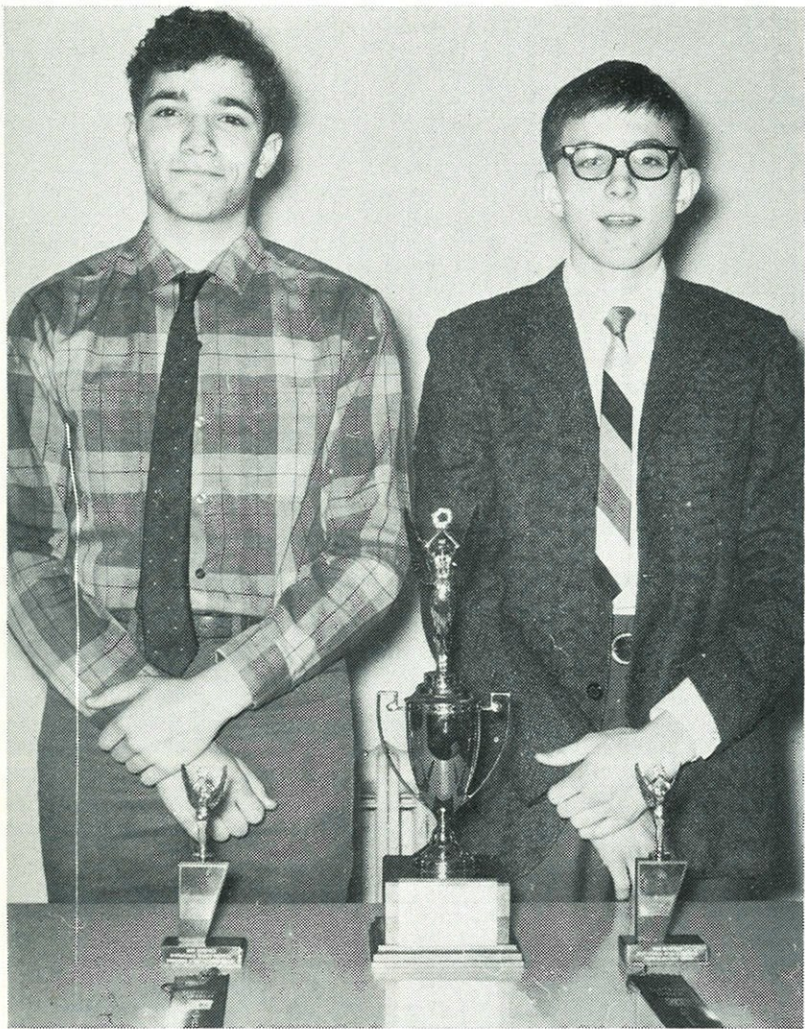
Add these to your catalog of facts: Americans may worship as they choose; speak, read, and assemble freely; and under our economic system Americans may become just as filthy rich as their own initiative allows, with minimal interference by the democratically elected powers that be. The fact that we were born in America does not make cynicism a fashionable game to pursue.

Turning the other cheek when slapped by communist subversion is not the policy of this country. Two-hundred million people won't stomach it. The Editors

Juniors Try NMSQT

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test was recently given to 65 juniors in our school. This testing program combines a nation-wide search for talented youth and is designed to increase financial assistance to able students.

National Merit Scholarships are financed through funds provided by the Ford Foundation. Business and industrial firms, foundations, colleges, professional groups, unions, trusts, and individuals also contribute to the scholarships.



SPEECH HONORS were garnered by these two SSPHS students at the recent Richfield Speech Tournament. Richard Ellis, left, rated a first place in humorous reading, while Joe Patrick took another first in original oratory. The large trophy represents third place in the sweepstakes, won by the entire SSP delegation.

Student Council Gears For A Busy Spring Schedule

by Jane Winkel

Each month, a different south area high school is given the opportunity to use the facilities at Signal Hills for money raising activities and other programs. South St. Paul's big month is May, the night, May 2. The style show, booths, and other activities are being planned around a "Happy Days Are Here Again" theme, centering around the 30's and the Bonnie and Clyde era.

Current town issues will be the topics of discussion at South St. Paul's town meeting to be held here on April 2, 1968. Men and women from every occupational field will take part in this discussion meeting. Student Council representatives will act as discussion leaders.

The student body of South St. Paul has been invited to participate in a computer dance with North St. Paul. The dance will be held on April 5, 1968 from 8

to 11 at North St. Paul High School. A quarter bought a questionnaire that was computerized, and a dollar will be charged at the door. Each person will be given several good matches. Dave Brady and the Stars will provide music for the dance.

Attention all students! Student Council has ordered 1000 maroon on white pennants for our school. Price of the pennants is fifty cents. Get a pennant while they last.

Kaposia Finished!

Sighs of relief replaced fits of anguish for the staff of the Kaposia yearbook recently as the final deadline was met early this month. When the staff has rested up sufficiently they will help yearbook advisor Mrs. Bernadette McLean pick the '69 staff.

Yearbooks are expected to be distributed during the seniors' last week of school. Due to the fact that the books were ordered after the state sales tax went into effect, the business managers have been advised that fifteen cents must be charged for each book when they are picked up.

Interesting Models Pose For Artists

Several residents of the Inver Grove Heights' Nursing Home were guests at SSPHS's art department Tuesday, March 12.

Reverend Yunker, who is the head of the nursing home, brought Mrs. Anna Cook, Mrs. Ester Barnes, Mr. Art LePage, and Mr. Paul Oestreich to pose for the students of Mrs. Jensen's art classes. They arrived third hour, and stayed the rest of the day.

The classes were studying figure drawing, and the models proved to be very helpful in developing the student's ability in figure drawing.

High School Hosts To South District Bands

South St. Paul Senior High yesterday hosted the Southern Half-District 14 band concert.

The judging consists of each band playing a warm-up piece, then a contest piece. All bands are given music to measure their sight-reading ability also.

Ratings of A, B, or C will be given on sight-reading and the contest piece to each band. Also percussion, brass, woodwind sections and solos and ensembles are judged separately.

All bands, ensembles, or soloists who receive an A rating may compete in the State Contest.

South St. Paul High School's band played two selections, "English Dances" and "The Tzar's Bride." Several woodwind players from SSP also played in a woodwind ensemble.

Klub Korner

FTA

At the last meeting, Jean-Noel Fessy, SSP foreign exchange student, spoke regarding his schooling in France.

"How to and How Not to Be Interviewed" is the subject of an up-coming lecture to be given by two women from Northwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Plans are now in the making for a donut sale.

World Affairs

Members of World Affairs have been invited to attend the New International Relations Simulation Game at Sibley High School, West St. Paul, on Saturday, March 30. This game is a teaching game based on the Korean War. It is played to a solution or to nuclear destruction. The program includes two simulation rounds, lunch, and a hootenanny sponsored by the Sibley Student Council.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club has sent letters to all club presidents in the high school, asking their clubs for donations for the Dick McLain wheelchair. The Spanish Club is donating all the proceeds from basketball buttons, which amounts to about \$170. The club is also planning a spring pow-wow at Como Park, a dinner at Casa Corinada, and a field trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Spanish Club gave a going

away party for the French students who are going to New Orleans. It was held in the old gym, and Joe Patrick's home movies were shown. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Girls' League

A hootenanny was presented on the 26th of March in the gym. Several students provided the entertainment. The cost was a quarter admission and the money that was made went to the Dick McLain wheelchair fund.

French Club

"New Orleans, here we come!" This is the slogan of about fifty-five French Club members going to New Orleans. The goal has been reached by the students, thus making the trip possible. The students are now in the process of getting ready for the trip. They will leave on April 7.

AFS Club

The AFS Club will be selling cook books to raise money for their fund. They sold them at the scholarship dinner on March 21.

Scribes

Tom Freiling, county commissioner, spoke at March 6 meeting on "County Government." He told members about some of the welfare cases he has handled.

Members of Scribes plan to sell issues of the Scribes - Gopher Historian magazine at a future PTA meeting. Proceeds will go to the Dick McLain fund.

Entertainment Catches Spring Fever Bug, Too

by Trisha Sweeney

"In just spring when the world is mud luscious . . . when the world is puddle wonderful," this is E. E. Cummings' description of spring; the season on which most of this column is based.

"In spring a young man's fancy turns to . . ." baseball, and though most girls may moan at this fact, I applaud it. Besides the Twins games which open soon at the Met, there are numerous leagues within SSP — foremost of these is, of course, the SSPHS varsity team.

Those of you who have never attended one of our team's games don't realize just what you have missed. Besides the enjoyment of watching a team play its hardest before a cheering section of two girls and three dogs, there is also the excitement of finding someplace to sit. There are three choices, the first of the three is the bleachers — comfortable and safe, (although Moquist insists that his constant home runs make that area hazardous) but unfortunately, the view from bleachers is about as good as that from my west bedroom window, and, unless you are hustling the left field, binoculars are a necessity.

The second possibility, the hill, has excellent visibility but somewhat hazardous seating. Long grass covers all gopher holes, boggy areas, and ant hills — but you can see the game. Finally there is always the bridge. This is a good place for game watching if you bring along lawn chairs from home; but don't, no matter how tired your legs become, sit on the sidewalk and watch through the railings. People have been known to receive severe lacerations of the earlobes trying that method.

Baseball games, however, don't fill the empty evenings, now extended by extra daylight hours. McDonald's, the favorite hang-out, is fun but chorus lines of Ronald McDonalds gradually lose their novelty. The computer dance at NSP next Friday could be exciting but I suspect that many attenders will suffer severe

inferiority complexes after seeing the "ideal mates" a computer has chosen for them. (Console yourselves with the thought of what a thrill you gave your privileged partners.)

Finally there is the one classic symptom of spring fever — skip days. Although such mass truancy is frowned upon by the administration, those epidemics mentioned above furnish convenient excuses. In spite of those excuses (writing left-handed does not provide a suitable resemblance to a parent's signature) it is safe to predict that the detention room's overflow will fill Study Hall "A."



What do you think of the seven hour day next year?

Mick Miles: "Good — for all the seniors graduating this year."

Andy Lynn: "What happened to the other 17?"

Donna Erdman: "Curricular-wise it might be very beneficial, but it sucks."

Greg Gagnier: "I don't know. I only came to see the changing of the guards and all that jazz."

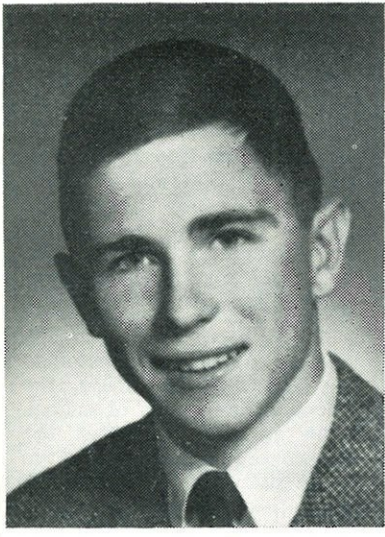
Dave Lein: "I like it because it's a start towards modular scheduling."

Lois Fjerstad: "I like it because it'll give kids a chance to take more of the subjects they want to take."

Vernell Kukacka: "I think it's a good idea. I think it's a good idea for kids who want to take chorus or home economics. It also gives kids an opportunity to take more subjects they are just interested in but don't need to go to college."



CO-OP PART-TIME winners, SSP's representatives to the state-wide convention recently which drew over a thousand competitors, are these students. Front row: Paul Bernier (2nd, Data Processing), Gerry Guon (Window Judging), Eric Peterson (3rd, Window Display), Allen Forschen (2nd, Graphic Arts). Second row: Patricia Howard (1st, Data Processing), Mary Krutschek (2nd, Job Manual), Nancy Madison (3rd, Job Manual), Charlene Holtorf (1st, Office Procedure), Nancy Simon (2nd, Typing II). Back row: Bonnie Krech (3rd, Job Application), Valerie Christensen, Shelly Fitch, Dave Chilton, Bonnie Griffin, Cindy Schema (2nd, Parliamentary Procedure Team), Janice Schwartz (3rd, Dental Assistant).



Brian O'Boyle

Packer Profile

Packer Profile for this month's Hi Times is Brian O'Boyle.

Brian was a member of the basketball team which finished second in conference play. From his guard position he was the playmaker for the team, and led the squad in assists. He was an honorable mention on the Suburban Conference team, and also was an All-Conference golfer. Brian is expected to again give leadership to this year's duffers.

Brian plans to attend college next year to further his education.

Dale, Bert, And Jim Take Trips To State Meets

Burt Heaton and Dale Mazar were this year's entries in the state swimming meet held at the University of Minnesota on March 8-9. Neither of the two made the finals, but both made the cut off times "which was quite an accomplishment," as expressed by Coach Julian Arnquist. Heaton placed third in the breast stroke at the district meet. Dale Mazar won the 100-yard freestyle event as well as setting a new district record. In the state meet, Dale also swam in the 50-yard freestyle competition.

The only Packer grappler to make it in the state wrestling meet held at St. Cloud on March 1-2 was senior Jim LeClair. Though LeClair didn't place in state, he captured the district title, then went on to region competition where he took third place. The state meet capped off a regular season record of twenty wins, no losses, and one tie.

Spring Sports Coaches: 'Prospects Look Good'

Spring sports practices are in full swing once again as the teams prepare for the conference season.

BASEBALL

Bob Wasko, new head baseball coach at SSPHS and former professional player in the Yankee organization, is optimistic toward the 1968 baseball season.

Six lettermen are returning from last year's squad. Last year's battery of Bill Macheel and Wayne Price, with infielders Jim Van Horn and Bob Norman, infielder-outfielder Steve Ayres, and outfielder Rick Moquist provides a team especially strong up the middle. Also, the addition of transfer Jim Wallace, an All-conference selection from Memphis, Tennessee, should provide an extra punch for the Packers.

GOLF

"Experience should be the key for us this season," Mr. Richard Kohn says of this year's golf team.

The first five starters are all returning from last year's team. Along with regulars Brian O'Boyle, Mark Stassen, Bruce Haselrud, Pat McMorrow, Jim Sorensen, and Mike Bonk, other possible new members such as Joe Bonk and Dale Abram should provide a Packer team "which could take the whole ball of wax," according to Mr. Kohn.

TENNIS

"Strong conference foes such as Mounds View, North St. Paul, and Anoka will make tough opposition," says Packer tennis coach Calvin Sorensen.

Larry Wilroth, Jim Cosgrove, Andy Lynn, Mark Kronholm, Tim Pugh, and Neil Okeson are the returning lettermen and could improve greatly, as they did last year, declares Coach Sorensen.

TRACK

Several outstanding individuals mark Coach Dave Glazier's track team this season.

With ten lettermen returning, the Packer track team has some outstanding boys. Mark Jordan, Chuck Sharrow, Scott Donnelly, Doug Englebretson, and Doug Archibald are all senior lettermen. Coach Glazier is also looking forward to another new entry, Jim LeClair. Mark Johnson, a shot-and-disc man who entered last year's state tourney, tops off a list of underclassmen such as Bert Heatin, Bill Lesch, Ken Day, Karl Mielke, Greg Nida, Skip Lyons, and Earl Fuller.

While Mr. Glazier is looking for a good season in conference competition, he is particularly hopeful for a good showing in the district, region, and possibly state meets.

Packer Netmen Fall In District Semis To Rams

SSP opened the District 14 basketball tournament by defeating Kellogg 77-50 at Ramsey High School.

After being held to a 12-12 tie at the end of a quarter, the Packers outscored Kellogg 24-3 in the second quarter on the way to its victory.

Jim Wallace was the high point man for the Packers with 22 points and Mark Johnson added 16. Paul Miller cheered well on the bench for the Packers.

SSP jumped to a 16-8 first quarter advantage and made it stand up for a 78 to 67 victory over Hastings in the quarter-finals of District 14. Jim Wallace and Bill Macheel provided most of the scoring punch with 24 and 17 points respectively. Wayne Price and Rick Moquist came off the bench in the final stanza to break the back of a Raider rally, combining for 11 points.

An interesting highlight of the game was provided by Steve Ayres who ate seven oranges at half-time for a new club record.

The previous record was five set by Bruce Danielson.

Speed paved the way for Ramsey's 63-59 victory over the Packers in their final game at Augsburg College.

The Rams led by three at the end of the half in a see-saw battle which saw the lead change hands several times in the closing minutes. Tom Steiner netted two free throws with three seconds remaining to clinch the win for Ramsey.

Jim Wallace hit 24 for SSP and Rick Webb led the Rams with 19. Tom Barger scored 38 points in the warm-up drills.

The Packers finished the season with a respectable record of 14 wins and 7 defeats.



UP, UP, UP, AND AWAY, ON MY BEAUTIFUL TRAMPOLINE, to paraphrase a popular song. This exercise seems to be a current favorite among the athletic-type girls, among them Ann Iijima, shown here. She makes it look easy — and fun.

Re-MARKS

Surely Stassen's Scripts Satisfy Spring Sportsters

by Mark Stassen

Sock it to those slap-happy suckers who swing, swat, and slug to see the ball soar as they slip and slide while skimming the sacks with their shining silver spikes of steel to secure a score safe enough to surely surprise the sir who strained his skills to supply the strength of psych that supports the sacrifice of his supersonic slugging sackers.

Before I swing into spring with the natural enthusiasm that only a lively town like SSP could supply, I have a few comments to make about the fate-ridden winter.

It seems as though the '68 edition of the Packer sportsters are destined to be only a bridesmaid and never a bride. Fate has chosen South St. Paul as the team to be so close to first, yet so far back in second.

With the glory of a championship lost to the wind, we can only satisfy our pride with the fact that second place is a pretty respectable position for a school as small as South St. Paul in such a rapidly developing Suburban Conference. With far less athletes to choose from, it takes a little extra output on behalf of the coaches and players to achieve a successful season while competing with much larger schools.

Congratulations to the hockey team.

Better luck next time to the basketball team.

Best wishes to the wrestling team.

Artificial respiration to the swimming team.

This year's spring sports look promising in some aspects. The baseball and golf squads will be looking for a successful season with possible action in post-conference play. The track team will be looking for a FAST season. (You can interpret that any way you want to). The tennis team will be looking for lost balls down on the football field.

Let's take a look at each squad individually in alphabetical order, because I don't want anyone to think that I am prejudiced.

The baseball team will be under new leadership this year as Mr. Robert Wasko will take over the head coaching job left vacant after last season by Mr. Douglas Campbell. Coach Wasko would like to get off to a good start by relying on the potential and experience of the team combined with what is hoped to be a new winning attitude that will be present consistently. Predictions:

8 Wins, 3 Losses, 3rd in Conference.

The track team, coached by Mr. Dave Glazier, lost quite a bit of talent at graduation last year, but will try to be a dark horse in the big race this year. The State High School league has asked all tracksters to take a sex test. The team's morale could be greatly hurt if it is found that they have none.

The tennis team this year is one of the noisiest squads in history. Just the other day, I heard Coach Calvin Sorensen telling his assistant Mr. Carl Lehmann that this year's boys could raise a RACKET anywhere. Only a surprise package containing a mixture of Chuck McKinley and Batman could repair the damage done to the tennis team by last season's departures. I received a nice letter (I think it was nice) from the tennis team recently. They generously offered to SERVE me in any way possible. Predictions: 4 Wins, 12 Losses, 9th in Conference.

The golf team has the experience and depth that is needed for a good squad, but it is still to be seen whether the desire to win, that was absent from last year's edition, will be present this season. Coach Richard "Ice Cream" Kohn will have to pick his regulars from six returning lettermen, talented new material, and the farm club (Junior High). Predictions: 8 Wins, 2 Losses, 2nd in Conference.

Some of you may have noticed I don't know the alphabet too well.

The Stags of the Intra-mural Basketball League held on to their unbeaten string (not including JV game) by the narrowest of threads when they edged the Phantom Phylers of the Farm Hockey League in a recent basketball game 112-104. The strength of the Phylers was evident throughout the game, but the experience and poise of the Stags turned the tide. The PP's can still claim a moral victory on the basis that they at least gave the Stags a fight.



STATE RUNNERS-UP in hockey earned a king-size award, presented by Mr. Beverly Hill before the huge crowd at the final game. Accepting the trophy on behalf of the Packer team are, from left, Joe Bonk, Fred Kenady, and Dan Koich.